



Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) News and Updates

May 6, 2021

The School Nutrition Programs News and Updates is now the Child Nutrition Programs News and Updates to reflect all programs that the Office of Health and Nutrition Services administers

SFSP Updates

SFSP MEGS+ Application

Reminder that the 2021 SFSP MEGS+ application is due by Friday, May 21st. Even if you don't have all your information at this time, it's important to get your application in as soon as possible. MDE has 30 days to approve applications. Once your application is approved, amendments can always be submitted to make changes or updates to your application.

MDE Trainings – Be sure to upload training certificates after completion in the miscellaneous attachment section of the application.

SFSP Office Hours

We continue to offer SFSP office hours every Thursday from 2-3pm. During the first 10 minutes, the SFSP team focuses on a selected topic for that week.

Thursday, May 6th

Communications: advertising, using social media, emails, texts, websites

Thursday, May 13th

Get to know your SFSP Team, how can we help, getting organized, resources available to you

We look forward to seeing you there!

SFSP Special Announcement

We are excited to announce that the Turnip the Beet Award is back! More information to follow with program specific details.

SFSP MEGS+ Training Webinar - Posted on the Website

MEGS+ Training Webinar is now available on the [SFSP Training Page](#). This optional training will cover how to complete the 2021 SFSP MEGS+ application.

Help Documents Now Available!

MDE has recently been making updates to our [website](#).

You can now find help on how to navigate the following:

- Educational Entity Master (EEM)
- Grand Electronic Monitoring System/Michigan Administrative Review System (GEMS/MARS)
- MDE Nutrition Gateway
- Michigan Child Nutrition Training Calendar
- Michigan Educational Information System (MEIS)
- Michigan Electronic Grant Systems Plus (MEGS+)
- Michigan Nutrition Data System (MIND)

You can also find step by step directions on how to link your MILOGIN and MEIS account. As a reminder, if you do not complete this, you will be locked out of the system.

Upcoming Events

County-wide Calls

Topic: County-wide Training for Child Nutrition Program Sponsors

Date: May 2021

Time: Varies

Agenda:

- Review SFSP, CACFP and NSLP current requirements and updates
- Topics will include:
 - USDA Waiver Updates
 - 2021 CNP-Summer Food Service Program Application – MEGS+
 - SFSP Training Requirements
 - SFSP Office Hours
 - SFSP Monitoring
 - Proper Meal Counting/Claiming
 - Offer vs Serve
 - CACFP Updates
 - NSLP Updates
 - SSO Update
 - SFSP FAQ's
 - Time for questions

Analysts from SNP and CACFP will individually contact Sponsors based on County with specific details to join these calls. We look forward to having you join the conversation!

Town Hall Meetings

Topic: Town Hall Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86202532416?pwd=M0NzVkFhNk1JSzNzbktlbzdWVEJGZz09>

Password: b3A3JS

Or Telephone:

Dial: USA 404 443 6397

USA 8773361831 (US Toll Free)

Conference code: 806533

Going From Good To Great! – Michigan Seamless Summer 101

Topic: Join Michigan Department of Education and No Kid Hungry to engage in conversation in what Michigan's Seamless Summer Program will look like in the 21-22 school year. The meeting will be an hour filled with conversation and information designed to help plan for the upcoming school year and provide more insight into what the SSO program will look like. This is a great place to ask questions and engage with MDE and other Michigan directors!

Date: Thursday May 13th

Time: 3:00-4:00pm

Cost: FREE

[Pre-registration](#) is required.

CDC and USDA Host a Best Practices Webinar

Date: Wednesday, May 19

Time: 3:00 pm EDT

Topic: for [A Guide to Reopen Schools: Best Practices in Food Safety and COVID-19 Prevention](#). In this session, speakers provide an overview of best practices for COVID-19 mitigation and school-reopening. CDC and USDA representatives will:

- Provide an update on USDA's most recent waivers and discuss food safety best practices for all service models for back to school planning.
- Discuss current COVID-19 safety guidance in school food service and serving meals in schools.
- Share and discuss materials containing actionable information on best practices for COVID-19 prevention and re-opening schools.

[Register now!](#)

Town Hall Meetings

Topic: Town Hall Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89930794471?pwd=WFZEYTRlcEhac1ludzlk1clVmZlQ4UT09>

Password: YKVB71

Or Telephone:

Dial: USA 404 443 6397

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Conference code: 806533

Grant Opportunities

No Kid Hungry- Summer Meals Opportunity

No Kid Hungry Michigan has a Summer Meals Opportunity Grant that is now open and accepting applications. This grant will be awarded to community sponsors and school districts to assist in continuing meal service over the summer months. The purpose of this grant is to maximize the child nutrition programs and other emergency food programs to ensure NO child goes hungry over the summer months! [Visit this page](#) to learn more about the grant and apply.

