



# Summary of Afterschool Feeding Operations During COVID-19

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**This is a summary of allowable Afterschool Care Snack Program (ASCSP) and At-Risk Afterschool Meals (At-Risk) operations under the applicable USDA waivers for School Year 2020-2021. Some of the guidance is address in USDA waivers and memos; some has been clarified by USDA in communication with ADE.**

**Applicable waivers through June 30, 2021: Non-congregate feeding, Meal Times, Parent Pickup, Offer vs. Serve, Meal Pattern Flexibility, Area Eligibility**

## **Afterschool Feeding Options for School Food Authorities (SFAs)**

- The Afterschool Care Snack Program (ASCSP) and the At-Risk Afterschool Meals component of the CACFP (At-Risk) are the two feeding options that allow operators to serve meals and snacks to children after the school day ends.
- SFAs operating NSLP can operate the ASCSP and/or At-Risk.
- SFAs operating SFSP/SSO can serve afterschool meals and/or snacks through At-Risk ([SP 25-2020, Q2](#)).
- SFAs may distribute up to five days' worth of meals and/or snacks at a time (SFAs must complete a distribution plan prior to distributing meals for multiple days –see [HNS #39-2020](#) for details).
- Parents/guardians of eligible children can pick up meals (SFAs must opt into the use of this waiver– see [HNS #39-2020](#) for details).
- The requirement to offer enrichment activities has not been waived; however, enrichment activities may be offered virtually or in other non-congregate ways ([SP 24-2020, Q18](#)).
- The 21st Century Grant is an eligible afterschool activity for both the ASCSP and At-Risk.
- SFAs may operate At-Risk even if they are not located in an area eligible location (SFAs must opt into the use of this waiver found on ADE's COVID-19: Guidance to Child Nutrition Operators webpage under the 'Waivers' tab).

## **Afterschool Feeding Options for Community Organizations (COs)**

- At-Risk is the only feeding option that allows operators to serve meals and snacks to children after the school day ends.
- COs operating SFSP/SSO can serve afterschool meals and/or snacks through At-Risk ([SP 25-2020, Q2](#)).
- COs may distribute up to five days' worth of meals and/or snacks at a time (COs must complete a distribution plan prior to distributing meals for multiple days– see ADE's COVID-19: Guidance to Child Nutrition Operators webpage).
- Parents/guardians of eligible children can pick up meals (COs must opt into the use of this waiver– refer to ADE's COVID-19: Guidance to Child Nutrition Operators webpage).
- The requirement to offer enrichment activities has not been waived; however, enrichment activities may be offered virtually or in other non-congregate ways ([SP 24-2020, Q18](#)).
- COs may operate At-Risk even if they are not located in an area eligible location (SFAs must opt into the use of this waiver found on ADE's COVID-19: Guidance to Child Nutrition Operators webpage under the 'Waivers' tab).



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## Applicable Memos:

- [SP 24-2020, CACFP 13-2020, SFSP 13-2020: Questions and Answers for the Child Nutrition Programs during School Year 2020-21 – #5](#)
- [SP 25-2020, CACFP 14-2020, SFSP 14-2020: Questions and Answers Relating to the Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option Operations through December 2020](#)
- [HNS #39-2020: Procedures for Opting into National School Lunch Program \(NSLP\) Meal Pattern and Parent/Guardian Pickup Waivers and Providing Meals for Multiple Days in School Year \(SY\) 20-21 – UPDATED](#)