



School Nutrition News From

September 20, 2019

10 Cents Per Meal Grant

The 2019-2020 10 Cents Per Meal Grant application **is not yet available**. The reason is that the Michigan Department of Education must wait for the Governor to sign the final budget bill to begin any program planning. This bill language will determine the overall budget, eligible regions, and program dates. As soon as we know more, we will update all of you.

In the meantime, please save your local produce receipts and invoices if you are interested in the program. If you are not familiar with the 10 cents grant, this is a matching grant that can award up to \$0.10 for each meal served with produce that has been grown in Michigan. For information and success stories on the grant, visit [10 Cents A Meal](#).ⁱ If you have questions regarding the grant, please contact Jaime Malnar at malnarj1@michigan.gov or 517-335-3792 or Liana Bennett at bennettL4@michigan.gov or 517-241-5349.

No Kid Hungry

The No Kid Hungry Center for Best Practices provides the tools and resources needed to help elected officials and their staff, educators and community leaders achieve success in fighting childhood hunger. Sharing what's new, upcoming webinars, grant opportunities, and partner updates. [September 2019](#)ⁱⁱ

NEW: Child Nutrition Recipe Box!

Team Nutrition's USDA standardized recipes will be moving to the Institute of Child Nutrition's Child Nutrition Recipe Box!

The Child Nutrition Recipe Box (CNRB) provides Child Nutrition program operators with recipes to prepare healthy and delicious meals that meet meal pattern requirements. These recipes are standardized to provide meal pattern crediting information for all meal pattern components and include recipes made with legumes, whole grains, and vegetables from the vegetable subgroups including dark green, red, and/or orange vegetables.

The Child Nutrition Recipe Box will be rolled out in multiple phases.

Phase One - Available September 16

On September 16, Child Nutrition programs will be able to access a growing collection of USDA Standardized Recipes on the CNRB website. Recipes will be organized by main entrées, vegetables, fruits, and grains, as well as alphabetically for users looking for a specific recipe.

Users will be able to download and print recipes as needed.

Phase Two - Available Spring 2020

The Child Nutrition Recipe Box will provide tools and resources to help program operators Navigate and implement standardized recipes. These resources will include:

- Search tools to find recipes using a variety of search filters, such as USDA Program, Cooking Equipment, Recipe Categories, and Cuisine, to help users identify recipes of interest to them;
- "Build My Cookbook" where users can save their favorite recipes to make a customized cookbook;
- Shopping list feature where users can create a list of groceries from the selected recipes' ingredients; and
- Consumer-friendly features such as star ratings, recipe reviews, and options to share content on social media.

For up-to-date information on the Child Nutrition Recipe Box, please visit [Child Nutrition Recipe Box](#).ⁱⁱⁱ

Upcoming Events/Deadlines

Application Due Date

The Michigan Electronic Grants System Plus (MEGS+) Child Nutrition Programs (CNP): School Nutrition Programs (SNP) 2020 Application is now available. For the MEGS+ website for completing the SNP 2020 renewal/application, visit [MEGS+ Website](#).^{iv}

Please note a MEGS+ CNP: SNP 2020 Application must be submitted and approved in order to submit claims for SY 2019 – 2020. Submit your application by Friday, September 20, 2019.

USDA Foods Program

School food authorities (SFAs) 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 2020-2021**. 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, 2019.

The SFA consortium decision is then irrevocable for School Year 2020-2021.

The USDA Foods Consortia Services and Department of Defense (DoD) have two documents that might assist you with making your consortium choice. For a copy of these documents, contact the School Nutrition Programs office by phone 517-241-5374 or email mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov. As a friendly reminder, your SFA already selected its consortium choice for School Year 2019-2020 within the School Year 2018-2019 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 517-241-5348.

CEP Webinar: September 26, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m.

Topic: Community Eligibility Provisions (CEP) WEBINAR

(I am new to CEP – What's next?)

- What should I do with the Household Information Reports?
- October 1st is just around the corner; do I need to do verification?
- What will my claim look like?
- Looking ahead: Strategies for reapplying
- Q & A

To Register: Community Eligibility Provisions (CEP) Registration

Talk @ 2pm

The Office of Health and Nutrition Services is excited to announce Talk @ 2pm, an opportunity for professional development and training via Skype for Business. Talk @ 2pm will typically be held 2 or more times per month throughout 2019. Join SNP staff for an informal 30-minute to 1-hour Webinar meeting, in which they will provide a brief description of the noted topic and the remainder of the time is open for Q & A. Please see below for additional information and registration links for upcoming Talk @ 2pm topics:

September 24, 2019 - 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Topic: POINT OF SERVICE (POS) – COUNTING AND CLAIMING

- How to take an accurate count at Point of Service
- Acceptable and Unacceptable Points of Service
- Best practices throughout the State of Michigan
- Common findings during Administrative Reviews

To Register: Talk @2pm_POS-Counting and Claiming Registration Page

October 1, 2019 - 2:00 – 3:00pm

Topic: VERIFICATION

- How to properly complete the Steps of Verification including due dates
- Best Practices example: overtime and how to use different pay stubs
- Common findings during Administrative Reviews

To Register: Talk @ 2pm Verification

CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays Webinar Rescheduled

USDA Team Nutrition's next *CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays* webinar on "In-Grained:

Easy Tools to Determine Serving Amounts” has been rescheduled for November 14, 2019.

The English webinar will be offered at:

- Eastern Time: 2-2:30 p.m.
- Central Time: 1-1:30 p.m.
- Mountain Time: 12-12:30 p.m.
- Pacific Time: 11-11:30 a.m.