DUE DATE: May 21st, 2021

ELIGIBILITY PRIORITIES:

- Equity
- Economic and Covid-19 Impact
- Ability to Serve Kids Today and in the Future

Please reach out to Mindy Grant, RD grantm9@michigan.gov with any questions or if further information is needed.

Grant Opportunity for Michigan K-8 Schools in 2021-22: Evidence-Based CATCH Whole Child Guided Journey

Are you ready to pour Miracle-Gro on your school wellness program? This year, a cohort of thirteen Michigan schools is successfully building and sustaining their Whole Child school climates with the easy to use, evidence-based [CATCH Program](#). You can see the impact CATCH is making in the Lawton Community School District [here](#). CATCH Global Foundation is currently gauging interest from K-8 schools throughout Michigan in taking part in the 2021-22 school year cohort. There is space for only 30 schools in the entire state, so make sure to secure your spot by indicating your interest on this two question [form](#) by **May 31, 2021** or reach out anytime to Abby Rose arose@catch.org with questions or for more information.

Your school wellness team will receive training, evidence-based resources and technical assistance throughout the year to fully mobilize your whole school community with simple, step by step ways to promote healthy eating, physical activity and create a healthy school environment in alignment with the Michigan Healthy Schools Action Tool (HSAT) and the Michigan Department of Education MICIP Continuing Improvement Process.

Updates, Guidance, and Regulation Information from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services

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Now Available! Child Nutrition Database Release 24

The *Child Nutrition Database, Release 24 (CN24)*, is now [available](#). The CN24 is a required database for nutrient analysis software approved by USDA for use in school meals.

Action Steps for Nutrient Analysis Software Companies:

To maintain USDA approval, software companies must submit their nutrient analysis and certification of compliance software, updated to include CN24, to the USDA Software Evaluation Team by **Thursday, July 1, 2021**. Instructions for submitting software to USDA is being provided directly to USDA-approved software companies. New companies seeking approval should contact the USDA Software Evaluation Team at cnpntab@usda.gov.

FNS recommends that companies also send a copy of their updated software to their customers by July 1, 2021.

Action Steps for State Agencies, School Food Authorities (SFAs), and Local Schools:

After July 1, 2021, State agencies, SFAs, and local schools should verify with their nutrient analysis software company to ensure that the software includes the most current version of the Child Nutrition Database (version CN24).

Resources for Team Nutrition CACFP Organizations and Team Nutrition Schools

[Team Nutrition Schools](#) and [Team Nutrition CACFP Organizations](#) are part of an important network committed to providing healthy meals and environments for program participants. Joining the network is free and easy and members can request free nutrition resources.

During the month of May, enrolled members will receive an email on how to request these resources.

Team Nutrition CACFP Organizations will be able to request free printed copies of these materials:

- [Child and Adult Care Food Program Trainer's Tool: Serving Milk](#) bingo-style training, available in English and Spanish;
- [Make Today a Try-Day! Stickers](#); and
- Discover New Foods Decals, which include decals for [Dairy](#), [Fruits](#), [Grains](#), [Proteins](#), and [Vegetables](#).

Team Nutrition Schools will be able to request free printed copies of these materials:

- Discover New Foods Decals, which include decals for [Dairy](#), [Fruits](#), [Grains](#), [Proteins](#), and [Vegetables](#);

- Fueling My Life Decals, which include decals for [Active](#), [Busy](#), [Colorful](#), [Creative](#), and [Flavorful](#);
- [Make Today a Try-Day! Stickers](#);
- [MyPlate Nate and Kate School Lunch Stickers](#); and
- [Launch Your Day with Breakfast! Stickers](#).

State agencies and Food and Nutrition Service Regional Offices can request copies of any of the above nutrition resources for use as part of their Child Nutrition Program training activities by contacting TeamNutrition@USDA.gov.

Reminders and Due Dates

ACTION NEEDED: Linking MILogin and MEIS

We want to remind everyone about the messages coming through MEGS+ requesting users to create a MILogin for Third Party account and link that account to their current MEIS account.

This is a requirement and the first step in the transition to our new system, NexSys. If you haven't done this already, please do so as soon as possible. [Instructions](#) on how to complete this are available.

