



## Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

**August 2020**

### **Institute for Child Nutrition** Virtual Training Sessions

The Institute for Child Nutrition (ICN) offers free virtual group training on a broad range of topics for child nutrition professionals working in school nutrition and child care settings. ICN will provide one of their best trainers to lead an interactive training session. ICN has been providing virtual training since April, and the feedback has been extremely positive.

Please visit the ICN website at - <https://theicn.org/virtual-group-training/> for more information, a list of current virtual topics, and a registration form. If you have any questions you may contact:

Margaret Schaff, Training Coordinator, Institute of Child Nutrition, email: [mschaff@olemiss.edu](mailto:mschaff@olemiss.edu).



### **Brighton CACFP Meal Pattern Trainings**

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce the online CACFP Meal Pattern training through Brighton.

Free on-line trainings are now available.

Brighton Training  
Website link:

[www.  
misponsortraining.com](http://www.misponsortraining.com)

A link to the training site is also located on the CACFP web page under the training button.

## Fresh Produce Safety National Institutional Buyer Survey

Do you purchase fresh produce for your food service operation? Please consider taking this survey.

**Responses are confidential.**

Aggregated data and analysis will be used to inform outreach and educational efforts in support of farm to institution food safety.

Survey Link: <https://bit.ly/2IFB3XI>

Questions about the survey?  
Contact Mariel Borgman, Michigan State University Extension at [mborgm@msu.edu](mailto:mborgm@msu.edu)



### Important Information regarding Child Care Relief Fund Grants

You can follow the status of grant payments at [www.michigan.gov/childcare](http://www.michigan.gov/childcare) where a list is posted weekly of the grant payments expected.

## Now Available: Webinar Recording How to Maximize the Exhibit A Grains Tool!

On June 11, 2020, Team Nutrition held a webinar to demonstrate the latest enhancements to the Exhibit A Grains Tool.

The Exhibit A Grains Tool allows you to search for your grain product as listed on Exhibit A and enter in the serving size from the product label. The tool helps you determine: 1) ounce equivalent (oz. eq) grains or grains/bread serving(s) for the grain product, 2) amount to serve to provide your desired grains contribution, and 3) with the new update, the amount to serve for a grain product in order to meet the minimum grains requirement by age/grade groups for specific child nutrition programs. This webinar provides a demonstration and in-depth practice for using the grains tool on the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs (FBG) Interactive Web-Based Tool. Participants will also experience the Exhibit A Grains Tool on the Mobile App, which allows program operators to determine the grains contribution and the amount to serve on-the-go.

The recording of the webinar is available at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/how-maximize-exhibit-grains-tool>.

### FDA UPDATES ON HAND SANITIZERS WITH METHANOL

- Methanol is an unacceptable ingredient for hand sanitizers and must not be used due to its toxic effects.
- FDA's investigation of methanol in certain hand sanitizers is ongoing and the agency will provide additional information as it becomes available.
- FDA updated the original list of more than 24 hand sanitizer products to avoid. It now has listed 75 such products to avoid.
- Information is available at: <https://www.fda.gov/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-hand-sanitizers-methanol>

## Income Guidelines for National Free and Reduced Priced Meals for Schools and the Child and Adult Care Food Program are announced.

The Michigan Department of Education has announced the household income guidelines established by the United States Department of Agriculture for free and reduced-price meals and free milk through the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Special Milk, and Child and Adult Care Food Programs. The income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

Families should contact their school, school district, childcare center, or family day care home sponsor to find out whether it participates in these programs.

Schools, childcare centers, adult day care centers, and family day care home sponsors will provide a form for applying for free or reduced-price meals. Only one application is required per household.

Adults, children, or foster children who are recipients of various programs such as Michigan's Family Independence Program, Food Assistance Program, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, or who are enrolled in Head Start, an At-Risk afterschool center, or an emergency shelter automatically qualify for free meals. Households with incomes less than or equal to the following guidelines qualify for free or reduced-price meals or free milk.

Total Family Size	Scale for Free Meals or Free Milk		Scale for Reduced Price Meals	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
1	\$16,588	\$ 1,383	\$23,606	\$1,968
2	\$22,412	\$1,868	\$31,894	\$2,658
3	\$28,236	\$2,353	\$40,182	\$3,349
4	\$34,060	\$2,839	\$48,470	\$4,040
5	\$39,884	\$3,324	\$56,758	\$4,730
6	\$45,708	\$3,809	\$65,046	\$5,421
7	\$51,532	\$4,295	\$73,334	\$6,112
8	\$57,356	\$4,780	\$81,622	\$6,802
For each additional family member add:	\$5,824	\$486	\$8,288	\$691



### Family Day Care Home Sponsor Expansion Opportunities in CACFP!

The MDE CACFP is looking for eligible organizations to provide oversight and guidance to family day care home providers by becoming a Family Day Care Home (FDCH) Sponsor. All family or group day care homes must come into the program under a sponsoring organization.

Financial assistance is available to a sponsoring organization for its administrative expenses associated with developing or expanding a food service program in family day care homes and initiating successful program operations.

Contact the CACFP Office at 517-241-5353 or MDE-CNAP-CACFP@michigan.gov with any questions.



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