

School Nutrition News From MDE

November 2, 2018

The information in this document helps support Goal 4, Strategy 4.1, of [MDE's Top 10 in 10 Initiative](#)ⁱ by helping to ensure students receive important nutritional resources to help them learn and grow.

Michigan Nutrition Data (MiND) System Security Update

Only school district employees can submit claims in the MiND System. The two Level 3 users able to submit the reimbursement claim as assigned in the MEGS+ application must be school district employees. Food Service Management Company (FSMC) or Vended Service Management Company (VSMC) employees are not legally authorized to submit the claim for reimbursement. The following certification statement indicates that the two Level 3 users listed in MEGS+ are legally authorized to submit claims: I certify that the person(s) named above are official(s) who are authorized to legally bind this entity. Please review the two people assigned to certify the reimbursement claim in your 2019 Child Nutrition Program (CNP) Application. If they are a FSMC or VSMC employee, please amend your application to reflect school district employees.

The two Level 3 users can assign Level 2 (edit/enter) and Level 1 (read only) users within the MiND system. Please contact Kristi Packer at 517-241-5381 or PackerK1@michigan.gov for assistance with assigning users or amending the MEGS+ application.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) News

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently released a memo rescinding waivers (program flexibilities) in the SFSP. This means there are changes to program requirements.

1. Previously, returning sites in good standing were not required to have a First Week Visit completed for monitoring. MDE encouraged sponsors to complete First Week Visits as a best practice. Starting in 2019, all sites **must** have a First Week Visit, Racial Ethnic Data Form, and Monitor Site Review (also known as Four Week Review) completed for monitoring requirements. If the site is new, a Pre-Operational visit must be completed prior to starting operations.
2. Offer vs. Serve will only be available for school food authorities. Non-school sponsors will no longer be able to use Offer vs. Serve.
3. Regulations will require at least three hours between the beginning of one meal service (including snacks) and the beginning of another meal service; i.e., breakfast served from :30 am - 9:30 am, lunch cannot begin before 11:30 am. If a residential camp or migrant site serve both lunch and supper, four hours must elapse between lunch and supper if snack is not served.
4. Closed-enrolled sites will only be able to qualify using free and reduced applications.

Please review the [SFSP 01-2019 Memo](#)ⁱⁱ for all the details. Stay tuned for additional guidance from USDA and MDE.

2019 Show Us Your Tray Photo Contest

Inspire other food service professionals and submit a picture of your most creative dish. It could be a main entrée, a side dish, or even a tasty dessert. With more than 200 USDA Foods items available, we want to highlight each food group and the innovative ways in which they can be used. Show us how you use USDA Foods proteins, fruits, vegetables, grains, and dairy to liven up your meals! Your submissions will provide other food service professionals with healthy, creative, kid-approved meal ideas using USDA Foods. Interested in showing what you can do? Visit the USDA [website](#)ⁱⁱⁱ to see the new award categories this year, review the contest rules, download a sample submission email, and read tips for top-notch photos!! Show off your tray and submit your photos to USDAFoods@fns.usda.gov by January 15, 2019!

Tuesday at 2 Webinar

One Tuesday each month, we will host a Webinar at 2:00 p.m. that will last approximately 30 to 45 minutes. Each webinar is designed to provide quick updates on the “latest and greatest” information on a designated topic for that month with the opportunity for participants to ask questions. Our next Tuesday at 2 Webinar is:

- **Date:** November 13, 2018
- **Topic:** Local Wellness Policy

To join this Webinar, pre-registration is required, and is open now. The link for the actual Webinar will be provided with your registration confirmation from Eventbrite. Please take advantage of this opportunity and join us in getting your Local Wellness Policy questions answered!

You can join this Webinar from a desktop or laptop computer with speakers. Phones are **not** necessary to hear the audio for this Webinar. Mobile devices can also be used, but some aspects of the webinar (i.e., polling questions) may not be visible on your screen. We will be using Skype for Business. If you are not familiar with this technology, you may want to join the webinar before 2:00 pm to check your video and audio settings.

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Our collective efforts can help make Michigan a Top 10 education state in 10 years! Here are the goals and strategies: <http://mi.gov/top10in10/>



ⁱ <https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-80635---,00.html>

ⁱⁱ <https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/sfsp/SFSP01-2019os.pdf>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/2019-show-us-your-tray-photo-contest>