

OFFICE OF HEALTH AND NUTRITION SERVICES

Town Hall

July 15, 2020

PLEASE HOLD OFF ON QUESTIONS

- We have shut down the chat box and will open once the presentation is complete. Thanks!
- Reminder, State of Michigan staff are on layoff status 1 day per week (either Friday or Monday) and we are unable to do any work on that day (email, phone calls, text messages). Response times will be delayed! We will get to you as soon as possible.

TOWN HALLS

- PowerPoints are posted at:
 - [Office of Health and Nutrition Services Town Hall Meetings](#) webpage
- Q & A will be updated weekly and posted at:
 - [MDE COVID-19 Health and Nutrition Services Resources](#) webpage
- Next: July 29 and August 12

NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER EO 2020-142

- Schools must develop 3 plans, one for each reopening stage
- Stages 1-3
 - Schools are not open for in-person instruction
 - Schools are required to enact food distribution programs
- Stage 4
 - Schools are open for in-person instruction with stringent safety protocols
- Stage 5
 - Schools are open for in-person instruction with moderate safety protocols

STAGES 1-3, A CLOSER LOOK

- **Ensure**
 - Ensure a plan for nutrition services and student meals is in place and provide a list of alternative meal options to families.
- **Solidify**
 - Solidify food service processes, device distribution, delivery sites, and communication plans as necessary.

STAGE 4, A CLOSER LOOK

- **Required**
- Face coverings must be worn by all except during meals
- **Strongly Recommended**
- Everyone stays 6 feet apart (including hallways)
- Staggered schedules if space is an issue
 - Potentially with safe community locations identified for children whose parents cannot be home
- Classrooms or outdoor areas should be used for students to eat meals at school, if distancing guidelines cannot be met
- If cafeterias must be used, mealtimes should be staggered to create seating arrangements with six feet of distance between students.
 - Serving and cafeteria staff should use barrier protection including gloves, face shields, and surgical masks.
- If possible, school-supplied meals should be delivered to classrooms with disposable utensils.
- Use buses to provide food service and delivery of instructional materials (no in person instruction)

CACFP SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS AT RISK AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

- Provide care for children after school or on weekends, holidays, or school vacations during the normal operating school year
- Provide organized regularly scheduled education enrichment activities
- Site must be located in the geographic area where at least half (50%) of enrolled children in attendance area are eligible for free or reduced school meals

STAGE 5, A CLOSER LOOK

- **Strongly Recommended**

- Face coverings worn by all except during meals
- Serving and cafeteria staff should use barrier protection including gloves, face shields, and surgical masks.
- Students, teachers, and cafeteria staff wash hands before and after every meal.

- **Recommended**

- Scheduled handwashing every 2-3 hours
- Maintain 6 feet distance from others
- If possible, classrooms should be used for eating in place, taking into consideration food allergies.
- If cafeterias need to be used, mealtimes should be staggered to create seating arrangements with six feet of distance between students.
- If possible, school-supplied meals should be delivered to classrooms with disposable utensils.

RELEVANT USDA WAIVERS - APPROVED

- **Approved and Effective**
- Non-Congregate Feeding in Child Nutrition Programs
- Meal Service Time Flexibility (outside the 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. window)
- Parent/Guardian Meal Pick Up for Children
 - All expire June 30, 2021
 - Covers NSLP, SBP, CACFP
- Offer vs Serve Flexibility for Senior High Schools
 - Expires June 30, 2021
 - Covers NSLP
- **Approved – More Guidance to Come**
- Meal Pattern Flexibilities
 - Expires June 30, 2021
 - Covers NSLP, SBP, CACFP

RELEVANT USDA WAIVERS – NOT YET APPROVED

- **NOT Yet Approved**
- Potable Water Requirement
- FFVP Flexibilities
- After School Flexibilities
- Area Eligibility

MEAL SERVICE OPTIONS

- **Socially Distant Cafeteria**
 - Meals are served to students in the cafeteria with additional safety, distancing, and sanitation practices implemented
- **Meals in the Classroom**
 - Meals are served to students in the classroom
- **Mobile Cafeterias**
 - Meals are served on mobile food carts located throughout a school's campus
- **Offsite Meals**
 - Students that elect to continue distance learning are provided meals through delivery or a grab-and-go model

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT COUNTING AND CLAIMING

- Without an area eligibility waiver, everyone will maintain their “traditional NSLP” counting and claiming method:
 - CEP schools/districts will continue to serve all children for free no matter what service model is chosen
 - Free/Reduced/Paid counting and claiming districts will continue to count all meals at the free/reduced/paid rates no matter what service model is chosen.
- Unanticipated School Closure SFSP will be used **ONLY** in the event school (including e-learning) does not happen on a day that it was scheduled to do so.

