

Summer Food Service Program Updates – May 27, 2020

COVID- 19 Information update provided by the Minnesota Department of Education:

On May 14, 2020, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provided the following four nationwide waivers, which affect program operations for the 2020 summer.

- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-congregate Feeding in the Child Nutrition Programs – Extension through August 31](#)
- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Service Time Flexibility in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Child and Adult Care Food Program – Extension through August 31](#)
- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs – Extension through June 30](#)
- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children – Extension through August 31](#)

Summer School Site Reminders

- **Sites with summer school that participate in SFSP must operate as open sites.**
 - The site must be located in an eligible area to participate as an open site and must be open to serving children in the surrounding community; meal service cannot be limited to attending summer school students.
 - Sites may only participate in SFSP as "restricted open" sites if site participation needs to be limited due to reasons of space, security, safety, or control.
- **Sites with summer school that do not want to operate as open sites**, or are not located in an eligible area and therefore cannot participate in SFSP as open sites, may continue to claim summer school meals under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Meals served under NSLP must be claimed under the free, reduced-price, and full-paid categories, as they are during the school year.
- **How do you know if a program is considered summer school?** Academic summer programs funded by state education revenue are considered summer school. For example, targeted services, alternative learning programs, programs offered for students to earn credits, etc., are examples of summer school.
- **Examples** of programs that are not summer school include summer camps, summer child care, community education or other enrichment programs, etc.
- **School sites not offering summer school** may participate in SFSP as open, closed, or camp, as appropriate.
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