

MEET UP EAT UP™

Summer Food Service Program

SFSP News and Updates

May 7, 2020

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Online Training

All SFSP staff are required to be trained annually (sponsors list this date in the SFSP MEGS+ application). Sponsors are required to attend MDE SFSP Training at least once every 3 years, although we encourage sponsors to attend annually. Due to all of the in-person MDE SFSP Trainings being cancelled this year, sponsors and staff will be able to take online training that will be available starting Friday, May 8, 2020. Online training will be available at [SFSP Sponsor Training](#).¹ SFSP Sponsors will need to register (**use Access Code: 1234**) and complete the Planning and Administering the SFSP 2020 (Michigan – 100) course. The date the SFSP Training is completed should be entered into the SFSP MEGS+ application.

Please note the [SFSP Training Website](#)¹ is a newer website and certain browsers or security settings might block the webpage.

Traditional SFSP Applications

The MEGS+ application deadline has been extended to **Wednesday, May 20, 2020**. Please have your application submitted at your earliest convenience.

Unanticipated School Closure SFSP

Sponsors participating in Unanticipated School Closure SFSP need to ensure the ending date in the intake form is correct. Click on the [Unanticipated School Closure SFSP Intake Form](#)² and use your MEIS login to log in and select the submitted form and make changes to the form.

Texting hotline available to find the nearest Unanticipated School Closure SFSP site!

- No Kid Hungry and MDE have launched a texting hotline to let families know about emergency food distribution sites in their neighborhoods. The Meet Up and Eat Up map will continue to be active, this is another method to find sites.
- Parents & caregivers can text the word “FOOD” or “COMIDA” to 877-877, enter in a full address or zip code to find the nearest sites.

Team Nutrition Resources

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service has released two new Team Nutrition resources that address meal service flexibilities during the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency. Regional offices and State Agencies are encouraged to share these resources with Child Nutrition Program operators. Both resources are available for download from the Team Nutrition website.

- [Child Nutrition Program Meal Service During COVID-19: Best Practices for Parent Pick Up³](#)
- [Feeding Kids When Schools Are Closed Due to Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)⁴](#)

MEGS+ Q & A Webinars for SFSP Sponsors

Sponsors participating in the SFSP this summer should join to get the latest program updates and ask any questions they may have.

Please note: The May 27, 2020, MEGS+ Q & A webinar has been rescheduled to June 1, 2020. Please pay close attention to new date and time below.

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020

Time: 10:00 am Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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

<https://zoom.us/j/96875244831?pwd=dHFMdGF6Y3BpaU5vakFYVlh4UXBXdz09>

Password: 6u94TH

Or Telephone:

Dial: USA 404 443 6397

USA 8773361831 (US Toll Free)

Conference code: 806533

Date: Monday, June 1, 2020

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

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

<https://zoom.us/j/97950882675?pwd=SS8xNmU3RWNOk43ekZpWE1uV21XZz09>

Password: 5akc3m

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Systems: [Nutrition Gateway](#)⁵

The Michigan Department of Education [Nutrition Gateway](#)⁵ provides Child Nutrition Program (CNP) agencies one system to access annual CNP applications (MEGSplus), monthly claims (MIND) and periodic administrative reviews (GEMS/MARS).

Hyperlinks for Ease of Access

1. <https://misponsortraining.com/>
- 2 <https://mdoe.state.mi.us/gems/public/QuestionnaireHome.aspx?code=i5b9tdev>
3. <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/child-nutrition-program-meal-service-during-covid-19>
4. <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/feeding-kids-when-schools-are-closed>
5. <https://mdoe.state.mi.us/gateway/Authentication/Login>
6. https://www.ocio.usda.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2012/Complain_combined_6_8_12.pdf

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