The USDA Food and Nutrition Service has issued the following waivers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. National waivers which apply to all states and waivers specific to North Carolina are noted below. Links are provided to the USDA memos with additional guidance for each waiver. All waivers require reporting due one year after issuance of the waiver. The report must include: 1) a summary of the use of this waiver by the State Agency and local Program operators, and 2) a description of whether and how this waiver resulted in improved services to participants. The State Agency with oversight for SBP, NSLP, SSO and SFSP is the NC Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI). The State Agency with oversight for CACFP is the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS).

| **Waiver** | **Where in the Regulations Refers to** | **What Programs Applies to**  | **What You Need to Know** | **What You Need to Do** | **When Issued** | **When Expires** |
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| [Meal Times](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-MealTimesNationwideWaiver.pdf) #1 | 7 CFR 210.10(l), 220.8(l), 225.16€(1) and (2)7 CFR 226.20(k) 7 CFR 225.6€(2)(i) (B) and (c)(3)(i)(A) | SBPNSLPSFSPCACFP | To streamline access, meals may be served outside of standard meal times. State Agencies may also adjust the time of meal service, including suspension of meal times as needed in the CACFP. For SFSP, requirements can be met through approved pick-up schedules or delivery plans with designated distribution times.  | Provide meal times as part of meal site applications submitted through the School Nutrition Technology System (SNTS). Update as needed to reflect current, accurate information. Meal service site information is uploaded daily to the 877-877 texting tool. Prepare to report on waiver implementation. | 3/20/20 | 6/30/20\* |
| [Non-congregate Feeding](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-NonCongregateNationwideWaiver.pdf) #2 | 7 CFR 225.6€(15) 7 CFR 226.19(b)(6)(iii) | SBPNSLPSFSPCACFP | Sponsors may serve non-congregate meals during COVID-19 school closures.  | Provide plans for meal distribution through meal site applications. Update as needed to reflect current, accurate information. Prepare to report on waiver implementation. | 3/20/20 | 6/30/20\* |
| [Afterschool Activity](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-AfterschoolActivityNationwideWaiver.pdf) #3 | 7 CFR 210.10(o)(1)(ii) and 7 CFR 226.17a(b)(1)(ii) and (iii) | NSLPCACFP | Sponsors are allowed to serve afterschool snacks and meals outside of a structured environment and without an educational or enrichment purpose.  | Provide plans for meal distribution through meal site applications submitted. Update as needed to reflect current, accurate information. Prepare to report on waiver implementation. | 3/20/20 | 6/30/20\* |
| [Meal Pattern](https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/covid-19-meal-pattern-flexibility-waiver) #4 | 7 CFR 210.10(b) and (c), 220.8(b) and (c), 225.16(d), and 226.20 | SBPNSLPSFSPCACFP | Due to disruptions in food product availability during the COVID-19 emergency, FNS waives the meal pattern requirements. Once USDA approves the state waiver request, State Agencies must review and approve, where applicable, waiver requests from Sponsors.  | Offer complete meals/snacks to meet meal pattern requirements to the greatest extent possible. As allowed by regulations, utilize noncompetitive proposals for emergency procurement. If needed, submit a meal pattern waiver request to Jennifer Bailey at jennifer.bailey@dpi.nc.gov. Maintain documentation of product unavailability. Prepare to report on waiver implementation. | 3/25/20 | 4/30/20\* |
| [Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-up](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/media/file/COVID19ParentPickupNationwideWaiver.pdf) #5 | 7 CFR 210.10(a), 220.2 (Breakfast) and 220.8(a), 225.2 (Meals), 225.9(d)(7), and 226.2 (Meals) | SBPNSLPSSOSFSPCACFP | Parents and/or guardians may pick up meals for their children, without the student needing to be present. State Agencies must have a plan for ensuring that program operators are able to maintain program accountability and integrity and ensure meals are distributed only to parents or guardians of eligible children and duplicate meals are not distributed to any child.  | Notify the State Agency if electing the waiver. The State Agency requires SFAs and Sponsors to establish procedures to maintain accountability and program integrity. Prepare to report on waiver implementation. | 3/25/20 | 6/30/20\* |
| [Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Data](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-CEPDeadlinesNationwideWaiver.pdf) #6 | 7 CFR 245.9(f)(3)(i); 245.9(f)(4)(i) and (iv); 245.9(f)(5) and (6); 245.9(f)(4)(i) | SBPNSLPCEP | This waiver makes the following adjustments to annual Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) deadlines:* Data Used to Calculate ISP: 4/1-6/30/20
* SFA Notification: 6/15/20
* State Agency Notification: 6/15/20
* State Agency Publication: 6/30/20
* Elect CEP for Following SY: 8/31/20
 | For CEP, follow the updated reporting and notification deadlines. | 3/25/20 | See dates noted in waiver description |
| [Monitoring Requirements for CACFP Sponsors](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/CN-COV-NationwideWaiverCACFPSponsorMonitoring.pdf) #7 | 226.16(d)(4)(iii) | CACFP | a) CACFP Sponsors may conduct two (2) reviews of their CACFP facilities. b) Only one (1) CACFP facility review is required to be unannounced. c) FNS waives that at least one (1) unannounced review must include observation of a meal service. d) Requirement that not more than six (6) months may elapse between reviews is waived. e) Sponsoring organizations may review new CACFP facilities as a desk audit. | Follow the new monitoring requirements set forth via this waiver. | 3/26/20 | 6/30/20\* |
| [Monitoring Requirements for CACFP State Agencies](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/CN-COV-NationwideWaiverCACFPStateMonitoring.pdf) #8 | 7 CFR 226.6(b)(1) and 226.6(m)(6) | CACFP | State Agencies should, to the maximum extent practical, continue monitoring activities of program operations offsite (e.g., through a desk audit). | Prepare for desk audits as per USDA guidance.  | 3/26/20 | 6/30/20\* |
| [Monitoring Requirements for School Meals](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/CN-COV-NationwideWaiverSchoolsMonitoring.pdf) #9 | 7 CFR 210.8, 210.18 and 220.8(h) | SBPNSLP | State Agencies and SFAs should, to the maximum extent practical, continue monitoring activities of operations offsite (e.g., through a desk audit). | NCDPI will postpone all administrative reviews until the SY 2020-21. Stay tuned for further guidance from NCDPI. | 3/26/20 | 6/30/20\* |
| [Monitoring Requirements for SFSP Sponsors](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/CN-COV-NationwideWaiverSFSPSponsorMonitoring.pdf) #10 | 7 CFR 225.15(d) | SFSP | SFSP Sponsors should, to the maximum extent practical, continue monitoring operations offsite (e.g., through a desk audit). | Prepare for desk audits as per USDA and State Agency guidance. NCDPI will contact all SFSP Sponsors scheduled for an administrative review. | 3/26/20 | 6/30/20\* |
| [Monitoring Requirements for SFSP State Agencies](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/CN-COV-NationwideWaiverSFSPStateMonitoring.pdf) #11 | 7 CFR 225.15(d) | SFSP | SFSP Sponsors should, to the maximum extent practical, continue monitoring operations offsite (e.g., through a desk audit). | Prepare for desk audits as per USDA guidance. NCDPI will contact all SFSP Sponsors scheduled for an administrative review. | 3/26/20 | 6/30/20\* |
| [Area Eligibility](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/NC-CN-COV-AreaEligibility-Approval.pdf)(State Waiver Request Approved) | 7 CFR 225.2, 225.6€(2)(i)(G), 225.6€(3)(i)(B), 225.6(d)(1)(i), 225.14(c)(3), and 225.16(b)(4) | SFSPSSO | Sponsors in good standing may operate open sites approved by NCDPI, but that are not located in areas with poor economic conditions. The State Agency must have a plan for ensuring open meal sites are targeting benefits to children in need, for example, children who may be newly eligible for benefits.  | Provide plans for meal distribution through meal site applications submitted. Consult with a Regional Summer Nutrition Consultant on correct identification of sites that are not area eligible in the School Nutrition Technology System. Update as needed to reflect current, accurate information. Prepare to report on waiver implementation.  | 3/30/20 | 6/30/20\* |
| [60 Day Reporting](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-nationwide-waiver-60day.pdf) #12 | 7 CFR 210.8(b)(1), 215.10(b), 220.11(b), 225.9(d)(6), and 226.10€ | SBPNSLPSFSPCACFP | FNS waives, for State Agencies, SFAs, and CACFP and SFSP Sponsors, the 60-day claims for reimbursement deadlines covering operations in January and February 2020.  | Submit claims for reimbursement per the new guidelines set forth via this waiver. | 4/1/20 | Applies to January and February 2020 only |
| [Meal Pattern Flexibility – Extension](https://www.sde.idaho.gov/coronavirus/cnp/COVID-19-Meal-Pattern-Flexibility-Extension.pdf) #13 | See waiver #4.  | SBPNSLPSFSPCACFP | This waiver extends the previous Meal Pattern Flexibility Waiver. (See Child Nutrition Response [#4](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/media/file/COVID19MealPatternNationwideWaiverFINAL.pdf).) | If a meal pattern waiver request has already been submitted to NCDPI, no further action is needed for the extension. If needed but not yet submitted, send a meal pattern waiver request to Jennifer Bailey at jennifer.bailey@dpi.nc.gov. Maintain documentation of product unavailability.  | 4/21/20 | 5/31/20\* |
