

COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response Waivers and Q&As

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Illinois State Board of Education intends to use all available program flexibilities and contingencies to serve our program participants. Here is a summary of the waiver response to COVID-19 for Child Nutrition Programs.

USDA has issued [a series of question and answer documents](#) on flexibilities and waivers for the Child Nutrition Programs intended to support effective operations and provide meals, while also supporting social distancing in order to reduce the exposure to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). These Q&A documents include:

- [Q&As for the Child Nutrition Programs During School Year 2020-21 – #5](#)
- [Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Operations for SY 2020-21 During COVID-19](#)
- [Q&As related to FSMC Contracts and Allowable Costs during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Q&As on the Nationwide Waiver to Extend Unanticipated School Closure Operations through June 30, 2020](#)
- [Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program during COVID19](#)
- [Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program during COVID-19: Questions and Answers #2](#)
- [Questions and Answers related to the Child Nutrition Program Monitoring and Reporting Nationwide Waivers](#)
- [Child Nutrition Program Meal Service during Novel Coronavirus Outbreaks: Questions and Answers #3](#)
- [Child Nutrition Program Meal Service during Novel Coronavirus Outbreaks: Questions and Answers #4](#)
- [SFSP and NSLP SSO Nationwide Waivers - Questions and Answers](#)
- [Child Nutrition Program Nationwide Waivers: Questions and Answers](#)
- [COVID-19 SFSP and SSO Meal Delivery Using Existing Authority Question and Answer](#)

[Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-Congregate Feeding in the Child Nutrition Programs – EXTENSION #2](#) (6/25/20)

SUMMARY: Under this waiver, program operators may provide non-congregate meals during COVID-19-related operations throughout school year 2020-21. This waiver extends the Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-congregate Feeding in Child Nutrition Programs granted on May 14 that expires on Aug. 31, 2020, for all programs except the Summer Food Service Program. This waiver applies to state agencies administering, and local organizations operating the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Child and Adult Care Food Program.

[Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Time Flexibility in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Child and Adult Care Food Program – EXTENSION #2](#) (6/25/20)

SUMMARY: Under this waiver, program operators in a state with an approved waiver of meal service times may establish meal service times that support streamlined access to nutritious meals. This waiver extends the Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Service Time Flexibility in National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Child and Adult Food Program – EXTENSION granted on May 14 that expires on Aug. 31, 2020. This waiver applies to state agencies administering, and local organizations operating the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Child and Adult Care Food Program.

[Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children – EXTENSION #2](#) (6/25/20)

SUMMARY: Under this waiver, program operators in a state with an approved waiver allowing non-congregate meal distribution during COVID-19-related operations may distribute meals to a parent or guardian to take home to their children. State agencies must have a plan for ensuring that program operators are able to maintain accountability and program integrity. This waiver extends the Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children – EXTENSION granted on May 14, 2020, that expires on Aug. 31, 2020, for all programs except the Summer Food Service Program. This waiver applies to state agencies administering and local organizations operating the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Child and Adult Care Food Program.

[Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs – EXTENSION #4](#) (6/25/20)

SUMMARY: FNS waives, for all states, the requirements to serve meals that meet the meal pattern requirements during school year 2020-21. This waiver extends the Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs – EXTENSION 3 granted on June 8, 2020, that expires on July 31, 2020, for all programs except the Summer Food Service Program. This waiver applies to state agencies administering and local organizations operating the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Child and Adult Care Food Program.

[Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibility for Senior High Schools in the National School Lunch Program for School Year 2020-2021](#) (6/25/20)

SUMMARY: FNS waives, for all states, the requirement for senior high schools (as defined by the state educational agency) to participate in Offer Versus Serve during school year 2020-21. This waiver applies to state agencies and local organizations operating the National School Lunch Program.

[Families First Coronavirus Response Act \(FFCRA\) Opt-In Waiver for School Year 2020- 2021 National School Lunch Program USDA Foods Entitlement Calculations](#) (Date of Issuance 6/16/20)

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 2202(a) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA, P.L. 116-127) and in light of the exceptional circumstances of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency, the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is establishing a nationwide opt-in waiver to minimize the impact of school year (SY) 2019-2020 COVID-19 related school closures on State Distributing Agencies' (SDAs) SY 2020-2021 USDA Foods entitlement.

[Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for Sponsors in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#)

SUMMARY: FNS waives, for all CACFP sponsoring organizations, that CACFP monitoring requirements included at 226.16(d)(4)(iii) be conducted onsite. To ensure Program integrity during this time, sponsoring organizations should, to the maximum extent practicable, continue monitoring activities of Program operations offsite (e.g., through a desk audit). (2) This waiver applies to sponsoring organizations administering the Child and Adult Care Food Program. This waiver remains in effect through Sept. 30, 2021.

[Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies in the Child and Adult Care Food Program – EXTENSION 2](#)

SUMMARY: FNS waives, for all State agencies, that CACFP monitoring requirements included at Section 17 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as amended [42 U.S.C. 1766], as well as regulations at 7 CFR 226.6(b)(1) and 226.6(m)(6) be conducted onsite. To ensure Program integrity during this time, State agencies should, to the maximum extent practicable, continue monitoring activities of Program operations offsite (e.g., through a desk audit). This waiver extends the Nationwide Waiver of Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies in the Child and Adult Care Food Program – EXTENSION granted on June 8, 2020 that expires on August 31, 2020. (2) This waiver applies to State agencies administering the Child and Adult Care Food Program. This waiver remains in effect through Sept. 30, 2021.

[Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements in the School Meals Programs – Revised – EXTENSION 2](#)

SUMMARY: FNS waives, for all State agencies and school food authorities, school meals onsite monitoring requirements included at 7 CFR 210.8, 210.18, 220.8(h), and 210.18(c). This waiver extends the Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements in the School Meals Programs – Revised – EXTENSION granted on June 8, 2020 that expires on August 31, 2020. (2) This waiver applies to State agencies administering and school food authorities operating the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. This waiver remains in effect through June 30, 2021.

[Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for Sponsoring Organizations in the Summer Food Service Program – EXTENSION 2](#)

SUMMARY: FNS waives, for all SFSP sponsoring organizations, that SFSP monitoring requirements included at 7 CFR 225.15(d) be conducted onsite. To ensure Program integrity during this time, SFSP sponsoring organizations should, to the maximum extent practicable, continue monitoring activities of Program operations offsite (e.g., through a desk audit). This waiver extends the Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for Sponsoring Organizations in the Summer Food Service Program – EXTENSION granted on June 8, 2020 that expires on August 31, 2020. (2) This waiver applies to State agencies administering and local organizations operating the Summer Food Service Program. This waiver remains in effect through Sept. 30, 2021.

[Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies in the Summer Food Service Program – EXTENSION 2](#)

SUMMARY: FNS waives, for all State agencies, that SFSP monitoring requirements included at 7 CFR 225.7(d)(2)(ii) be conducted onsite. To ensure Program integrity during this time, State agencies should, to the maximum extent practicable, continue monitoring activities of Program operations offsite (e.g., through a desk audit). This waiver extends the Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies in the Summer Food Service Program – EXTENSION granted on June 8, 2020 that expires on August 31, 2020. (2) This waiver applies to State agencies administering and local organizations operating the Summer Food Service Program. This waiver remains in effect through Sept. 30, 2021.

[Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Summer Food Service Program – EXTENSION 5 \(7/30/20\)](#) This waiver remains in effect until Aug. 31, 2020.

SUMMARY: FNS waives, for all states, the requirements to serve meals that meet the meal pattern requirements during the public health emergency due to COVID–19. This waiver extends the Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs – EXTENSION #3, granted on June 8, 2020, that expires on July 31, 2020 for the Summer Food Service Program. (2) This waiver applies to State agencies administering, and local organizations operating, the Summer Food Service Program.

ISBE GUIDANCE: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/033020-waiver-CNP.pdf>

- [ISBE Meal Pattern Flexibility Form](#)

[Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-Congregate Feeding in the Child Nutrition Programs](#) (Approved 3/20/20; Illinois Approved 3/13/20) Extended (5/14/20): This waiver remains in effect until Aug. 31, 2020.

SUMMARY: Under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act at 42 U.S.C. 1753(b)(1)(A) and 42 U.S.C. 1761(a)(1)(D), and Program regulations at 7 CFR 225.6(e)(15) and 7 CFR 226.19(b)(6)(iii), Child Nutrition Program meals must be served in a congregate setting and must be consumed by participants on site. However, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service recognizes that in this public health emergency, waiving the congregate meal requirements is vital to ensure appropriate safety measures for the purpose of providing meals and meal supplements.