The Spanish webinar will be offered at:

- Eastern Time: 3-3:30 p.m.
- Central Time: 2 -2:30 p.m.
- Mountain Time: 1-1:30 p.m.
- Pacific Time: 12-12:30 p.m.

Registration for this webinar will be available soon. For more information, and to watch Recordings of previous webinars, please visit [Training Webinar Series](#).^v Accompany training materials, presentation slides, and other tools for selected *CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays* webinar recordings are available at: [CACFP Training Tools](#).^{vi}

You are Invited to a Webinar!

Exhibit A Grains Tool to the Rescue!
Wednesday, September 25, 2019 (2 – 3 pm EST)

Title: Exhibit A Grains Tool to the Rescue!

Target Audience: All Child Nutrition Program Operators, State Agency Staff, Food Industry, FNS National Office Staff, and Regional Office Staff

Team Nutrition is excited to demonstrate the Exhibit A Grains Tool, which is a new feature included with the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs Interactive Web-Based 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 then helps you determine:

- 1) ounce equivalent (oz eq) grains or grains/bread serving(s) for the grain product, and
- 2) amount to serve to provide your desired grains contribution.

Team Nutrition will provide in-depth practice for using the grains tool as well as highlighting The Newly released training video. Participants will also get to experience the Exhibit A Grains Tool on the Mobile App. Program operators can calculate the grain contributions on-the-go.

You do not want to miss this webinar. Register today! [TN-Webinar LINK](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. If you are unable to attend the LIVE webinar, there will be a recording of the

webinar announced and posted a few weeks after the webinar's completion.

SNAM Annual Conference and Exhibit Show

The SNAM Annual Conference and Exhibit Show will be held October 24-27, 2019, at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City. For more information, visit [SNAM Annual Conference and Exhibit Show Registration](#). Please consider attending as this is a great way to get up-to-date information on program regulations, best practices, and products available.

Take a Virtual Farm Tour of a Local Michigan Dairy Farm!

United Dairy Industry of Michigan invites classrooms on a **live** Virtual Farm Tour to a Michigan Dairy Farm. Without leaving the comfort of the classroom, students will get a peek at barns, cows and more as they see firsthand how dairy farmers care for their cows, the land, and produce delicious milk and other foods to enjoy! During the tour, your class will have an opportunity to ask questions that the farmer will answer live. Each tour will target grade-level Academic Standards.

Three tours available this fall:

- September 25, 2019 for grades Pre-K – 2nd
- October 2, 2019 for grades 6th – 12th
- October 9, 2019 for grades 3rd – 5th

Registration is free and easy. Visit [Virtual Farm Tour](#).^{vii}

Employment Opportunities

School Breakfast Contractor

The School Breakfast Contractor will implement the school breakfast expansion partnership of Share Our Strength and Michigan Department of Education, as part of the No Kid Hungry Michigan campaign, including engagement with schools, grant proposal assistance, and technical assistance support for select districts and schools in Michigan. The School Breakfast Contractor will provide the service in coordination with Share Our Strength and Michigan Department of Education to increase participation in the school breakfast program in Michigan. Click on the following link for more detailed information: [School Breakfast Contractor](#).^{viii}

School Nutrition Programs- School Nutrition Consultant

The Department of Education has posted a School District Consultant 11-P13 position (3103-19-141 LH), Office of Health and Nutrition Services, on the State of Michigan posting site. This permanent full-time position is located in Lansing and is open to internal employees and outside applicants. Click on the following link for more detailed information:
School Nutrition Consultant

Question of the Week

Question: Can households of employees on strike be approved for free or reduced-price school meal benefits? Should they be removed from the program when the strike is over?

Answer: The income eligibility guidelines for free and reduced-price school meals are based on annual income. While there is no prohibition on individual households with employees on strike applying for benefits during the school year, School Food Authorities (SFAs) should manage the application process in a manner which reflects each individual households' unique circumstances. Children of parents or guardians who experience a financial hardship mid-year may become Eligible for free and reduced-price meals at any point during the school year. During the strike period, these households may not have information on the duration of the strike or its ultimate impact on household income.

It is reasonable for SFAs to remind households that free or reduced-price eligibility is intended to reflect actual annual income. Strike benefits, unemployment compensation, and worker's compensation all count as reportable income. School districts should urge any households who are approved for free or reduced-price meals based on their reduced household income during a strike period to terminate their free/reduced price status should the economic hardship they had anticipated due to the strike be remedied by a return to work and/or restoration of pay for the strike period.

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Do you know an outstanding Michigan educator?
Nominate them for 2020-2021 Michigan Teacher of the Year!

The MTOY Program is accepting nominations through October 6.
Nominate an educator at <http://bit.ly/2020-2021MTOY>.
For more information visit www.michigan.gov/mtoy.

ⁱ<https://www.tencentsmichigan.org/>

ⁱⁱ<https://mailchi.mp/strength/september-whats-new?e=664c8952f0>

ⁱⁱⁱ<https://theicn.org/cnr/b/>

^{iv}https://mdoe.state.mi.us/MEGSPlus/Login2.aspx?APPTHEME=MIMDE_MEGSPLUS&ReturnURL=/megsplus/

^v<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/halftime-cacfp-thirty-thursdays-training-webinar-series>

^{vi}<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp-training-tools>

^{vii}<https://www.milkmeansmore.org/virtual-farm-tour/>

^{viii}<https://strength-openhire.silkroad.com/epostings/index.cfm?fuseaction=app.jobInfo&version=1&jobid=558>