

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

IL CNP Waiver 21-015 FFVP Parent Pick Up Waiver

Waiver Request to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Snacks for Children

1. State agency submitting waiver request and responsible State agency staff contact information:

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2. Region:

Midwest

3. Eligible service providers participating in waiver and affirmation that they are in good standing:

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is requesting this waiver on behalf of all NSLP Sponsors determined to be in good standing in the State of Illinois who are operating FFVP during the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.

4. Description of the challenge the State agency is seeking to solve, the goal of the waiver to improve services under the Program, and the expected outcomes if the waiver is granted. [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(iii) and 12(l)(2)(A)(iv) of the NSLA]:

This request is to waive the regulatory requirement to serve FFVP snacks directly to eligible children. Due to the public health emergency, requiring children to come to a meal site to pick up snacks may not be practical or safe. Since the FFVP is not included in the NSLP non-congregate waiver, ISBE is applying for a waiver for eligible FFVP sites to provide the fresh fruit and vegetable snacks to parents or guardians without their children present. This waiver will allow a safe FFVP snack distribution during the school year to minimize potential exposure to COVID-19 in the event of off-site remote learning.

Requirements under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) at 42 USC 1761(f)(3), 1769a, and Program regulations at 7 CFR 210.10(a) (Lunch), 210.9(c)(3) (Afterschool Snacks), 220.8(a) (Breakfast): Meals must be served to eligible children.

5. Specific Program requirements to be waived (include statutory and regulatory citations). [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(i) of the NSLA]:

NSLA Citations	7 CFR Citations	Requirement
Sec. 19 of the NSLA [42 USC 1769a]		Make fresh fruits and vegetables available to students.

6. Detailed description of alternative procedures and anticipated impact on Program operations, including technology, State systems, and monitoring:

There are no expected impacts on technology, State systems, or monitoring.

7. Description of any steps the State has taken to address regulatory barriers at the State level. [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]:

There are no regulatory barriers at the State level to provide the requested waiver.

8. Anticipated challenges State or eligible service providers may face with the waiver implementation:

There are no challenges anticipated at the State and sponsor level.

9. Description of how the waiver will not increase the overall cost of the Program to the Federal Government. If there are anticipated increases, confirm that the costs will be paid from non-Federal funds. [Section 12(l)(1)(A)(iii) of the NSLA]:

The waiver will not increase the overall cost of the Program to the Federal Government.

10. Anticipated waiver implementation date and time period:

Implementation date requested: July 1, 2020.

Time period requested: June 30, 2021.

11. Proposed monitoring and review procedures:

Current State agency monitoring of FFVP sponsors will continue as part of the administrative review (7 CFR 210.18 requirements). If feasible, desk audits and virtual reviews of the currently awarded FFVP grantees may be performed to assess compliance of the FFVP grant on an annual basis.

12. Proposed reporting requirements (include type of data and due date(s) to FNS):

No later than December 31, 2021, ISBE will report to USDA the number of sponsors and sites that used this waiver.

13. Link to or a copy of the public notice informing the public about the proposed waiver [Section 12(l)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]:

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/CNP-State-Waiver-Request.pdf>

14. Signature and title of requesting official:



Title: Mark Haller, Director
Nutrition Department

Illinois State Board of Education

Requesting official's email address for transmission of response: mhaller@isbe.net

TO BE COMPLETED BY FNS REGIONAL OFFICE:

FNS Regional Offices are requested to ensure the questions have been adequately addressed by the State agency and formulate an opinion and justification for a response to the waiver request based on their knowledge, experience and work with the State.

Date request was received at Regional Office:

- Check this box to confirm that the State agency has provided public notice in accordance with Section 12(l)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA**

- **Regional Office Analysis and Recommendations:**