

School Nutrition Programs COVID-19 Update

COVID-19 COMMUNICATIONS

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Professional Standards Learning Code: 3240



Arizona Department of Education (ADE)

This training was developed by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) Health and Nutrition Services Division (HNS).

Intended Audience

This training is intended for **School Food Authorities (SFAs) operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)**. All regulations are specific to operating the NSLP under the direction of ADE.

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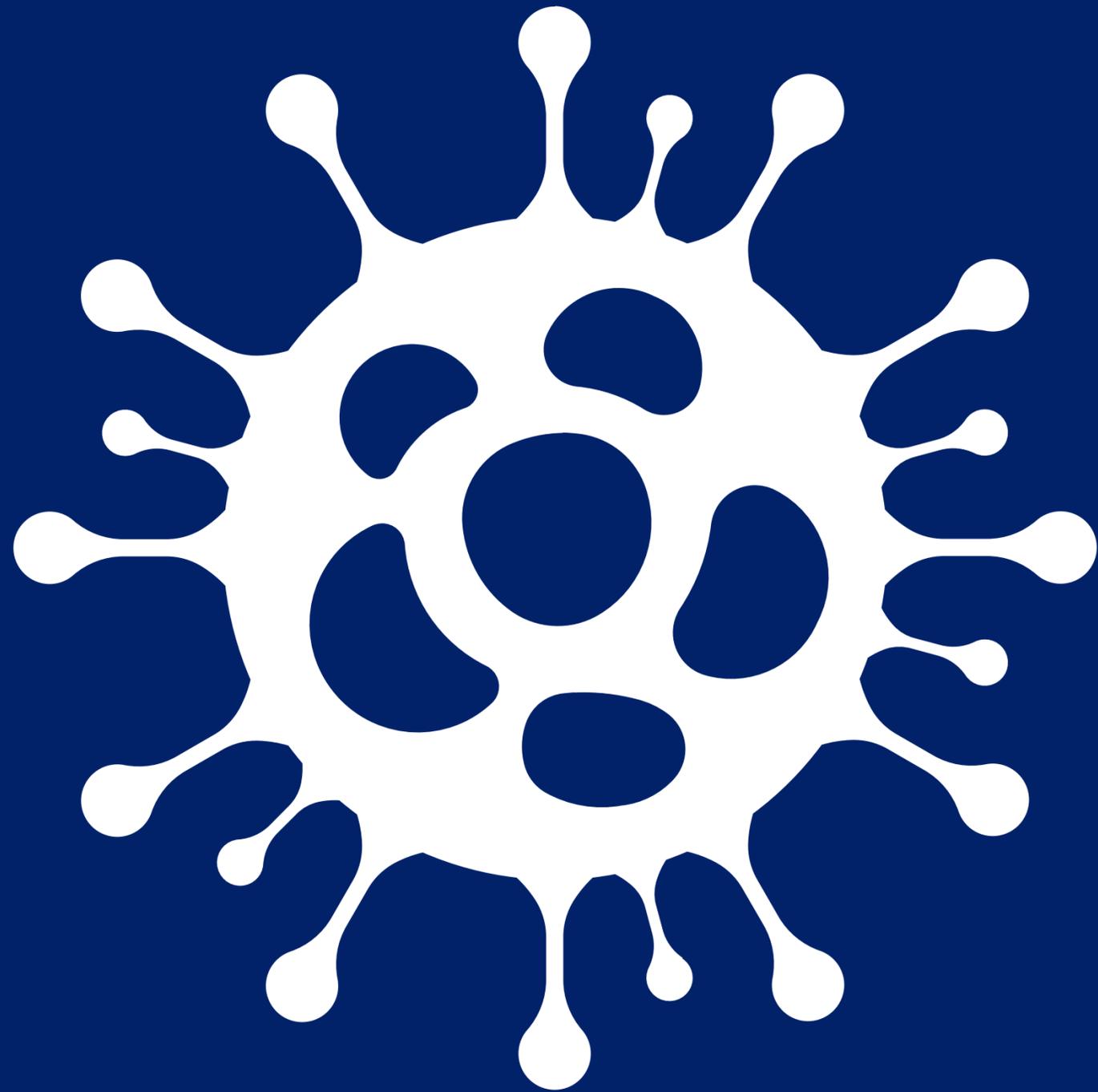
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GET INFORMED.

TODAY'S DISCUSSION

State of Arizona Executive Order 6.29.30
Expiration of the Unexpected School
Closures Waiver

Governor's Executive Order June 29, 2020

[ADE Guidance to Schools on
COVID-19](#)

The Executive Order...

