



School Year 2021-2022 Waivers and Flexibilities

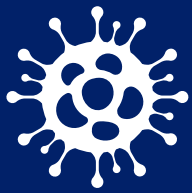
In support of Child Nutrition Program (CNP) operators in School Year 2021-2022 the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has released new waivers and flexibilities to increase funding, support access, and balance operational needs with the goal of providing nutritious meals.

- **[Nationwide Waiver to Allow the Seamless Summer Option](#)**
The Seamless Summer Option (SSO) is allowable for School Food Authorities (SFAs).
- **[Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program Reimbursement Rates](#)**
SFAs may claim SSO meals and snacks at the SFSP reimbursement rates.
- **[Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-Congregate Meal Service](#)**
Meals may be served in non-group settings to support social distancing.
- **[Nationwide Waiver of Meal Times Requirements](#)**
Meals may be served to kids outside traditional times to maximize flexibility for meal pick-up.
- **[Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children](#)**
Parents/guardians may pick up meals on behalf of eligible children.
- **[Nationwide Waiver to Allow Specific School Meal Pattern Flexibility](#)**
SFAs have the flexibility to serve meals that do not meet specific meal pattern requirements.
- **[Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibility for Senior High Schools](#)**
SFAs have the flexibility to not operate Offer Versus Serve for grades 9-12.
- **[Nationwide Waiver of Area Eligibility in the Afterschool Programs and for Family Day Care Home Providers](#)**
All schools and At-Risk Afterschool Care Centers are able to claim At-Risk Afterschool meals and snacks at the free rate regardless of their location.



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- **Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements in the School Meal Programs – Revised – EXTENSION 3**
Flexibilities for certain monitoring and review requirements for schools meal programs have been established.
- **Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for Sponsors in the Child and Adult Care Food Program – EXTENSION**
Flexibilities for certain monitoring and review requirements for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) have been established.
- **Nationwide Waiver of Local School Wellness Policy Triennial Assessments in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs**
SFAs have the flexibility to complete the first triennial assessment of the Local School Wellness Policy by June 30, 2022.
- **Waiver to Allow Fiscal Action Flexibility for Meal Pattern Violation Related to COVID-19 Supply Chain Disruptions Impacting School Meals in School Year 2021-2022**
Fiscal action will not be assessed during an Administrative Review for SFAs who are unable to meet the meal pattern requirements due to supply chain disruptions.
- **Nationwide Waiver of Allow Service of Meals at School Sites during Unanticipated School Closures in School Year 2021-2022**
SFAs may operate the SFSP at school sites during unanticipated school closures.
- **Waiver Request to Allow Service of FFVP to Children at Alternate Sites During COVID-19 Pandemic in School Year 2021-2022**
FFVP may be served at alternate sites to support access to nutritious meals during unanticipated school closures.
- **Waiver Request to Allow Parents or Guardians to Pick Up FFVP for Children During COVID-19 Pandemic in School Year 2021-2022**
Parents/guardians may pick up FFVP snacks and bring them home to their children.



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- **Allow Non-Congregate Meal Service for Service Institutions Operating the Summer Food Service Program During Unanticipated School Closures in School Year 2021-2022**
Service institutions may operate SFSP and provide non-congregate meals during unanticipated school closures.
- **Waiver of Meal Times Requirements for Service Institutions Operating the Summer Food Service Program during Unanticipated School Closures in School Year 2021-2022**
Service institutions may operate SFSP and may serve meals outside of the standard meal times during unanticipated school closures.
- **Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals Served by Service Institutions through the Summer Food Service Program during Unanticipated School Closures in School Year 2021-2022**
Service institutions may operate SFSP and distribute meals to parents/guardians to take home to their children during unanticipated school closures.
- **Waiver of Area Eligibility Requirements for Service Institutions Operating the Summer Food Service Program during Unanticipated School Closures in School Year 2021-2022**
Service institutions may operate open sites in areas that are not located in *areas in which poor economic conditions exist* during unanticipated school closures.