| [Closed Enrolled Site Eligibility](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/FNS.2020.07.COVID19%20SFSP%20Closed%20Enrolled%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20CLEAN.pdf) #14 | 7 CFR 225.15(f) | NSLPSSOSFSP | This waiver allows closed enrolled sites to be determined eligible through area eligibility. See the Area Eligibility Waiver.  | See Area Eligibility Waiver. | 4/21/20 | 9/30/20\* |
| [First Week Site Visits](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/FNS.2020.09.COVID19%20SFSP%20First%20Week%20SIte%20Visits%20Nationwide%20Waiver.pdf) #15 | 7 CFR 225.15(d)(2) | SFSP | Sponsors are not required to visit each of their sites at least once during the first week of operation. | Sponsors, for whom the first week visit waiver is not applicable, should conduct a site visit through video conference or other remote means to ensure health and safety. | 4/21/20 | 9/30/20\* |
| [Offer Versus Serve](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19_SFSP_OVS_Nationwide%20Waiver.pdf) #16 | 7 CFR 225.16(f)(1)(ii) | SFSP | This waiver expands the use of Offer versus Serve under SFSP rules. | To use, Sponsors must notify NCDPI and adhere to the SFSP OVS meal service parameters in entirety and ensure food safety. OVS must not be used to circumvent the meal pattern. | 4/21/20 | 9/30/20\* |
| [Meal Service Time Restrictions](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20SFSP_SSOMealServiceTimeNationwideWaiver.pdf) #17 | See waiver #1. | SSOSFSP | This waiver extends the Meal Times Waiver [#1](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-MealTimesNationwideWaiver.pdf) and removes requirements that place Federal limits on meal service times.  | See Meal Times Waiver #1. | 4/21/20 | 9/30/20\* |
| [Local Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/CNCOVID19LocalSchoolWellnessTriennialAssessmentNationwide%20Waiver%20FINAL.pdf) #18 | 7CFR 210.31€(2) | SBPNSLP | Local education agencies may accept the new regulatory deadline to complete the first triennial assessment by June 30, 2021.  | LEAs must notify NCDPI if electing the new Local Wellness Policy triennial assessment deadline.  | 4/23/20 |  |
| [Food Service Management Contract Duration](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/CN-COV-FSMCNationwideWaiver.pdf) #19 | 7 CFR 210.16(d), 225.6(h)(7) | NSLPSFSP | Food Service Management Company (FSMC) contracts that may expire by or around June 30, 2020 may be extended through school year 2020-21 (June 30, 2021). | Sponsors may use emergency noncompetitive procurement to negotiate a one-year FSMC extension or new contract for SY 2020-21. | 4/24/20 | 9/30/20\* |
| [Annual Review Requirements for CACFP State Agencies](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/CN-COV-NationwideWaiverCACFPStateAgencyMonitoring.pdf) #20 | 7 CFR 226.6(m)(6), 226.6(m)(6)(i) through (ii) | CACFP | State Agencies should, to the maximum extent practical, continue monitoring activities of Program operations offsite (e.g., through a desk audit). | Prepare for desk audits as per USDA guidance. State Agencies that elect not to conduct scheduled reviews of CACFP institutions this year should prioritize reviews of these institutions next year.  | 4/24/20 | 9/30/20\* |
| [Extend Unanticipated School Closures Operation](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19ExtensionofUnanticipatedSchoolClosuresNationwideWaiver.pdf) #21 | 7 CFR 225.6 (b)(1),6(b)(4),6€(1),6€(2)(i) (G),6€(3)(i)(B),6(c)(1)(iii),7(a), 7(d)(1)(i),14(a) and 15(d)(1) | SSOSFSP | This waiver delays the transition from SSO and SFSP operations during unanticipated COVID-19 school closures to traditional SSO and SFSP operations.  | Utilize the waiver to continue SSO and SFSP operations during COVID-19 school closures. Plan to transition to traditional SSO and SFSP. | 4/27/20 | 6/30/20\* |
| [Non-congregate Feeding – Extension](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19NonCongregateNationwideWaiverEXTENSION.pdf) #22 | 7 CFR 225.6€(15), 226.19(b)(6)(iii) | SBPNSLPSFSPCACFP | This waiver extends the Non-congregate Feeding Waiver. (See Child Nutrition Response [#2](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-NonCongregateNationwideWaiver.pdf).) | Notify the State Agency if electing the waiver extension. Provide plans for meal distribution through meal site applications. Update as needed to reflect current, accurate information. Prepare to report on waiver implementation. | 5/14/20 | 8/31/20\* |
| [Meal Service Time Flexibility – Extension](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19MealTimesNationwideWaiverEXTENSION.pdf) #23 | 7 CFR 210.10(1), 220.8(1), and 226.20(k) | SBPNSLPCACFP | Program operators in a State with an approved waiver of meal service times may establish meal service times that support streamlined access to nutritious meals – see waiver [#1](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-MealTimesNationwideWaiver.pdf). State Agencies may also adjust the time of meal service, including suspension of meal times as needed in CACFP during the public health emergency.  | Notify the State Agency if electing the waiver extension. Provide meal times as part of meal site applications submitted to NCDPI through the School Nutrition Technology System (SNTS). Update as needed to reflect current, accurate information. Meal service site information is uploaded daily to the 877-877 texting tool. Prepare to report on waiver implementation. | 5/14/20 | 8/31/20\* |
| [Meal Pattern Flexibility – Extension](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19ThirdMealPatternNationwideWaiverEXTENSION_0.pdf) #24 | 7 CFR 210.10(b) and (c), 220.8(b) and (c), 225.16(d), and 226.20 | SBPNSLPSFSPCACFP | The Meal Pattern Flexibility Waiver is extended. (See Child Nutrition Response [#4](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/media/file/COVID19MealPatternNationwideWaiverFINAL.pdf) and [#13](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-Second-Meal-Pattern-Nationwide-Waiver-FINAL.pdf).) USDA waives the meal pattern requirements during the public health emergency. | If needed but not yet submitted, send a meal pattern waiver request to Jennifer Bailey at jennifer.bailey@dpi.nc.gov. Maintain documentation of product unavailability. See requirements under waiver #4. | 5/14/20 | 6/30/20\* |
| [Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-up – Extension](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19ParentPickupNationwideWaiverEXTENSION.pdf) #25 | 7 CFR 210.10(a), 220.2 (Breakfast) and 220.8(a), 225.2 (Meals), 225.9(d)(7), 226.2 (Meals) | SBPNSLPSFSPCACFP | This waiver extends the Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-up Waiver [#5](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/media/file/COVID19ParentPickupNationwideWaiver.pdf) allowing a parent or guardian to pick up meals to take home to their children for non-congregate feeding.  | Notify the State Agency if electing the waiver extension. The State Agency requires SFAs and Sponsors to establish procedures to maintain program accountability and integrity and ensure meals are distributed only to a parent or guardian of eligible children and duplicate meals are not distributed to any child. Prepare to report on waiver implementation. | 5/14/20 | 8/31/20\* |
| [Meal Pattern Flexibility](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-MealPatternNationwideWaiver-Extension3.pdf) – Extension 3 #26 | 7 CFR 210.10(b) and (c), 220.8(b) and (c), 225.16(d), and 226.20 | SBPNSLPSFSPCACFP | This waiver extends the Meal Pattern Flexibility Waiver – see waivers [#4](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/media/file/COVID19MealPatternNationwideWaiverFINAL.pdf), [#13](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-Second-Meal-Pattern-Nationwide-Waiver-FINAL.pdf) and [#24](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19ThirdMealPatternNationwideWaiverEXTENSION.pdf). FNS waives the requirements to serve meals that meet the meal pattern requirements during the public health emergency. The State Agency should consider waiver requests that are targeted and justified based on disruptions in food product availability resulting from COVID-19.  | Maintain documentation of food product unavailability. Waiver requests must be targeted and justified based upon food product unavailability resulting from the impacts of COVID–19. Sponsors must maintain and meet the nutrition standards to the greatest extent possible. Sponsors will be required to provide data to the State Agency including a summary of how the waiver was used and a description of how this waiver resulted in improved services to participants. If needed but not yet submitted, send a meal pattern waiver request to Jennifer Bailey at jennifer.bailey@dpi.nc.gov.  | 6/8/20 | 7/31/20\* |
| [Onsite Monitoring for CACFP Sponsors](http://www.decal.ga.gov/documents/attachments/Response27_COVID19MonitoringNationwideWaiverCACFPSponsorEXT.pdf) – Extension #27 | 7 CFR 226.16 (d)(4)(iii) | CACFP | The Onsite Monitoring Requirements Waiver is extended. (See Child Nutrition Response [#7](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/CN-COV-NationwideWaiverCACFPSponsorMonitoring.pdf).) | Follow the monitoring requirements set forth via this waiver. | 6/8/20 | 8/31/20\* |