...delays the start of in-person instruction in school facilities until August 17, 2020. Schools can offer distance learning during this time based on their regular academic calendars.

The delayed start of in-person instruction may affect your operation and the Program under which you serve meals.

Let's dive into the guidance we have for these scenarios.

WHAT GUIDANCE DO WE HAVE?

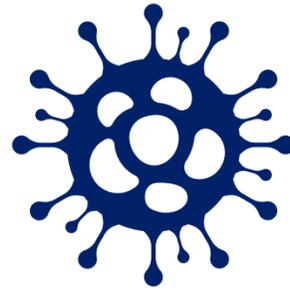
WE HAVE GUIDANCE FROM THE FOLLOWING
FEDERAL REGULATIONS

42 U.S.C.

Richard B. Russell
National School
Lunch Act (NSLA)

7 CFR 225

Summer Food
Service Program
(SFSP)



DISCLAIMER

ADE Health and Nutrition Services is comfortable providing only clear guidance as stated in the USDA guidance. We will not make any assumptions or infer any allowances that are not specifically stated in the guidance we have available at this time.

NSLA 42 U.S.C.

[1761\(c\)\(1\) pg 4090](#)

Summer Food Service Program for Children:

1761(c)(1) Payments shall be made to service institutions only for meals served during the months of May through September, except in the case of service institutions that...provide meal service at **non-school sites** to children who are not in school for a period during the months of **October through April** due to a natural disaster, building repair, court order, or similar cause.

In other words:

SSO and SFSP operations during unanticipated school closures are limited to the period from October through April of each school year at non-school sites.

Child Nutrition Program Meal Service during Novel Coronavirus Outbreaks

SP 08-2020, SFSP 04-2020:

[Child Nutrition Program Meal Service during Novel Coronavirus Outbreaks](#)

"...FNS has the ability to waive the requirements for serving meals...at a non-school site for COVID-19-related SFSP or SSO meal service operations..."

"...State agencies must submit to FNS an individual waiver request for statewide use prior to any COVID-19 SFSP or SSO operations..."

ADE submitted a waiver to USDA in March and was approved to operate SFSP/SSO at school sites during unanticipated school closures.

Unanticipated School Closures Waiver

[COVID -19 Child Nutrition
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Waives the following Program regulations:

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7 CFR 225 Lots of stuff about exceptions for sponsors applying for participation in SFSP due to an unanticipated school closure during the period from October through April related to the Sponsor application, training and monitoring.

Unanticipated School Closures Waiver

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In other words:

Operating SFSP/SSO during unanticipated school closures is limited to October through April; May and June are not covered. This waived the October through April limit and allowed operations to continue, even if the school year ended, through June 30th. Regular SFSP/SSO operations needed to begin July 1.

SY 2020-2021

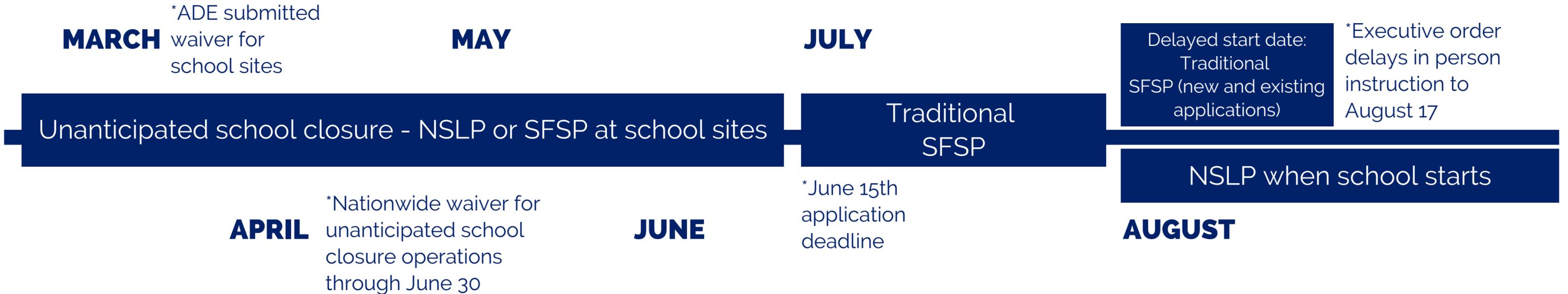
Meal Service Options

as of 7/6/20



TIMELINE

MEAL SERVICE OPERATIONS



Now - First day of school

SFSP/SSO

If approved to operate traditional SFSP/SSO, continue SFSP operations until the first day of school (the day instruction begins, distance or in-person).