By getting this step done now, it will save time and added stress when users are finally required to access and work in NexSys.

School Food Authority Verification Collection Report

The School Food Authority Verification Collection Report (SFA-VCR) is open. **The deadline for completing the SFA-VCR report is June 1, 2021.** The web-based SFA-VCR is accessible through the upgraded [Michigan Nutrition Data System \(MIND 2.0\)](#).

This report is mandatory for all School Food Authorities (SFAs) and Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCIs) operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and/or the School Breakfast Program (SBP), including RCCIs that are exempt from verification requirements.

Districts that are entirely Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) do not need to complete the SFA-VCR. The report has been certified by MDE. Partial CEP districts are still required to conduct verification and submit the SFA-VCR. Special milk only sponsors are not required to complete this report.

Instructions for completing the SFA-VCR can be found on the School Nutrition Website under [Steps to Complete Verification](#) and are included below.

- [Instructions for Public and Non-public Sponsors Completing the SFA-VCR](#)
- [Instructions for RCCIs Completing the SFA-VCR](#)

Questions regarding SFA-VCR may be directed to:

- Natalee Mickelson, School Nutrition Programs, by email at MickelsonN@michigan.gov.
- Office of Health and Nutrition Services, School Nutrition Programs at MDE-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov.

Training Corner

Michigan Nutrition Training Calendar

During this time of necessary social distancing, it is very important for the field to have access to all the virtual trainings available to them, to help them continue to do their jobs. If you are offering an online/virtual training, please fill out and submit this questionnaire: [I want my training added to the Michigan Nutrition Training Calendar](#). Be sure to fill out ALL of the information including NA if the question does not apply. Trainings cannot be added to the calendar without the complete information.

Please visit the [Michigan Nutrition Training Calendar](#), a one-stop-shop calendar that lists child nutrition trainings across the state. The more trainings listed, the better the calendar will be for our Child Nutrition Programs!

If you have questions, contact MDE-MINutritionTraining@michigan.gov.

[How to Access the Michigan Nutrition Training Calendar](#).



Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Can non-school sponsors participate in the SFSP through Sept. 30th to use the waivers that are currently in place?

Answer: When the local school district around your site goes back to school for the school year, then your SFSP site can no longer operate.

Question: The food delivery did not come in as ordered and we were short a meal component. What should I do?

Answer: Request a supply chain waiver by filling out [this form](#) within 3 days of the incident.

Question: I have a family that reported that they have moved and did not receive their P-EBT card, what shall I do?

Answer: Please work with your pupil accounting partners to ensure the address has been updated in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS). If it has not been updated a Student Record Maintenance (SRM) can be done in the MSDS up until May 14, 2021, for address changes to make the next P-EBT eligibility file that is being sent to MDHHS the week of May 17th.

If there have been any address changes in MSDS since the Fall General Collection data was certified, families will need to call 833-905-0028 to request a new card. These changes may have happened via a SRM or in the Spring General Collection. MDHHS will not automatically generate new cards for changes of address without families contacting them first.

Contact Us

Email: MDE-SchoolNutrition@Michigan.gov

Nutrition Gateway: The Michigan Department of Education [Nutrition Gateway](#) provides Child Nutrition Program (CNP) agencies a singular system to access annual CNP applications (MEGSplus), monthly claims (MIND) and periodic administrative reviews (GEMS/MARS) through an integrated dashboard and portal.

If you or someone you know is interested in receiving the Child Nutrition Programs News and Updates and Bulletins, visit [Child Nutrition Programs News and Updates Subscription](#).

Support

[School Nutrition Programs](#)

www.michigan.gov/schoolnutrition
Email: MDE-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov

[Summer Food Service Program](#)

www.michigan.gov/sfsp
Email: mde-sfsp@michigan.gov

[Child and Adult Care Food Program](#)

www.michigan.gov/cacfp
Email: mde-cnap-cacfp@michigan.gov

[Food Distribution](#)

www.michigan.gov/mde-fdp
Email: mde-fmfd@michigan.gov

[Fiscal and Administrative Services](#)

www.michigan.gov/mde-fast
Email: MDE-Fiscal@michigan.gov

[Procurement and Contracts](#)

www.michigan.gov/mde-foodservicecontracts
Email: mde-fsmc-vended@michigan.gov

[School Health and Safety](#)

www.michigan.gov/cshsp

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
2. fax: (202) 690-7442; or
3. email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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