ISBE GUIDANCE: [COVID-19 and Non-Congregate USDA Reimbursable Meal Options \(COVID-19 Unanticipated School Closure Non-Congregate Meal Form\)](#)

Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Service Time Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs (Approved 3/20/20) Extended (5/14/20): This waiver remains in effect until Aug. 31, 2020.

SUMMARY: Under Program regulations at 7 CFR 210.10(l), 220.8(l), 225.16(c)(1) and (2), and 226.20(k), Child Nutrition Program meals must follow meal service time requirements. However, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service recognizes that in this public health emergency, waiving the meal service time requirements will support streamlined access to nutritious meals. Therefore, FNS waives, for all states, the requirements at 7 CFR 210.10(l), 220.8(l), 225.16(c)(1) and (2). State agencies may also adjust the time of meal service, as addressed at 226.20(k), including suspension of meal times as needed in the Child and Adult Care Food Program during the public health emergency.

Nationwide Waiver of the Activity Requirement in Afterschool Care Child Nutrition Programs (Approved 3/20/20) This waiver remains in effect through June 30, 2020, or upon expiration of the federally declared public health emergency, whichever is earlier.

SUMMARY: Under sections 17(r)(2)(B) and 17A(a)(2)(C) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1766(r)(2)(B) and 42 U.S.C. 1766a(a)(2)(C), respectively, afterschool meals and snacks must be served in a school or program with an educational or enrichment purpose. USDA FNS regulations further require at 7 CFR 210.10(o)(1)(ii) and 7 CFR 226.17a(b)(1)(ii) and (iii), eligible schools and at-risk afterschool care centers to serve afterschool meals and snacks in a structured and supervised environment, with an educational or enrichment activity. However, FNS recognizes that in this public health emergency, waiving these requirements is vital to ensure appropriate safety measures for the purpose of providing meals and meal supplements.

Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs (Approved 3/25/20) Extended (6/8/20): This waiver remains in effect until July 31, 2020.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service waives, for all states, the requirements to serve meals that meet the meal pattern requirements during the public health emergency due to COVID-19. This waiver applies to state agencies administering and local organizations operating the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, and Summer Food Service Program. This document relates to 7 CFR 210.10(b) and (c), 220.8(b) and (c), 225.16(d), and 226.20.

ISBE GUIDANCE: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/033020-waiver-CNP.pdf>

- [ISBE Meal Pattern Flexibility Form](#)

Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children (Approved 3/25/20)
Extended (5/14/20): This waiver remains in effect until Aug. 31, 2020.

SUMMARY: Under this waiver, program operators in a state with an approved waiver allowing non-congregate meal distribution during COVID-19-related operations may distribute meals to a parent or guardian to take home to their children. State agencies must have a plan for ensuring that Program operators are able to maintain accountability and program integrity. (2) This waiver applies to State agencies administering and local organizations operating the: National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, and Summer Food Service Program. This document relates to 42 U.S.C. 1761(f)(3), 7 CFR 210.10(a), 220.2 (Breakfast) and 220.8(a), 225.2 (Meals), 225.9(d)(7), and 226.2 (Meals).

ISBE GUIDANCE: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/033020-waiver-CNP.pdf>

Nationwide Waiver of Community Eligibility Provision Deadlines in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs (Approved 3/25/20) The CEP application period is extended through Aug. 31, 2020.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service waives, for all states and local education authorities, statutory and regulatory deadlines relating to Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) reporting and election during the public health emergency due to COVID-19. This waiver applies to State agencies administering and local organizations operating the: National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. This document relates to: 42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(1)(F)(iii)(I); 42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(1)(F)(v)(I); 42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(1)(F)(x)(I), (II) and (IV); 7 CFR 245.9(f)(3)(i); 7 CFR 245.9(f)(4)(i) and (iv); 7 CFR 245.9(f)(5) and (6); 245.9(f)(4)(i).

ISBE GUIDANCE: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/033020-waiver-CNP.pdf>

Nationwide Waiver of Monitoring Requirements for Sponsors in the Child and Adult Care Food Program
(Approved 3/27/20) (Extended 6/8/20) This waiver remains in effect through Aug. 31.