| [Onsite Monitoring for CACFP State Agencies](http://www.decal.ga.gov/documents/attachments/Response28_COVID19MonitoringNationwideWaiverCACFPStateEXT.pdf) – Extension #28 | 7 CFR 226.6(b)(1) and 226.6(m)(6) | CACFP | The Onsite Monitoring Requirements Waiver is extended – see waiver [#8](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/CN-COV-NationwideWaiverCACFPStateMonitoring.pdf). State Agencies should, to the maximum extent practical, continue monitoring program operations offsite (e.g., through a desk audit). | Prepare for desk audits as per USDA guidance.  | 6/8/20 | 8/31/20\* |
| [Onsite Monitoring Requirements in the School Meal Programs](http://snp.wpgadoe.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/COVID19-Monitoring-Nationwide-Waiver-Schools-Monitoring-Revised-EXTENSION.pdf) – Extension #29 | 7 CFR 210.8, 210.18,220.8(h), and 210.18€ | SBPNSLP | The Onsite Monitoring Requirements Waiver is extended – see waiver [#9](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-monitoring-nationwide-waiver-schools.pdf). The requirement to complete the onsite portion of the administrative review (AR) during the school year the review was begun is waived. State Agencies and SFAs should continue monitoring operations offsite (e.g., through a desk audit). When a State Agency or SFA is unable to conduct any monitoring of school meals this year due to school closures, the State Agency may postpone the AR until SY 2020-2021. | Notify NCDPI if electing the waiver. Elections and approvals under the initial waiver will continue under this extension; no further action is needed. | 6/8/20 | 8/31/20\* |
| [Onsite Monitoring for SFSP Sponsoring Organizations](http://www.decal.ga.gov/documents/attachments/Response30_COVID19MonitoringNationwideWaiverSFSPSponsorsEXT.pdf) – Extension #30 | 7 CFR 225.15(d) | SFSP | The Onsite Monitoring Requirements Waiver is extended – see waiver [#10](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/CN-COV-NationwideWaiverSFSPSponsorMonitoring.pdf). Sponsors should, to the maximum extent practical, continue monitoring operations offsite(e.g., through a desk audit). | Conduct desk audits as per USDA and State Agency guidance. | 6/8/20 | 8/31/20\* |
| [Onsite Monitoring for SFSP State Agencies](http://www.decal.ga.gov/documents/attachments/Response31_COVID19MonitoringNationwideWaiverSFSPStateEXT.pdf) – Extension #31 | 7 CFR 225.7(d)(2)(ii) | SFSP | The Onsite Monitoring Requirements Waiver is extended – see [#11](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/CN-COV-NationwideWaiverSFSPStateMonitoring.pdf). State Agencies should, to the maximum extent practical, continue monitoring operations offsite (e.g., through a desk audit). | Conduct desk audits as per USDA guidance.  | 6/8/20 | 8/31/20\* |
| [Area Eligibility](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20Area%20Eligibility%20Extension%20Nationwide%20Waiver.pdf)- Extension #32 | 7 CFR 225.2,225.6€(2)(i)(G), 225.6€(3)(i)(B), 225.6(d)(1)(i), 225.14(c)(3),and 225.16(b)(4) | SFSPSSO | The Area Eligibility Waiver is extended. Sponsors in good standing may operate open sites approved by NCDPI, but that are not located in areas with poor economic conditions. The State Agency must have a plan for ensuring open meal sites are targeting benefits to children in need, for example, children who may be newly eligible for benefits.  | Notify NCDPI if electing the waiver. Provide plans for meal distribution through meal site applications submitted. Consult with a Regional Summer Nutrition Consultant on correct identification of sites that are not area eligible in the SNTS. Update as needed to reflect current, accurate information. Prepare to report on waiver implementation.  | 6/10/20 | 8/31/20\* |
| [Non-congregate Feeding – Extension 2](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19NoncongregateNationwideWaiverSY-20-21s.pdff) #33 | 7 CFR 226.19(b)(6)(iii) | SBPNSLP CACFP | The Non-Congregate Feeding Waiver is extended allowing non-congregate feeding throughout the 2020-21 school year for all programs except the SFSP. (See waivers [#2](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-NonCongregateNationwideWaiver.pdf) and [#22](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19NonCongregateNationwideWaiverEXTENSION.pdf).) | Notify the State Agency if electing the waiver. The Non-congregate Feeding Waiver for SFSP is in effect through August 31, 2020. This SBP, NSLP and CACFP Non-congregate Feeding Waiver is effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Only meals served during unanticipated school closures may be claimed under SFSP or SSO. Planned full or partial building closures are not considered unanticipated for SY 2020-21. | 6/25/20 | 6/30/21\* |
| [Meal Service Time Flexibility – Extension 2](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19MealTimesNationwideWaiver-SY20-21s.pdf) #34  | 7 CFR 201.10(1), 220.8(1), 226.20(k) | SBPNSLP CACFP | This waiver provides a second extension for the Meal Service Time Flexibility for SBP, NSLP and CACFP. (See waivers [#1](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-MealTimesNationwideWaiver.pdf) and [#23](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19MealTimesNationwideWaiverEXTENSION.pdf).)  | Notify the State Agency if electing the waiver extension. Programs may establish meal times that streamline access to nutritious meals.  | 6/25/20 | 6/30/21\* |
| [Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-up – Extension 2](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19ParentPickupNationwideWaiverSY20-21s.pdf) #35 | 7 CFR 210.10(a), 220.2 (Breakfast), 220.8(a), 226.2 (Meals) | SBPNSLP CACFP | This waiver provides a second extension for the Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-up. (See Child Nutrition Response [#5](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/media/file/COVID19ParentPickupNationwideWaiver.pdf) and [#25](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19ParentPickupNationwideWaiverEXTENSION.pdf).)  | Notify the State Agency if electing the waiver extension. Programs may distribute meals to a parent or guardian to take home to their children.  | 6/25/20 | 6/30/21\* |
| [Meal Pattern Flexibility – Extension 4](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19MealPatternNationwideWaiverSY20-21s.pdf) #36 | 7 CFR 210.10(b) and (c), 220.8(b) and (c), 226.20 | SBPNSLP CACFP | This provides the fourth extension for Meal Pattern Flexibility. See Child Nutrition Response [#4](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/media/file/COVID19MealPatternNationwideWaiverFINAL.pdf), [#13](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-Second-Meal-Pattern-Nationwide-Waiver-FINAL.pdf), [#24](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19ThirdMealPatternNationwideWaiverEXTENSION.pdf) and [#26](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-MealPatternNationwideWaiver-Extension3.pdf). | Notify the State Agency if electing the waiver extension. State Agencies must work with programs to determine if this waiver is necessary to ensure access to nutritious meals. Programs are encouraged to maintain and meet nutrition standards to greatest extent possible. When reviewing Meal Pattern Waiver requests from programs, State Agencies should consider requests that are targeted and justified based on plans to support access to nutritious meals while limiting exposure to COVID-19.  | 6/25/20 | 6/30/21\* |
| [Offer versus Serve (OVS) Flexibility for Senior High Schools](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19OVSNationwideWaiverSY20-21s.pdf) #37 | 7 CFR 210.10€ | NSLP | Through this waiver, USDA waives the requirement for senior high schools (as defined by the State Agency) to participate in Offer versus Serve (OVS) with the NSLP for the 2020-21 school year.  | The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have recommended that schools serve individually plated meals in classrooms instead of in a communal cafeteria. Schools attempting to adhere to CDC guidance may be unable to adhere to OVS requirements. This waiver also enables schools to offer complete meals for delivery or pick-up for students doing distance learning. Notify NCDPI if electing this waiver. Plan for safe distribution of meals. | 6/25/20 | 6/30/21\* |
| [Meal Pattern Flexibility in SFSP – Extension 5](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-MealPatternNationwideWaiver-SFSP-072120s.pdf) #38 | 7 CFR 225.16(d) | SFSP | This waiver applies to State Agencies administering and local organizations offering SFSP and provides an extension to waive the requirements to serve meals that meet the meal pattern requirements. See Child Nutrition Response [#4](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/media/file/COVID19MealPatternNationwideWaiverFINAL.pdf), [#13](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-Second-Meal-Pattern-Nationwide-Waiver-FINAL.pdf), [#24](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19ThirdMealPatternNationwideWaiverEXTENSION.pdf), [#26](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-MealPatternNationwideWaiver-Extension3.pdf) and [#36](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19MealPatternNationwideWaiverSY20-21s.pdf). | Notify NCDPI if requesting the waiver. Programs must meet and maintain nutrition standards to the greatest extent possible. State Agencies should only consider waiver requests that are targeted and justified. Maintain documentation of product unavailability. As a reminder, the Meal Pattern Flexibility Waiver Extension #4 applies to SSO for the duration of summer 2020. | 7/30/20 | 8/31/20\* |
