



School Nutrition Programs (SNP) News and Updates

September 24, 2020

National School Lunch Week

National School Lunch Week is October 12-16, 2020. MDE would like to celebrate the good work you are doing feeding kids. Please submit photos of the meals you serve and/or your staff. Photos can be sent to MDE-SchoolNutrition@michigan.gov by October 1. Check out [School Nutrition Association](#) for promotion materials and resources.

Meal Pattern Comparison Chart

Feeling confused about components in the meal pattern with all the switching between programs? Check out this [comparison chart](#) of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) meal patterns. Any questions may be directed to mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant (FFVP) Conditional Awards

Conditional awards have been made for the SY 2020-2021 FFVP Grant, for the period October 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

These awards are tentative, pending an official Grant Award Notification from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

[FFVP Schools Awarded](#)

[FFVP Schools Not Awarded](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The following is from CDC: Does your school have an employee wellness program? School staff can give their best when they feel their best. [School employee wellness programs](#) can help improve both employees' and students' well-being. Research shows that school employee wellness programs can:

- boost staff productivity
- decrease employee absenteeism
- decrease employee healthcare costs.

In addition, fostering the physical and mental health of school employees helps to support [student health and academic success](#) when staff [model healthy behaviors](#).

Schools can find tools on [CDC's website](#) to support implementing employee wellness programs – including ideas for programs that can be implemented with limited resources. A [school employee wellness guide](#) and [CDC's Workplace Health Resource Center](#) will help you gather the data, information, and support you need to develop, implement, and evaluate a program in your school today.

Be sure to check out this [short video](#) for inspiration!

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

USDA Memorandum SP 25-2020, CACFP 14-2020, SFSP 14-2020: Questions and Answers Relating to the Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option Operations through December 2020

This [memorandum](#) includes questions and answers intended to provide clarification to State agencies and program operators as they operate the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), NSLP Seamless Summer Option (SSO), Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) in the coming months, during the pandemic.

USDA Waivers

[Nationwide Waiver to Allow Reimbursement for Meals Served Prior to Notification of Approval and Provide Flexibility for Pre-Approval Visits in the Summer Food Service Program](#)

Pursuant to section 2202(a) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (the Act) (P.L. 116-127), and in light of the exceptional circumstances of this public health emergency, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is granting a nationwide waiver to allow State agencies to reimburse Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsors for meals served prior to the sponsor receiving written notification that the sponsor or site has been approved for participation in the Program. FNS is also waiving the requirement for State agencies to conduct pre-approval visits of SFSP sponsors and sites. This waiver is expected to support access to nutritious meals while minimizing potential exposure to the pandemic.

[At-Risk Afterschool Area Eligibility Waiver](#)

Pursuant to the authority in Section 2202(a) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (the FFCRA) (P.L. 116-127) and based on the exceptional circumstances of this public health emergency, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is issuing a nationwide waiver of area eligibility requirements to support access to nutritious meals while minimizing potential exposure to the pandemic. This waiver is in effect through December 31, 2020, and applies to the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) At-Risk Afterschool Care Component.

Professional Standards Training Tracker Tool Webinar

On August 12, 2020, Team Nutrition held the webinar, [Track Training Like a Star with the Professional Standards Training Tracker Tool \(PSTTT\)](#). This webinar provided an overview of the Professional Standards for school nutrition professionals and the PSTTT. Team Nutrition showcased the newest enhancements, such as a streamlined way to enter training titles, the ability to deactivate employees, and the capability to earn reward badges for completing one or more trainings under a specific key area and completing trainings in more than one key area.

Now Available! Deactivate Past Employees for a Particular School Year from the PSTTT

New features are now available on the PSTTT. Team Nutrition appreciates receiving your feedback on the PSTTT and works continuously to enhance the user experience. Per the overwhelming feedback, Team Nutrition has further enhanced the capability for directors and manager users to deactivate and remove staff that no longer work at the school, district, or organization. This update now allows the user to deactivate/remove the staff for a particular school year and indicate the specific date the deactivation will take or took effect. In addition, the user guides have been updated to reflect the newest features to ensure users are reaping all the benefits of the PSTTT's enhancements to date.

Track your professional standards required training hours today using USDA's free [PSTTT](#).

Help Fund Your School Breakfast Program with Kellogg's and No Kid Hungry School Breakfast Grant

MISSION TIGER™ has helped fund [middle school sports programs](#) for kids across the country, impacting over 367K kids, from 1,000 schools, in 49 states. We want every kid to have a nourishing start to their day and have the chance to play like a tiger. However, many do not have access to breakfast. That's why **Kellogg's®** and **No Kid Hungry®** are taking our school impact further by partnering with K-12 food service to ensure that breakfast is a part of every student's morning – for a strong and active student body. For further information, visit [Mission Tiger](#).