SUMMARY: FNS waives, for all CACFP sponsoring organizations, CACFP monitoring requirements at 7 CFR 226.16(d)(4)(iii) as follows: a) CACFP sponsors may conduct two reviews of their CACFP facilities; b) only one CACFP facility review is required to be unannounced; c) FNS waives that at least one unannounced review must include observation of a meal service; d) FNS waives the requirement that not more than six months may elapse between reviews; e) allows sponsoring organizations to review new CACFP facilities as a desk audit (2) This waiver applies to State agencies administering and school food authorities operating the: Child and Adult Care Food Program

USDA Q&A: [Questions and Answers Related to the Child Nutrition Program Monitoring and Reporting Nationwide Waivers](#)

[Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#) (Approved 3/27/20) (Extended 6/8/20) This waiver remains in effect through Aug. 31.

SUMMARY: FNS waives, for all State agencies, that CACFP monitoring requirements included at Section 17 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as amended [42 U.S.C. 1766], as well as regulations at 7 CFR 226.6(b)(1) and 226.6(m)(6) be conducted onsite. To ensure Program integrity during this time, State agencies should, to the maximum extent practicable, continue monitoring activities of Program operations offsite (e.g., through a desk audit). (2) This waiver applies to State agencies administering Child and Adult Care Food Program

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[Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements in the School Meals Program](#) (Revised 6/5/20) (Extended 6/8/20)

SUMMARY: FNS waives, for all State agencies and school food authorities, school meals onsite monitoring requirements included at 7 CFR 210.8, 210.18, 220.8(h), and 210.18(c). This waiver extends the Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements in the School Meals Programs – Revised granted on June 5, 2020, that expires on June 30, 2020. (2) This waiver applies to State agencies administering and school food authorities operating the: National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. This waiver remains in effect through Aug. 31, 2020.

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[Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for Sponsoring Organizations in the Summer Food Service Program](#) (Approved 3/27/20) (Extended 6/8/20) This waiver remains in effect through Aug. 31, 2020.

SUMMARY: FNS waives, for all SFSP sponsoring organizations, that SFSP monitoring requirements included at 7 CFR 225.15(d) be conducted onsite. To ensure Program integrity during this time, SFSP sponsoring organizations should, to the maximum extent practicable, continue monitoring activities of Program operations offsite (e.g., through a desk audit). This waiver applies to State agencies administering and local organizations operating the: Summer Food Service Program.

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Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies in the Summer Food Service Program (Approved 3/27/20) (Extended 6/8/20) This waiver remains in effect through Aug. 31, 2020.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service waives, for all state agencies, that SFSP monitoring requirements included at 7 CFR 225.7(d)(2)(ii) be conducted onsite. To ensure program integrity during this time, state agencies should, to the maximum extent practicable, continue monitoring activities of program operations offsite (e.g., through a desk audit). This waiver applies to state agencies administering and local organizations operating the Summer Food Service Program.

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Nationwide Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility Waivers through Aug. 31, 2020 (6/10/20)

SUMMARY: This waiver extends until Aug. 31, 2020: Previously approved Statewide waivers that allow Program operators to locate Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Seamless Summer Option (SSO) open sites in areas that do not meet area eligibility requirements. This waiver applies to State agencies administering and local organizations operating the SFSP and SSO. This document relates to 42 U.S.C. 1761(a)(1)(A)(i) and 7 CFR 225.2, 225.6(c)(2)(i)(G), 225.6(c)(3)(i)(B), 225.6(d)(1)(i), 225.14(c)(3), and 225.16(b)(4).

USDA 3/31/20 APPROVAL: <https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/IL-CN-COV-AreaEligibility-Approval.pdf>

Waiver to reimburse all Unanticipated School Closure SFSP meals at the self-preparation or rural per meal rates (Submitted 4/1/20)

SUMMARY: Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is requesting the ability to reimburse all Unanticipated School Closure Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) meals at the self-preparation or rural per meal rates for all Child Nutrition Program (CNP) Sponsors approved in SFSP to continue to serve meals during the COVID-19 outbreak. The maximum rate of reimbursement is being requested to support increased costs for shelf stable menu planning, additional meal packing supplies, transportation, and emergency procurement for meals for Sponsors that are experiencing higher costs due to non-congregate feeding and social distancing concerns.