| [Onsite Monitoring for CACFP Sponsors](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20Onsite%20Monitoring%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20CACFP%20Sponsors.pdf) #39 | 7 CFR 226.16(d)(4)(iii) | CACFP | The Onsite Monitoring Requirements Waiver is extended. (See waivers [#7](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/CN-COV-NationwideWaiverCACFPSponsorMonitoring.pdf) and [#27](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20Monitoring%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20CACFP%20Sponsor%20EXTENSION.pdf).) Sponsors should, to the maximum extent practical, continue monitoring operations offsite (e.g., through a desk audit). | Prepare for desk audits as per USDA and State Agency guidance.  | 8/4/20 | 9/30/21\* |
| [Onsite Monitoring for CACFP State Agencies – Extension 2](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20Monitoring%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20CACFP%20State%20EXTENSION%202.pdf) #40 | 7 CFR 226.6(b)(1), 226.6(m)(6) | CACFP | The Onsite Monitoring Requirements Waiver for State Agencies administering CACFP is extended – see waivers [#8](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/CN-COV-NationwideWaiverCACFPStateMonitoring.pdf) and [#28](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20Monitoring%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20CACFP%20State%20EXTENSION.pdf). State Agencies should continue monitoring offsite to the maximum extent practical. | Prepare for desk audits per USDA guidance. | 8/4/20 | 9/30/21\* |
| [Onsite Monitoring in the School Meals Programs – Extension 2](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20Monitoring%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20Schools%20Revised%20EXTENSION%202.pdf) #41 | 7 CFR 210.8, 210.18, 220.8(h) | SBPNSLP | This memo extends the waiver for Onsite Monitoring for State Agencies administering and School Food Authorities (SFAs) operating School Meals Programs. See Child Nutrition Response [#9](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-monitoring-nationwide-waiver-schools.pdf) and [#29](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20Monitoring%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20Schools%20Monitoring%20Revised%20EXTENSION.pdf). | Notify NCDPI if electing the waiver. Monitoring of program operations should continue to the maximum extent practical offsite. The State Agency and SFAs should prepare for desk audits as per USDA guidance.  | 8/4/20 | 6/30/21\* |
| [Onsite Monitoring for SFSP Sponsors – Extension 2](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20Monitoring%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20SFSP%20Sponsors%20EXTENSION%202.pdf) #42 | 7 CFR 225.15(d) | SFSP | This memo provides the second extension of the Onsite Monitoring Requirements for SFSP Sponsors – see waivers [#10](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/CN-COV-NationwideWaiverSFSPSponsorMonitoring.pdf) and [#30](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19MonitoringNationwideWaiverSFSPSponsorsEXTENSION.pdf). Sponsors should, to the maximum extent practical, continue monitoring offsite.  | Notify NCDPI if requesting the waiver. Sponsors should prepare for desk audits as per USDA and State Agency guidance.  | 8/4/20 | 9/30/21\* |
| [Onsite Monitoring for SFSP State Agencies – Extension 2](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20Monitoring%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20SFSP%20State%20EXTENSION%202.pdf) #43 | 7 CFR 225.7(d)(2)(ii) | SFSP | This memo extends the waiver for Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies administering and local Sponsors operating the SFSP. See Child Nutrition Response [#11](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/CN-COV-NationwideWaiverSFSPStateMonitoring.pdf) and [#31](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19MonitoringNationwideWaiverSFSPStateEXTENSION.pdf). | Monitoring should continue, to the maximum extent possible, offsite. State Agencies and Sponsors should prepare for desk audits as per USDA guidance.  | 8/4/20 | 9/30/21\* |
| [Non-congregate Feeding in SFSP – Extension 3](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20NonCongregate%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20SFSP%20EXTENSION%20%20%233.pdf) #44 | 7 CFR 225.6€(15) | SFSP | This memo provides an extension of the nationwide waiver to allow non-congregate feeding in SFSP through 9/30/20 or the duration of summer operations, whichever is earlier. (See Child Nutrition Response [#2](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-NonCongregateNationwideWaiver.pdf), [#22](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19NonCongregateNationwideWaiverEXTENSION.pdf), and [#33](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19NoncongregateNationwideWaiverSY-20-21s.pdf).) | Notify NCDPI if requesting the waiver. Sponsors can provide non-congregate meals and meal supplements (snacks) to children. Note: SSO follows non-congregate feeding guidelines for NSLP and is covered under Extension #2. SFSP and SSO may no longer be used when schools open for in-person or virtual learning.  | 8/20/20 | 9/30/20\* |
| [Meal Pattern Flexibility in SFSP – Extension 6](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19_MealPatternNationwideWaiver_EXTENSION%20%236.pdf) #45 | 7 CFR 225.16(d) | SFSP | USDA extends the waiver of requirements to serve meals that meet the meal pattern during the COVID-19 emergency through 9/30/20 or the duration of summer operations, whichever is earlier. (See Child Nutrition Response [#4](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/media/file/COVID19MealPatternNationwideWaiverFINAL.pdf), [#13](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-Second-Meal-Pattern-Nationwide-Waiver-FINAL.pdf), [#24](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19ThirdMealPatternNationwideWaiverEXTENSION.pdf), [#26](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-MealPatternNationwideWaiver-Extension3.pdf), [#36](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19MealPatternNationwideWaiverSY20-21s.pdf), and [#38](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-MealPatternNationwideWaiver-SFSP-072120s.pdf).  | Notify NCDPI if requesting the waiver. Sponsors should meet and maintain meal pattern requirements to the maximum extent possible. NCDPI will only consider waiver requests that are targeted and justified. Note: SSO follows the SBP and NSLP meal patterns. Extension #4 applies to SSO. Maintain documentation of product unavailability. | 8/20/20 | 9/30/20\* |
| [Area Eligibility – Extension](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19AreaEligibilityNationwideWaiver_EXTENSION.pdf) #46 | 7 CFR 225.2, 225.6€(2)(i)(G), 225.6€(3)(i)(B), 225.6(d)(1)(i), 225.14(c)(3), and 225.16(b)(4) | SFSPSSO | USDA extends the flexibility for States to continue operating open sites that are not located in “areas in which poor economic conditions exist” through 9/30/20 or the duration of summer operations, whichever is earlier. This waiver may apply to any site that operated under the previous State area eligibility plan.  | Notify NCDPI if electing waiver extension. Sponsors should work with NCDPI to ensure that meal sites are targeting benefits to children in need, for example, students who may be eligible for benefits due to the economic impact of COVID-19.  | 8/20/20 | 9/30/20\* |
| [Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-Up – Extension 3](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20ParentPickupNationwideWaiver%20EXTENSION%233.pdf) #47 | 7 CFR 210.10(a),220.2 (Breakfast), 220.8(a), 225.2 (Meals), 225.9(d)(7) | SFSPSSO | Sponsors with an approved waiver for non-congregate feeding during COVID-19 may distribute meals to a parent/guardian to take home to their children through 9/30/20 or the duration of summer operations, whichever is earlier. (See Child Nutrition Response [#5](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/media/file/COVID19ParentPickupNationwideWaiver.pdf), [#25](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19ParentPickupNationwideWaiverEXTENSION.pdf) and [#35](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19ParentPickupNationwideWaiverSY20-21s.pdf).) | Notify NCDPI if electing waiver extension. Work with NCDPI on a plan to maintain accountability and program integrity, ensuring that meals are distributed only to parents/guardians of eligible children and that duplicate meals are not given to any child.  | 8/20/20 | 9/30/20\* |
| [Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites – Extension](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20SFSP%20Closed%20Enrolled%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20EXTENSIONs.pdf) #48 | 7 CFR 225.15(f) | SFSPSSO | Sponsors may determine site eligibility for SFSP and SSO through area eligibility without collecting income eligibility applications. This waiver is in conjunction with the Nationwide Waiver to Allow SFSP and SSO Operations through December 2020. (See waiver [#14](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/FNS.2020.07.COVID19%20SFSP%20Closed%20Enrolled%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20CLEAN.pdf).) | Notify NCDPI if electing the waiver extension. For meal site eligibility, determine if 50% of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals using school data, the [USDA Area Eligibility Mapper](https://www.fns.usda.gov/areaeligibility) or the [No Kid Hungry Averaged Eligibility Map](http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/Averaged-Eligibility-Map). Document the results and process used to determine area eligibility.  | 8/31/20 | 12/31/20\* |