Any school currently participating in the National School Breakfast Program is eligible to apply for the grant. (You can still apply even if you have switched to SFSP given the recent USDA waiver.) The grant application period ends September 30, 2020.

Reminders and Due Dates

Town Hall Meetings

Topic: Town Hall Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2020

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

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

<https://zoom.us/j/92945619834?pwd=Mjg1cG40ejNpTDFscDdkUkpkbUs1QT09>

Password: J39Y82

Or Telephone:

Dial: USA 404 443 6397

USA 8773361831 (US Toll Free)

Conference Code: 806533

Topic: Town Hall Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2020

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

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

<https://zoom.us/j/95021278376?pwd=b2diUS95ZEhhYWFUTEZKMIpNTFBxUT09>

Password: S7Uk7G

Or Telephone:

Dial: USA 404 443 6397

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2021 MEGS+ CNP: SNP Application Available

If your school is going to switch to Extended SFSP beginning in August or September 2020, you must still complete the 2021 MEGS+ SNP application. It is very important that MDE approves both the 2020 SFSP and the 2021 SNP applications.

Michigan Electronic Grant System Plus (MEGS+) Child Nutrition Programs (CNP): School Nutrition Programs (SNP) 2021 Application is now available.

The MEGS+ website for completing the SNP 2021 Application is at [MEGS+](#).

Application Due Date

The table below shows the MEGS+ application deadlines based on the first month in the 2020-2021 School Year for which you may submit a claim for reimbursement in the School Nutrition Programs.

Application Due Date: October 1, 2020

Please note a 2021 SNP Application must be submitted and approved in order to submit claims for July and August 2020.

Questions regarding the 2021 SNP MEGS+ application may be directed to your analyst, mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov, or 517-241-5374.

USDA Foods Program

USDA Foods - School Food Authorities (SFA's) must complete the *Request for USDA Foods Delivery* portion of the SNP application within MEGS+ to participate in the USDA Foods Program for **School Year 2021-2022**. When completing the SNP application within the View/Edit screen, the *Request for USDA Foods Delivery* form will be found under Program Forms. The deadline to choose to participate in the USDA Foods Program is October 15, 2020. **The SFA consortium decision is then irrevocable for School Year 2021-2022.**

Attached below you will find two documents that might assist you with making your consortium choice, those documents are the USDA Foods Consortia Services and Department of Defense (DoD) Services by Consortia. As a friendly reminder, your SFA already selected its consortium choice for SY 2020-2021 within the SY 2019-2020 MEGS+ SNP application and food ordering for the upcoming school year has already begun. If you have questions, please contact Jaime Malnar at MalnarJ1@michigan.gov or MDE-FMFD@michigan.gov.

[USDA Foods Consortia Services SY 2021-2022](#)

[Consortia DoD SY 2021-2022](#)

New School Nutrition Program (SNP) 2021 MEGS+ Application Completion Instructions

Indirect Cost (question #13 on the Sponsor Information page):

For Public Schools and Public School Academies: Please answer "Yes" to 13d (Public School rate) - every Public School and Public School Academy has an approved unrestricted indirect cost rate and we do not need any documentation uploaded.

For Non-public Schools, RCCIs, or brand-new Public School Academies: Please answer "No" to 13d. You will then be required to answer 13a. This answer should be "0" unless you have a negotiated indirect cost rate from another Federal Agency/Entity. Any questions about Indirect Cost rates can be directed to MDE-Fiscal@michigan.gov.

Quick Guide:

- If you put a "0" for 13a., you do not need to do anything else for question #13.
- If you put anything other than "0" for 13a., you will be required to answer 13b. and 13c. by uploading supporting documentation, specifically a letter from the other Federal Agency/Entity that verifies your approved negotiated indirect cost rate.

Attachments (shown on the bottom of the View/Edit Page):

For all NSLP Participants: You are required to complete the SY 2020-2021 Meal Service Model Form. Emails were sent on August 6, 2020, explaining the process of uploading the required form.

For District-wide CEP: You are not required to upload any letters or documents (unless you have a new Food Service Director).

For any RCCIs without day students (meaning you answered “No” to question #11 on the Sponsor Information Page): You must upload a document for each attachment. It can say “We are an RCCI without day students”. Unfortunately, this could not be avoided so please upload the same document for each attachment.