Nationwide Waiver of 60 Day Reporting Requirements for January and February 2020 (Approved 4/1/20)

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service waives, for all state agencies, school food authorities, and CACFP and SFSP sponsoring organizations, the 60 day claims for reimbursement deadlines as set forth in the National School Lunch Act, Section 12(j) and further in federal regulations at 7 CFR 210.8(b)(1), 215.10(b), 220.11(b), 225.9(d)(6), and 226.10(e). This waiver only applies for claims covering operations in the months of January and February 2020 and is effective immediately.

[Nationwide Waiver to Allow Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites in the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option](#) (Approved 4/21/20)

SUMMARY: Under this waiver, for all States, Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO) closed enrolled sites during the COVID-19 public health emergency may determine site eligibility through area eligibility without collecting income eligibility applications. This waiver applies to State agencies administering and local organizations operating the SFSP or SSO. This document relates to 7 CFR 225.15(f).

[Nationwide Waiver to Waive First Week Site Visits in the Summer Food Service Program](#) (Approved 4/21/20)

SUMMARY: FNS waives, for all States, the requirement that Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsors are required to visit each of their sites at least once during the first week of operation. This waiver applies to State agencies administering and local organizations that have operated the SFSP successfully in the previous year, and SFSP sponsors in good standing that have successfully participated in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) or the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). This document relates to 7 CFR 225.15(d)(2).

[Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibilities in the Summer Food Service Program](#) (Approved 4/21/20)

SUMMARY: During the public health emergency due to COVID-19, FNS waives, for all States, requirements that limit the use of Offer versus Serve (OVS) to School Food Authorities and require sponsors to apply OVS under the rules followed for the National School Lunch Program. This waiver applies to State agencies administering and local organizations operating the Summer Food Service Program. This document relates to requirements at 42 U.S.C. 1761(f)(7) and 7 CFR 225.16(f)(1)(ii).

[Nationwide Waiver of Meal Service Time Restrictions in the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option](#) (Approved 4/21/20)

SUMMARY: FNS waives, for all States that elect to be subject to this waiver, the meal service time requirements allowing meals served outside of the standard meal times. This waiver applies to State agencies administering and local organizations operating the: Summer Food Service Program and National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option. This document relates to 7 CFR 225.16(c)(1) and (2), 210.10(l), and 220.8(l).

Nationwide Waiver of Local School Wellness Policy Triennial Assessments in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs (Approved 4/23/20)

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (the FFCRA) (PL 116-127) and based on the exceptional circumstances of this public health emergency related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is establishing a nationwide waiver to support schools unable to complete a triennial assessment of the local school wellness policies by June 30, 2020, due to school closures as a result of COVID-19. This waiver applies to state agencies that have local educational agencies (LEAs) administering the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and/or School Breakfast Program (SBP).

ISBE GUIDANCE: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Wellness-Policy-Assessment.pdf>

Nationwide Waiver of Food Service Management Contract Duration in the National School Lunch Program and Summer Food Service Program (Approved 4/23/20) This waiver remains In effect through Sept. 30, or until expiration of the federally declared public health emergency, whichever is earlier.

SUMMARY: FNS waives food service management company (FSMC) contracts duration requirements for all state agencies, school food authorities, and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsors. FSMC contracts that may expire by or around June 30, 2020 may be extended through school year 2020-2021 (June 30, 2021).

USDA Q&A: [Questions and Answers related to Food Service Management Company Contracts and Allowable Costs during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Nationwide Waiver of Annual Review Requirements for State Agencies in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (Approved 4/23/20) This waiver remains In effect through Sept. 30, or until expiration of the federally declared public health emergency, whichever is earlier.

SUMMARY: In light of the exceptional circumstances of this public health emergency, FNS is granting a nationwide waiver to help minimize potential exposure to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). This waiver applies to state agencies administering Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

Nationwide Waiver to Extend Unanticipated School Closure Operations Through June 30, 2020 (Approved 4/27/20)

SUMMARY: This waiver delays the transition from National School Lunch Seamless Summer Option (SSO) and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) operations during unanticipated school closures associated with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic to traditional SSO and SFSP operations through June 30, 2020.

Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Snack for Children (Approved 5/8/20)

SUMMARY: The Illinois State Board of Education Nutrition Department submitted a waiver request to the U.S. Department of Agriculture asking to allow approved Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program schools to provide the fresh fruit and vegetable snacks to parents or guardians without their children present. If this waiver is granted, households can continue to take appropriate safety measures outlined in the nationwide waiver.