| [First Week Site Visits in the SFSP – Extension](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20SFSP%20First%20Week%20SIte%20Visits%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20EXTENSIONs.pdf) #49 | 7 CFR 225.15(d)(2) | SFSP | USDA waives the requirement that SFSP Sponsors must visit each of their meal sites at least once during the first week of operation. This waiver applies to State Agencies administering and Sponsors that have operated SFSP successfully in the previous year, and SFSP Sponsors in good standing that have successfully participated in the CACFP or the NSLP. (See Child Nutrition Response [#15](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/FNS.2020.09.COVID19%20SFSP%20First%20Week%20SIte%20Visits%20Nationwide%20Waiver.pdf).) | Notify NCDPI if electing the waiver extension. Sponsors, for whom the first week visit waiver is not applicable, should conduct a site visit through video conference or other remote means to ensure health and safety. Note: State Agencies that have already received a traditional SFSP waiver of the first week site visits may elect to be covered by the nationwide waiver during the COVID-19 emergency, in place of the traditional waiver. Traditional SFSP waivers remain in effect until April 30, 2022, or until USDA publishes a final regulation that supersedes the approval, whichever comes first.  | 8/31/20 | 12/31/20\* |
| [Meal Service Times Restrictions – Extension](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20SFSP%20Meal%20Service%20Time%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20EXTENSIONs.pdf) #50 | 7 CFR 225.16€(1) and (2), 210.10(1), 220.8(1) | SFSPSSO | This waiver allows meals to be served outside of the standard meal times. See Child Nutrition Response [#1](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-MealTimesNationwideWaiver.pdf) and [#17](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20SFSP_SSOMealServiceTimeNationwideWaiver.pdf). | Notify NCDPI if electing the waiver extension. Provide meal times as part of site applications submitted to NCDPI through the SNTS. Update as needed to reflect current, accurate information. Notify families regarding meal times/availability. | 8/31/20 | 12/31/20\* |
| [Offer Versus Serve (OVS) Flexibilities in SFSP – Extension](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20SFSP%20OVS%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20EXTENSIONs.pdf) #51 | 7 CFR 225.16(f)(1)(ii) | SFSP | USDA waives requirements that limit the use of OVS to SFAs and requires Sponsors to apply OVS under the rules followed for the NSLP. OVS is not intended to be a way to circumvent the meal pattern requirements. (See Child Nutrition Response [#16](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19_SFSP_OVS_Nationwide%20Waiver.pdf).)  | Notify NCDPI if electing the waiver extension. To implement the waiver, Sponsors must be able to follow the SFSP OVS meal service parameters in entirety. Note: State Agencies that already have a traditional SFSP waiver of the OVS requirements may elect to be covered by this nationwide waiver during the COVID-19 emergency. Traditional SFSP OVS Waivers remain in effect until April 30, 2022 or until USDA publishes a final regulation that supersedes the approval, whichever comes first. | 8/31/20 | 12/31/20\* |
| [Area Eligibility – Extension](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19AreaEligibilityNationwideWaiverEXTENSION2s.pdf) 2 #52 | 7 CFR 225.2, 225.6€(2)(i)(G), 225.6€(3)(i)(B), 225.6(d)(1)(i), 225.14(c)(3), 225.16(b)(4) | SFSPSSO | This memo extends the Area Eligibility Waiver in conjunction with the Nationwide Waiver to Allow SFSP and SSO Operations through December 2020. See Area Eligibility State Waiver and waivers [#32](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20Area%20Eligibility%20Extension%20Nationwide%20Waiver.pdf) and [#46](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19AreaEligibilityNationwideWaiver_EXTENSION.pdf). | Notify NCDPI if electing the waiver extension. For meal site eligibility, determine if 50% of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals using school data, the [USDA Area Eligibility Mapper](https://www.fns.usda.gov/areaeligibility) or the [No Kid Hungry Averaged Eligibility Map](http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/Averaged-Eligibility-Map). Document the results and process used to determine area eligibility. Submit or update site applications in the School Nutrition Technology System as appropriate. | 8/31/20 | 12/31/20\* |
| [Meal Pattern Flexibility – Extension 7](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19MealPatternNationwideWaiver-EXTENSION7s.pdf) #53 | 7 CFR 210.10(b) and (c), 210.10(d)(1), 220.8(b), (c) and (d), 225.16(d) | SFSPSSO | This waiver extends the Meal Pattern Flexibility. See Child Nutrition Response [#4](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/media/file/COVID19MealPatternNationwideWaiverFINAL.pdf), [#13](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-Second-Meal-Pattern-Nationwide-Waiver-FINAL.pdf), [#24](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19ThirdMealPatternNationwideWaiverEXTENSION.pdf), [#26](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-MealPatternNationwideWaiver-Extension3.pdf), [#36](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19MealPatternNationwideWaiverSY20-21s.pdf), [#38](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-MealPatternNationwideWaiver-SFSP-072120s.pdf) and [#45](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19_MealPatternNationwideWaiver_EXTENSION%20%236.pdf). | Notify NCDPI if electing the waiver. NCDPI will only consider requests that are targeted and justified. Sponsors should meet and maintain meal pattern requirements to the maximum extent possible. Consult the Suppliers Supporting School and Summer Nutrition Database in the School Nutrition Technology System for potential additional suppliers, if needed. Maintain documentation of product unavailability. | 8/31/20 | 12/31/20\* |
| [Non-congregate Feeding – Extension 4](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19NonCongregateNationwideWaiverEXTENSION4s.pdf) #54 | 7 CFR 225.6€(15) | SFSPSSO | This waiver extension allows SFSP and SSO Sponsors to offer non-congregate meals. (See Child Nutrition Response [#2](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-NonCongregateNationwideWaiver.pdf), [#22](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19NonCongregateNationwideWaiverEXTENSION.pdf), [#33](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19NoncongregateNationwideWaiverSY-20-21s.pdf), and [#44](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20NonCongregate%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20SFSP%20EXTENSION%20%20%233.pdf).) | Notify NCDPI if electing the waiver extension. Update site applications in the School Nutrition Technology System. Notify families about the availability of meals. | 8/31/20 | 12/31/20\* |
| [Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-Up – Extension 4](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19ParentPickupNationwideWaiverEXTENSION4s.pdf) #55 | 7 CFR 210.10(a),220.2 (Breakfast), 220.8(a), 225.2 (Meals), 225.9(d)(7) | SFSPSSO | This waiver extension allows SFSP and SSO Sponsors to distribute meals to a parent or guardian to take home to their children. (See Child Nutrition Response [#5](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/media/file/COVID19ParentPickupNationwideWaiver.pdf), [#25](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19ParentPickupNationwideWaiverEXTENSION.pdf), [#35](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19ParentPickupNationwideWaiverSY20-21s.pdf) and [#47](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20ParentPickupNationwideWaiver%20EXTENSION%233.pdf).) | Notify NCDPI if electing the waiver. Sponsors should establish policies regarding meal pick-up, if not already done so. Ensure that meals are distributed only to parents/guardians of eligible children and no child receives duplicate meals. Notify families and staff regarding policies. Update site applications in the School Nutrition Technology System. | 8/31/20 | 12/31/20\* |
| [Allow SFSP and SSO Operations through December 2020](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19_Extending_SFSP_SSOs.pdf) #56 | 7 CFR 225.6(b)(1) and €(1) | SFSPSSO | This waiver allows Sponsors to continue to operate SFSP or SSO through December 31, 2020. Allowing the operation of SFSP/SSO facilitates the safe provision of meals without the need to check eligibility and collect meal payments, thus reducing contact and potential exposure to COVID-19.  | Notify NCDPI if electing the waiver and which program, SBP and NSLP, SSO or SFSP, your SFA will operate. Update and document procedures to maintain accountability and program integrity. Notify staff and families of procedures. Update site applications in the SNTS. | 8/31/20 | 12/31/20\* |
| [Allow Reimbursement for Meals Served Prior to Approval and Provide Flexibility for Pre-Approval Visits in the SFSP](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/Nationwide%20Waiver%20to%20Allow%20Reimbursement%20for%20Meals%20Served%20Prior%20to%20Notification%20of%20Approval%20and%20Provide%20Flexibility%20for%20Pre-Approval%20Visits%20in%20the%20Summer%20Food%20Service%20Program.pdf) #57 | 7 CFR 225.7 (d)(1) and 225.9(d) | SFSP | USDA waives the requirement that reimbursement shall not be paid for Summer Nutrition meals served at a site before a Sponsor has received written notification that the site has been approved for participation and the requirement for the State Agency to conduct pre-approval visits of SFSP Sponsors and sites.  | Ensure that Summer Nutrition site application information is current in the SNTS, procedures are in place for accountability and program integrity, only eligible children receive meals, meal counting is accurate, and claims are submitted on time.  | 9/11/20Effective 8/31/20 | 12/31/20\* |
