



CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

IL CNP Waiver 21-017 FFVP Alternate Sites Distribution

Waiver Request to Allow Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Snacks to be Distributed from Alternate Sites for Off-Site Consumption

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]:

The request for this waiver is to allow for the distribution of FFVP snacks, along with other Child Nutrition Program meals such as lunches and breakfasts, at locations other than the FFVP elementary school when meals are distributed for off-site consumption due to remote learning.

In order to take appropriate safety measures during this public health emergency and provide a consistent distribution process, SFAs will be implementing plans to serve meals at the most strategic and safest locations possible, which may not be the school in which the original FFVP was approved to operate.

ISBE is requesting this waiver to allow SFAs which have at least one elementary school participating in FFVP to provide FFVP snacks along with meals distributed from an alternate site if the district’s plan for school year 2020-2021 includes remote learning meal distribution from another site that is not the FFVP school or if an FFVP school has to close down its building unexpectedly. For example, a district may have parents of elementary students pick up meals for remote learning days from the nearest high school on days when the child is learning remotely. This waiver would reduce burden by allowing parents to pick up meals and FFVP snack at one location rather than having to also go to the approved FFVP site.

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
Section 19 of the NSLA [42 U.S.C. 1769a(a)]		Section 19 of the NSLA limits availability of FFVP foods to elementary schools.

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 cost 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:



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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:**