First day of school - August 17

When school is in, SFSP is out.

Remember, there is no waiver for unanticipated school closures for July, August and September, so SFSP is not an option if instruction begins prior to returning to campus.

Distance learning = NSLP

First day of school - August 17

If the planned first day of school is being delayed (no distance learning, school begins when the campus opens):

SFAs can operate traditional SFSP/SSO from the planned first day of school until the actual first day of school.

- If you are currently approved to operate traditional SFSP, you can continue to operate SFSP until the first day of instruction begins.
- If you are NOT currently approved to operate traditional SFSP, call ADE directly at (602) 542-8700, option 1 and an SFSP specialist will walk you through the application process.

The area eligibility waiver has been extended through August 31, so this guidance applies to all sites, including those sites with a free/reduced percentage less than 50%.

August 17 and forward

In-person instruction, or distance learning, or a combination of both:

Continue operating NSLP on scheduled school days.

Scenario 1

Rosebud School District

- Planned start date: August 5th
- Will begin distance learning August 5th

Rosebud School District will operate NSLP beginning August 5th.

Scenario 2

Skitt's Creek School District

- Planned start date: August 3rd
- Instruction will begin on August 17th when the campus can open

Skitt's Creek School District has the option to operate traditional SFSP.

- They are already operating SFSP--they will continue operations until school begins.

Scenario 3

Greendale Charter School

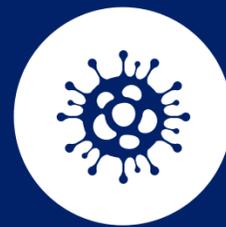
- Planned start date: August 3rd
- Instruction will begin on August 17th when the campus can open

Greendale Charter School has the option to operate traditional SFSP.

- They are not currently operating traditional SFSP--they will contact ADE at (602) 542-8700, option 1 to apply to operate SFSP beginning August 3rd until school begins.

SFSP

Universal free meals
Any child 18 and under
Meal counting: Tally of all meals served



NSLP

Meal served to eligible children
Meals claimed by eligibility category
Meal counting: Total number of meals served by eligibility category

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

COMMON QUESTIONS

Q1 My school closed and offered distance learning March through June. I was able to operate SFSP during this time, why can't I operate SFSP when I do distance learning in August?

A1 Per the nationwide waiver to extend unanticipated school closure operations, the October through April time limitation for unanticipated school closures applied for the remainder of SY 19-20. There is not currently a waiver to operate SFSP during unanticipated school closures in July through September. Under the current regulations, operating SFSP during unanticipated school closures is limited to October through April.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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Q2 I operated SFSP under the unanticipated school closures up to June 30th. My school will not be doing distance learning so I will be applying to operate SFSP for two weeks in August. Can I apply to operate SFSP from now until in-person instruction begins?

A2 No. Per the nationwide waiver to extend unanticipated school closure operations, ADE was still required to establish a deadline to operate traditional SFSP/SSO (June 15).

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

COMMON QUESTIONS

Q3 If ADE has established an application deadline of June 15th for traditional SFSP/SSO, why are schools able to apply for SFSP/SSO when their start date has been delayed?

A3 Since there is no unanticipated school closure allowance in the month of August, ADE has created a separate deadline to operate traditional SFSP/SSO in August when the school start date is delayed due to the executive order. This is in acknowledgement of the unprecedented operations of COVID-19.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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Q4 What is the first operating day, for purposes of determining the 31st operating day for eligibility carryover from the previous year?

A4 The first operating day is the day your LEA begins instruction, regardless if it is in-person or distance learning.

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COMMON QUESTIONS

Q5 What is the "Start Date" in the CNPWeb Site application?

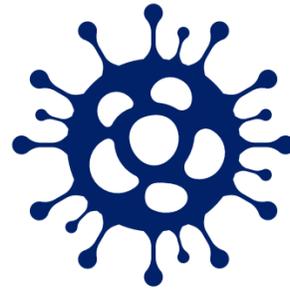
A5 The "Start Date" is the date your LEA begins instruction, regardless if it is in-person or distance learning.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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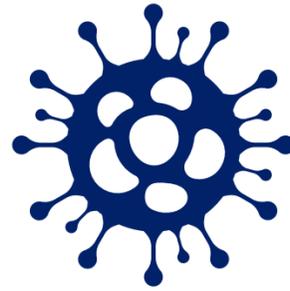
Q6 If we are operating under NSLP for distance learners, can we choose to offer meals only to the students who qualify for free or reduced price meals?

A6 No. Under NSLP, meals must be offered to all eligible children.



Q&A

Please type your questions into the chat box.



THANK YOU!

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