| [Area Eligibility in CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Care Component](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-CACFP_Area_Eligibility_Nationwide_Waiver_58s.pdf) #58 | 7 CFR 226.17(a)(i) | CACFP | This waiver allows schools and afterschool care centers, regardless of their location, to serve at-risk afterschool meals and snacks to students after the regular school day, through December 31, 2020.  | State Agencies in conjunction with Program operators must have a plan for ensuring new meal sites are targeting children in need, for example, children who may be newly eligible for benefits due to the impacts of COVID-19.  | 9/18/20 | 12/31/20\* |
| [Allow SFSP and SSO Operations through School Year 2020-21 – Extension](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-59-ExtendingSFSPSSOFullSYEXTENSIONs.pdf) #59 | 7 CFR 225.6(b)(1) and €(1) | SFSPSSO | USDA extends the waiver allowing operation of SFSP/SSO through June 30, 2021, facilitating the safe provision of meals by eliminating the need to confirm individual student enrollment and eligibility status and collect meal payments, at meal sites, which speeds up service of meals, thereby reducing contact and potential COVID-19 exposure. (See Child Nutrition Response [#56](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19_Extending_SFSP_SSOs.pdf).) | Program operators may choose to serve meals through the SFSP or SSO or may opt to participate under the school meal programs. Program operators must notify the State Agency if electing this waiver extension. Program operators must still track meals and snacks distributed and ensure that no duplicate meals or snacks are provided per student per day.  | 10/9/20 | 6/30/21\* |
| [Extend Area Eligibility Waivers – Extension 3](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-response60-AreaEligibilityNationwideWaiverEXTENSION3.pdf) #60 | 7 CFR 225.2, 225.6€(2)(i)(G), 225.6€(3)(i)(B), 225.6(d)(1)(i), 225.14(c)(3), 225.16(b)(4) | SFSPSSO | USDA extends the ability for states to continue operating open sites in areas that are not located in “Areas in which poor economic conditions exist.” (See Child Nutrition Response [#32](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20Area%20Eligibility%20Extension%20Nationwide%20Waiver.pdf), [#46](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19AreaEligibilityNationwideWaiver_EXTENSION.pdf) and [#52](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19AreaEligibilityNationwideWaiverEXTENSION2s.pdf).) | Program operators to the greatest extent possible should establish eligibility and must notify the State Agency of their intent to utilize the Area Eligibility Waiver Extension as deemed necessary. State Agencies must work in partnership with local operators to provide meals to all participants in a safe and accessible manner and ensure that meal sites are targeting benefits to children in need. | 10/9/20 | 6/30/21\* |
| [Allow Non-congregate Feeding in the SFSP and SSO – Extension 5](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-61-NonCongregateNationwideWaiverEXTENSION5.pdf) #61 | 7 CFR 225.6€(15) | SFSPSSO | This waiver allows an extension of non-congregate feeding in the Summer Food Service Program through June 30, 2021. (See Child Nutrition Response [#2](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-NonCongregateNationwideWaiver.pdf), [#22](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19NonCongregateNationwideWaiverEXTENSION.pdf), [#33](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19NoncongregateNationwideWaiverSY-20-21s.pdf), [#44](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20NonCongregate%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20SFSP%20EXTENSION%20%20%233.pdf), [#54](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19NonCongregateNationwideWaiverEXTENSION4s.pdf).) | Notify NCDPI if electing this waiver extension. State Agencies must work in partnership with local operators to provide meals to all participants in a safe, accessible manner and ensure that meal sites are targeting benefits to children in need. | 10/9/20 | 6/30/21\* |
| [Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children – Extension 5](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-62-ParentPickupNationwideWaiverEXTENSION5.pdf) #62 | 7 CFR 210.10(a), 225.2 (defining Meals), and 225.9(d)(7) | SFSPSSO | With this extension, Program operators in a state with an approved waiver allowing SFSP or SSO non-congregate meal distribution during COVID–19-related operations may distribute meals to a parent or guardian to take home to their children. (See waivers [#5](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/media/file/COVID19ParentPickupNationwideWaiver.pdf), [#25](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19ParentPickupNationwideWaiverEXTENSION.pdf), [#35](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19ParentPickupNationwideWaiverSY20-21s.pdf), [#47](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20ParentPickupNationwideWaiver%20EXTENSION%233.pdf) and [#55](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19ParentPickupNationwideWaiverEXTENSION4s.pdf).) | Notify NCDPI if electing this waiver extension. State Agencies must work with Program operators to ensure a plan is in place to maintain accountability and program integrity. | 10/9/20 | 6/30/21\* |
| [Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility – Extension 8](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-63-MealPatternNationwideWaiver-EXTENSION8.pdf) #63 | 7 CFR 210.10(b), (c) and (d)(1), 220.8(b), (c) and (d), and 225.16(d) | SFSPSSO | USDA extends the waiver of requirements for schools to serve meals that meet the meal pattern requirements and offer students a variety (at least two different options) of fluid milk. All other fluid milk requirements remain in effect. If elected to be implemented in a state, State Agencies will approve use of this waiver on a case-by-case basis and must report to the USDA regional office when and where this waiver is in effect and for what food components. (See Child Nutrition Response [#4](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/media/file/COVID19MealPatternNationwideWaiverFINAL.pdf), [#13](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-Second-Meal-Pattern-Nationwide-Waiver-FINAL.pdf), [#24](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19ThirdMealPatternNationwideWaiverEXTENSION.pdf), [#26](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-MealPatternNationwideWaiver-Extension3.pdf), [#36](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19MealPatternNationwideWaiverSY20-21s.pdf), [#38](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-MealPatternNationwideWaiver-SFSP-072120s.pdf), [#45](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19_MealPatternNationwideWaiver_EXTENSION%20%236.pdf) and [#53](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19MealPatternNationwideWaiver-EXTENSION7s.pdf).) | Notify NCDPI if requesting this waiver extension. Requests must be targeted and justified based on plans to support access to nutritious meals while minimizing potential exposure to COVID–19. An explanation and data should be included with the waiver request to justify need. Program operators must strive to maintain and meet the nutrition standards for each program to the greatest extent possible and seek additional vendors for food and supplies needed to continue meal service and feed children in need.  | 10/9/20 | 6/30/21\* |
| [Allow Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites – Extension 2](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-64-SFSPClosedEnrolledNationwideWaiverEXTENSION2.pdf) #64 | 7 CFR 225.15(f) | SFSPSSO | USDA waives the requirements that place Federal limits to (or require applications in order to) submit an application to serve meals through SFSP and SSO at closed enrolled sites that are area eligible. (See Child Nutrition Response [#14](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/FNS.2020.07.COVID19%20SFSP%20Closed%20Enrolled%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20CLEAN.pdf) and [#48](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20SFSP%20Closed%20Enrolled%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20EXTENSIONs.pdf).) | Notify NCDPI if electing this waiver extension. For meal site eligibility, determine if 50% of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals using school data, current year census data in the [USDA Area Eligibility Mapper](https://www.fns.usda.gov/areaeligibility) or the [No Kid Hungry Averaged Eligibility Map](http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/Averaged-Eligibility-Map). Document the results and process used to determine area eligibility. | 10/9/20 | 6/30/21\* |
| [Waive First Week Site Visits – Extension 2](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-65-SFSPFirstWeekSiteVisitsNationwideWaiverEXTENSION2.pdf) #65 | 7 CFR 225.15(d)(2) | SFSPSSO | USDA extends the waiver of requirements for Sponsors to visit each of their sites at least once during the first week of operation under the program, for sites that have operated successfully in the previous year and Sponsors that successfully participate in the CACFP or the NSLP. (See [#15](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/FNS.2020.09.COVID19%20SFSP%20First%20Week%20SIte%20Visits%20Nationwide%20Waiver.pdf) and [#49](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20SFSP%20First%20Week%20SIte%20Visits%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20EXTENSIONs.pdf).) | Notify NCDPI if electing this waiver extension. Sponsors, for whom the first week visit waiver is not applicable, should conduct a site visit through video conference or other remote means to ensure health and safety. | 10/9/20 | 6/30/21\* |