For any RCCIs with day students (meaning you answered “Yes” to question #11 on the Sponsor Information Page): You must upload all documents and letters relating to Free and Reduced-Price Meals Applications.

For all other programs (including Partial-CEP): You must upload all documents and letters relating to Free and Reduced-Price Meals Applications.

For all Special Milk Program sponsors: You will need to upload the documents and letters relating to Free and Reduced-Price Meals Applications. You can ask your analyst if you have questions.

All questions about completing your SNP 2021 MEGS+ application, please contact your SNP analyst or email MDE-SchoolNutrition@michigan.gov.

Michigan Apple Crunch

See the following message from the Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch:

We recognize that this year may be different for many of our schools and other institutions who have typically participated in the Apple Crunch, however, the event will take place this year as planned! We are offering lots of options for Michigan schools, childcare centers, and other organizations to still celebrate Michigan’s abundance of fresh, local produce by crunching into Michigan apples or apple slices wherever you may be located come October. The official date is October 8, but you can celebrate any time in October.

We will also be sharing lots of resources to create activities and lessons to highlight the bounty of Michigan’s apple season. Please visit our [registration page](#) to ensure your crunch is counted and share your plans, photos from your event, and follow along on Facebook [@miapplecrunch](#).

To support your Michigan Apple Crunch:

- Check out [Cultivate Michigan](#) resources to help you [source](#) Michigan apples from distributors and food hubs for your institutions and [promote](#) them in your cafeterias.
 - Visit the [Michigan Apple Committee](#) website that has searchable tools to help you find Michigan apples at farm markets and stores as well as activities for kids and resources for teachers.
 - Go to [Michigan Farm to School](#) for a range of resources and tools to help with your ongoing farm to school work at schools and early child care and education sites.
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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 MI 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 MI Nutrition Training Calendar](#)

School Nutrition Programs Training - Update

During this time of necessary social distancing, MDE has canceled scheduled in-person trainings for the time being. Instead, MDE will begin offering virtual training on various topics. Please check back periodically at the [MDE Training Website page](#) to see what is planned.

Questions of the Week

Question: Are teachers considered program adults in extended SFSP? Can they receive a meal?

Answer: Yes, if teachers are counting meals at Point of Service (POS), making sure kids are taking a reimbursable meal and discarding leftovers (watching over food safety), they can receive a meal. Program adults work directly with the meal service at the site as either volunteers or paid employees. Meals may be served free to adults who meet this definition. These meals may not be claimed for reimbursement, but may be counted as operating costs [7 CFR 225.9(d)(5)].

When a sponsor chooses to serve meals to adults, the rules below must be followed:

- All children (including any person who meets the definition of (7 CFR 225.2) must be fed first.
- Income from the sale of adult meals and non-program funds used to pay for adult meals must be documented as income to the program to offset documented costs
- Meals served to children (including second meals), Program adults, and non-program adults must be counted and recorded separately on the daily meal count form.

Question: If I am extended SFSP and providing meals to students face to face and in non-congregate settings, how do I monitor the program?

Answer: You will need to monitor both the non-congregate and the face to face students. This means that you may have to complete 2 monitor review forms; one for the students receiving meals in the school building and another to capture what is happening during the non-congregate portion of the meal service.

Question: If our district is operating extended SFSP, do we need to conduct verification?

Answer: MDE has submitted this question to USDA and is waiting on guidance to confirm whether or not school districts that are operating SFSP need to complete verification. Our office will continue to provide updates as they are available.

School districts that are participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) for SY 2020-2021 are still required to conduct verification. Verification templates and instructions are being updated for this school year and will be posted to the [verification webpage](#) prior to October 1, the start of verification.

Whether you are participating in NSLP or SFSP, it is important to remember that all public schools should continue to run the direct certification report and to collect and process free and reduced-price applications and household information reports. This data is reported in the fall collection and is used for state funding allocations. The [Supplemental Nutrition Eligibility Component Overview](#) handout outlines how to identify students and how the data is used.

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 School Nutrition News and Updates and SNP Bulletins, visit [School Nutrition News and Updates Subscription](#).

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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
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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Links Used in this Document:

<http://schoolnutrition.org/meetings/events/nslw/2020/toolkit-handouts/>
https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Meal_Pattern_Comparison_Chart_703253_7.pdf
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<https://www.cdc.gov/workplacehealthpromotion/index.html>
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<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/qas-relating-nationwide-waiver-allow-sfsp-sso-operations-through-december-2020>
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<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/nationwide-waiver-of-area-eligibility-in-at-risk-afterschool-care>
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