SO NOW WHAT?

- Decide how to serve meals
- Decide where to serve meals
- Communicate, Communicate, Communicate
- Parents/families/students
- Administration
- Consortia partners
- Each other!

GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS NOW POSTED

- Guidance documents from the work group are now posted in the Resources section of the NSLP webpage
https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254_50144_94240_94245-508146--,00.html
- More will be added.

WE NEED
YOUR
INPUT

- July 8 SNP News Bulletin Survey
- We want to hear your plans, so we can answer your questions.
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZBLMY2W>
- Deadline July 22, 2020

QUESTIONS SO FAR

- Are districts required to serve meals to virtual learners or on days when students don't report to the building?
 - YES! Districts are required to have a plan for how meals will be made available to those who want/need them. This follows the state law that schools must provide lunch.
- Has there been any indication about the 2020-21 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant? Approvals?
 - None yet but we do not expect many (if any changes) from the 2019-2020 EAGs.
- Are there resources available to offset the additional cost of disposables?
 - None that we know of yet.
- Will MDE impose their own requirements in addition to the Governors Road-map?
 - No, but we will enforce Federal and state regulations/laws.

EQUIPMENT OR OTHER CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

- 2 CFR Part 200.407 & 200.439 requires prior written approval for equipment and capital expenditures over \$5,000 or the SFA's capitalization threshold, whichever is less
- Exception: Items on the Pre-approved list if the cost is below \$25,000 cumulatively per building per year
- **Failure to obtain MDE's prior approval results in an unallowable cost, requiring SFAs to reimburse the food service account with non-federal funds**
- **Guidance:** MDE Admin Policy #13 SY2015/2016
Compliance Requirements for Equipment Requests, will be updated soon

**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR A FARM TO
SCHOOL PRODUCE SAFETY RESEARCH
PROJECT?**

Researchers with the Center for Food Safety in Child Nutrition Programs at Kansas State University are looking for school nutrition professionals to participate in a research project about farm to school produce safety.

**CRITERIA
FOR
PRODUCE
SAFETY
RESEARCH
PROJECT**

Participate in the NSLP

Currently purchase fresh fruits or vegetables from a local source for a minimum of the past 2 years

- Preferably within Michigan or a 150 mile radius of school district

If interested, please email mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov by July 20 and provide the following information. Indicate “Produce Safety Research Project” in Subject heading.

- School District Name
- Contact Name
- Job Title
- Email Address
- Phone Number

COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP)

- CEP resources are posted to the website
 - Meal count sheets
 - USDA CEP estimator tool
 - Household Information Reports
 - Translated Household Information Reports available – email MDE-SchoolNutrition@michigan.gov
- Deadline for CEP for School Year 2020-2021 is August 31, 2020, or the first day of school – whichever is earlier
- Identified Student Percentage (ISP) for SY 2020-2021, can be determined from Direct Certification Data from April 1 to June 30
- The 2020 School Level CEP Eligibility using Spring 2020 data is now posted to the CEP website
- Districts that are 100% Free Claiming with the available data are good to complete and submit the 2021 CNP: School Nutrition Programs MEGS+ Application

COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP)

- Excel file with student enrollment from the end of SY19-20 that contains the following information:
 - UIC
 - Last name
 - First name
 - DOB
 - Address
 - Student number (if applicable)
 - School building code
 - School name
 - F/R determination basis
 - Application/household number
- McKinney Vento students
- Extended eligibility matches
 - For extended eligibility, indicate the student who has a DC-free benefit and the household member who receives the extended benefit
- Data must be uploaded to GEMS/MARS
 - <https://mdoe.state.mi.us/gems/public/QuestionnaireHome.aspx?code=i7tf8rfd>
 - Link is also provided at the bottom of the CEP page in MEGS+
 - Student data should NOT be emailed
- If there are additional DC lists that need to be pulled in or any notes specific to your district or buildings, make a note in the comment box in GEMS/MARS
- Questions regarding CEP may be directed to MickelsonN@michigan.gov

UDIM PARTNERSHIP “COMMUNITY KICKS”

- Two-time Olympian Lindsay Tarpley (from Portage and currently living in Portage) and Ann Arbor AFC
- Designed to bring awareness to feeding kids in the summer and to teach them nutrition and life skills.
- Completely virtual.: www.communitykicks.org
- Every week, for the next four weeks, a new video will be released featuring a soccer drill and a nutrition tip.
- UDIM has 10,000 paper bags with soccer drills and nutrition tips to be handed out at feeding sites across the state to promote the program. If you have sites interested in receiving some of these bags, go here:
<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5628103/Community-Kicks-Summer-Food-Service-Program>

**WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU
HAVE?**

Please enter your questions in the chat box.