| [Meal Service Time Restrictions – Extension 2](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-66-SFSPMealServiceTimeNationwideWaiverEXTENSION2.pdf) #66 | 7 CFR 210.10(l), 220.8(l), and 225.16€(1) and (2) | SFSPSSO | USDA extends the waiver of requirements that place federal limits on the amount of time that must elapse between the beginning of one meal and the beginning of the next, and the duration of a meal service. SFSP Sponsors are still required to comply with application requirements to establish meal service times for each site. In addition, USDA extends the waiver of requirements that set meal time parameters for SSO. (See waivers [#1](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-MealTimesNationwideWaiver.pdf), [#17](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20SFSP_SSOMealServiceTimeNationwideWaiver.pdf) and [#50](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20SFSP%20Meal%20Service%20Time%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20EXTENSIONs.pdf).) | Notify NCDPI if electing this waiver extension. Program operators must establish meal service times for each site. Site applications must be current in the School Nutrition Technology System. Program operators are encouraged to share current, accurate information on meal sites and times with families.  | 10/9/20 | 6/30/21\* |
| [Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibilities – Extension 2](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-67-SFSPOVSNationwideWaiverEXTENSION2.pdf) #67 | 7 CFR 225.16(f)(1)(ii) | SFSPSSO | USDA extends the waiver of requirements which limit the use of Offer Versus Serve (OVS) to SFAs and require Sponsors to apply OVS under rules followed for the NSLP. (See waiver [#16](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19_SFSP_OVS_Nationwide%20Waiver.pdf) and [#51](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20SFSP%20OVS%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20EXTENSIONs.pdf).) To implement OVS with this waiver, Sponsors must be able to follow the SFSP OVS meal service parameters in entirety. OVS is not intended to be a way to circumvent meal pattern requirements or eliminate specific components. | Notify NCDPI if electing this waiver extension. Program operators must plan to meet and ensure compliance with SFSP OVS meal service parameters as outlined in the waiver. Reach out to your Zone teams or Summer Nutrition Program Regional Consultants with any questions.  | 10/9/20 | 6/30/21\* |
| [Area Eligibility in the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Care Component – Extension](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-68-CACFPAreaEligibilityNationwideWaiverEXTENSIONs.pdf) #68 | 7 CFR 226.17a(i) | CACFP | Federal regulations require at-risk afterschool care centers to be located in the attendance area of a school in which at least 50 percent of the enrolled children are certified eligible for free or reduced-price school meals in order to provide free meals or snacks under CACFP. USDA waives for all states the area eligibility requirements to allow schools and afterschool care centers, regardless of their location, to operate the CACFP at-risk afterschool care component. (See Child Nutrition Response [#58](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-CACFP_Area_Eligibility_Nationwide_Waiver_58s.pdf).) | Program operators must notify the State Agency if electing this waiver extension. State Agencies must work with Program operators to ensure benefits are targeted to children in need, including children newly eligible due to the impacts of COVID-19. Schools and afterschool care centers should collaborate to meet the nutrition needs of students by providing each child with the maximum meal benefits available through the Child Nutrition Programs. | 10/9/20 | 6/30/21\* |
| [Allow Reimbursement for Meals Served Prior to Notification of Approval and Provide Flexibility for Pre-Approval Visits in the SFSP – Extension](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-69-NationwideWaiver-SFSP-Approval-EXTENSION.pdf) #69 | 7 CFR 225.7(d)(1) and 225.9(d) | SFSPSSO | USDA grants a nationwide waiver to allow State Agencies to reimburse Sponsors for Summer Nutrition meals served prior to the Sponsor receiving written notification that the Sponsor or site has been approved for participation in the program. USDA is also waiving the requirement for State Agencies to conduct pre-approval visits of Sponsors and sites. This waiver remains retroactive for approved Summer Nutrition Sponsors for allowable meals served during the initial COVID-19 emergency response through August 30, 2020, but that were served prior to their written approval to operate SFSP. (See waiver [#57](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/Nationwide%20Waiver%20to%20Allow%20Reimbursement%20for%20Meals%20Served%20Prior%20to%20Notification%20of%20Approval%20and%20Provide%20Flexibility%20for%20Pre-Approval%20Visits%20in%20the%20Summer%20Food%20Service%20Program.pdf).) If a Sponsor is ultimately not approved to participate in SFSP, the meals that the denied Sponsor served are not eligible for reimbursement. State Agencies are not required but have the discretion to conducted pre-approval visits.  | Notify NCDPI if electing this waiver extension.NCDPI will approve requests on a case by case basis. Program operators must ensure accurate and complete applications are submitted on time in the School Nutrition Technology System.  | 10/9/20 | 6/30/21\* |
| [Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs – Extension 5](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-70-MealPatternNationwideWaiverSY20-21Extension5.pdf) #70 | 7 CFR 210.10(b), (c) and (d)(1)(i), 220.8(b), (c), and (d), 226.20 | SBPNSLPCACFP | USDA waives requirements to serve meals that meet the meal pattern requirements. In addition, USDA also waives the requirement that schools must offer students a variety (at least two different options) of fluid milk. All other fluid milk requirements remain in effect.  | Notify the State Agency if requesting this waiver extension. Requests must be targeted and justified based on plans to support access to nutritious meals while minimizing potential exposure to COVID–19. An explanation and data should be included with the waiver request to justify need. Program operators must strive to maintain and meet the nutrition standards for each program to the greatest extent possible and seek additional vendors for food and supplies needed to continue meal service and feed children in need.  | 10/9/20 | 6/30/21\* |
| [Food Service Management Contract Duration – Extension](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/FSMC-contract-duration-waiver-SY2021-2022-EXTENSION-update.pdf) #71 | 7 CFR 210.16(d) and 225.6(h)(7) | NSLPSFSP | USDA is extending the waiver to permit SFAs and SFSP Sponsors to extend existing food service management company (FSMC) contracts that would not otherwise be eligible for extension through SY 2021-11 or June 30, 2022 | SFAs or SFSP Sponsors with FSMC contracts expiring in SY 2020-21 may, pursuant to 2 CFR 200.320€(3), use the emergency noncompetitive procurement method to negotiate a one-year FSMC contract for SY 2021-22 pending prior approval of the State Agency. | 1/6/21 | 6/30/21 |
| [Selected Child Nutrition Reporting Requirements](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19-CN-Reporting-Requirements-Nationwide-Waiver.pdf) #72 | 7 CFR 210.5(d)(1), 210.8€(2), 210.18(n), 210.14€(7), 245.13€ and €, 272.8(a)(5), 245.11(b)(2) and (i), 245.12(i), 210.14€(7), 210.15(a)(8) and (d)(2)(ii) | SBPNSLP | This waiver cancels selected administrative data reporting requirements, specifically: Data Element 15, Part B of the FNS-10, FNS-640 Administrative Review Report Form, FNS-828 School Food Authority Paid Lunch Price Report, FNS-834 State Agency (NSLP/SNAP) Direct Certification Rate Data Element Report, FNS-874 Local Education Agency Second Review of Applications, Ameliorative Action Plans for Verification Results, State Agency Food Safety Inspections Report, and Performance Based Reimbursement (7 Cents) Quarterly Report.  | This waiver is intended for State Agency action only. There is no requirement for SFAs to take action. | 1/7/21 |  |
| [Child Nutrition Waiver Update](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19NationwideWaiver73os.pdf) #73 |  | SBPNSLPSSOSFSP | USDA has issued a series of waivers for 2021 summer meal program operations to maximize flexibility and limit COVID-19 exposure while maintaining accountability. Effective July 1, 2021, the regular SFSP meal pattern will be in place. USDA will continue to offer an NSLP meal pattern waiver for summer 2021, and this flexibility will apply to SSO operations for summer 2021.  | Review and refer to USDA Child Nutrition Response waivers #73-81. Sponsors should strive to meet the regular SFSP meal pattern standards as soon as possible, but no later than July 1, 2021. | 3/9/21 | See individual waivers #74-81 for expiration dates. |
| [Allow Meal Pattern Flexibilities for Summer 2021 Operations - Extension 9](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19NationwideWaiver74os.pdf) #74 | 7 CFR 210.10 (b), (c), and (d)(1), 220.8(b), (c) and (d) | SBPNSLPSSO | Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, USDA waives the requirements to serve SBP, NSLP and SSO meals that meet the meal pattern requirements. In addition, USDA waives the requirement that schools must offer a variety (at least 2 different options) of fluid milk. All other fluid milk requirements remain in effect. This waiver applies to State Agencies administering and local Sponsors operating SBP, NSLP and SSO during summer 2021. This waiver does not apply to SFSP. The regular SFSP meal pattern requirements will be in effect July 1, 2021.  | Contact Jennifer Bailey at jennifer.bailey@dpi.nc.gov if requesting this waiver as an SBP, NSLP and SSO operator. Waiver requests are considered on a case-by-case basis. Meal pattern flexibility approvals are subject to specific terms and timelines included in the approval email. Any prior meal pattern flexibility approvals still in effect for SFSP Sponsors will expire on June 30, 2021, unless previously terminated. Program operators should aim to meet the SFSP meal pattern as soon as possible but no later than July 1, 2021. All programs should offer complete meals/snacks to meet meal pattern requirements to the greatest extent possible. As allowed by regulations, utilize noncompetitive proposals for emergency procurement. Maintain documentation of product unavailability, and complete emergency purchasing log. Prepare to report on waiver implementation. | 3/9/21 | 9/30/21 |
| [Allow Non-Congregate Feeding for Summer 2021 Operations - Extension 6](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19NationwideWaiver75os.pdf) #75 | 7 CFR 225.6(e)(15) | SFSPSS0 | This waiver applies to State Agencies administering and local Sponsors operating SFSP and SSO. Under this waiver extension, Sponsors may provide non-congregate meals during COVID-19 related operations. (See Child Nutrition Response [#2](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-NonCongregateNationwideWaiver.pdf), [#22](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19NonCongregateNationwideWaiverEXTENSION.pdf), [#33](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19NoncongregateNationwideWaiverSY-20-21s.pdf), [#44](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20NonCongregate%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20SFSP%20EXTENSION%20%20%233.pdf), [#54](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19NonCongregateNationwideWaiverEXTENSION4s.pdf) and [#61](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-61-NonCongregateNationwideWaiverEXTENSION5.pdf).) | Notify the State Agency if requesting this waiver anew as an SFSP and SSO Sponsor. Prior elections and approvals will continue under this extension; no further action is needed. Work with the State Agency to provide meals to all participants in a safe and accessible manner. Update waivers elections in the SNTS as applicable.  | 3/9/21 | 9/30/21 |
| [Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children - Extension 6](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19NationwideWaiver76os.pdf) #76 | 7 CFR 210.10(a), 220.2(Breakfast), 220.8(a), 225.2 (Meals), and 225.9 (d)(7) | SFSPSSO | This waiver applies to State Agencies administering and Sponsors operating SFSP and SSO. Parents and/or guardians may pick up meals for their children, without the child needing to be present. (See waivers [#5](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/media/file/COVID19ParentPickupNationwideWaiver.pdf), [#25](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19ParentPickupNationwideWaiverEXTENSION.pdf), [#35](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19ParentPickupNationwideWaiverSY20-21s.pdf), [#47](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20ParentPickupNationwideWaiver%20EXTENSION%233.pdf), [#55](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19ParentPickupNationwideWaiverEXTENSION4s.pdf) and [#62](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-62-ParentPickupNationwideWaiverEXTENSION5.pdf).) | The State Agency requires SFAs and Sponsors to establish procedures to maintain program accountability and integrity and ensure meals are distributed only to a parent or guardian of eligible children and duplicate meals are not distributed to any child. Update waivers elections in the SNTS as applicable. | 3/9/21 | 9/30/21 |
| [Extend Area Eligibility Waivers for Summer 2021 Operations - Extension 4](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19NationwideWaiver77os.pdf) #77 | 7 CFR 225.2, 225.6(c)(2)(i)(G), 225.6(c)(3)(i)(B), 225.6(d)(1)(i), 225.14(c)(3) and 225.16(b)(4) | SFSPSSO | USDA extends area eligibility waivers for State Agencies administering and Sponsors operating SFSP and SSO. Sponsors in good standing may operate restricted open sites approved by NCDPI, but that are not located in areas with poor economic conditions. The State Agency must have a plan for ensuring these meal sites are targeting benefits to children in need, for example, children who may be newly eligible for benefits due to COVID-19. (See Child Nutrition Response [#32](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20Area%20Eligibility%20Extension%20Nationwide%20Waiver.pdf), [#46](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19AreaEligibilityNationwideWaiver_EXTENSION.pdf), [#52](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19AreaEligibilityNationwideWaiverEXTENSION2s.pdf) and [#60](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-response60-AreaEligibilityNationwideWaiverEXTENSION3.pdf).)  | Provide plans for meal distribution through meal site applications submitted. Consult with a Regional Summer Nutrition Consultant on correct identification of sites that are not area eligible in the School Nutrition Technology System. Update as needed to reflect current, accurate information. Update waivers elections in the SNTS as applicable. | 3/9/21 | 9/30/21 |
| [Meal Service Time Restrictions for Summer 2021 Operations - Extension 3](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19NationwideWaiver78os.pdf) #78 | 7 CFR 225.16(c)(1) and (2), 210.10(l), 220.8(l) | SFSPSSO | Under this extension, USDA waives requirements that place Federal limits on the amount of time that must elapse between the beginning of one meal and the beginning of the next and the duration of meal service. This waiver applies to State Agencies administering and local Sponsors operating the SFSP and SSO. (See waivers [#1](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-MealTimesNationwideWaiver.pdf), [#23](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19MealTimesNationwideWaiverEXTENSION.pdf), and [#34](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19MealTimesNationwideWaiver-SY20-21s.pdf).) | In a State that elects to be subject to this waiver, SFSP and SSO Sponsors may serve meals outside of the standard meal times and duration for meals. Program operators must establish meal service times for each site. Site applications must be current in the School Nutrition Technology System. Program operators are encouraged to share current, accurate information on meal sites and times with families.  | 3/9/21 | 9/30/21 |
| [Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibilities in the SFSP for Summer 2021 - Extension 3](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19NationwideWaiver79os.pdf) #79 | 7 CFR 225.16(f)(1)(ii) | SFSP | USDA waives requirements that limit the use of Offer versus Serve (OVS) to SFAs and require Sponsors to apply OVS under the rules followed for the NSLP. This waiver applies to State Agencies administering and local Sponsors operating the SFSP.  | To implement the waiver, Sponsors must be able to follow the SFSP OVS meal service parameters in entirety.  | 3/9/21 | 9/30/21 |
| [Allow Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites for Summer 2021 - Extension 3](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19NationwideWaiver80os.pdf) #80 | 7 CFR 225.15(f) | SFSPSSO | SFSP operators of closed enrolled sites during the COVID-19 public health emergency may determine site eligibility through area eligibility, without collecting income eligibility applications. This waiver applies to State Agencies administering and local organizations operating the SFSP or SSO during Summer 2021. (See Child Nutrition Response [#14](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/FNS.2020.07.COVID19%20SFSP%20Closed%20Enrolled%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20CLEAN.pdf), [#48](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19%20SFSP%20Closed%20Enrolled%20Nationwide%20Waiver%20EXTENSIONs.pdf), and [#64](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19-64-SFSPClosedEnrolledNationwideWaiverEXTENSION2.pdf).) | Update the waivers request in the SNTS as applicable. Prior elections and approvals will continue under this extension; no further action will be needed. For meal site eligibility, determine if 50% of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals using school data, the [USDA Area Eligibility Mapper](https://www.fns.usda.gov/areaeligibility) or the [No Kid Hungry Averaged Eligibility Map](http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/Averaged-Eligibility-Map). Document the results and process used to determine area eligibility. | 3/9/21 | 9/30/21 |
| [Waive First Week Site Visits in the SFSP for Summer 2021 - Extension 3](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID19NationwideWaiver81os.pdf) #81 | 7 CFR 225.15(d)(2) | SFSP | USDA waives the requirement for SFSP Sponsors to visit each of their sites during the first week of operation. This waiver applies to State Agencies administering and local organizations that have operated the SFSP successfully in the previous year and SFSP Sponsors in good standing that have successfully participated in CACFP or NSLP. Prior elections and approvals will continue under this extension; no further action is needed.  | Sponsors, for whom the first week visit waiver is not applicable, should conduct a site visit through video conference or other remote means to ensure health and safety. All Sponsors should work with the State Agency to provide meals to all participants in a safe and accessible manner. | 3/9/21 | 9/30/21 |