



School Nutrition Programs (SNP) News and Updates

September 3, 2020

SFSP Application and Basic Information Webinar

For all School Food Authorities (SFAs) transitioning from the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) this fall, the *SFSP Application and Basic Information* webinar will have all of the information and resources you need to participate in SFSP. Please make every effort to join us!

Topic: SFSP Application and Basic Information

Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2020

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

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

<https://zoom.us/j/97209128325?pwd=WFBMV2JoYVlKZkrHTDI3WS9lRlNlU09>

Password: eYiV16

Or Telephone:

Dial: USA 404 443 6397

USA 8773361831 (US Toll Free)

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

All waivers below were extended through December 31, 2020. However, USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) reserves the right to withdraw any or all of these waivers subject to availability of funding. School meals may be served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs to students based on eligibility or through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). The waivers below apply to those School Food Authorities (SFAs) and sponsoring agencies that choose to use SFSP through December 31, 2020.

- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option Operations through December 2020](#)
- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Summer Food Service Program - EXTENSION 7](#)
- [Nationwide Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility Waivers - EXTENSION 2](#)
- [Nationwide Waivers to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children - EXTENSION 4](#)
- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-congregate Feeding in Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option - EXTENSION 4](#)
- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites in the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option - EXTENSION](#)
- [Nationwide Waiver to Waive First Week Site Visits in the Summer Food Service Program - EXTENSION](#)
- [Nationwide Waiver of Meal Service Time Restrictions in the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option - EXTENSION](#)
- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibilities in the Summer Food Service Program - EXTENSION](#)

Direction Certification Refresh Dates

Our Direct Certification partners at the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) have updated the [Direct Certification calendar](#). All CEPI applications, including the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS), will be closed for

a system upgrade from Friday, September 11, 2020, at 4 pm through Monday, September 28, 2020.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
8/27/2020	MSDS Direct Certification Refresh (Includes Early Roster records submitted by 8/24/20)
9/10/2020	MSDS Direct Certification Refresh (Includes Early Roster records submitted by 9/7/20)
9/24/2020	MSDS Direct Certification Refresh (Includes Early Roster records submitted by 9/21/20)
10/8/2020	MSDS Direct Certification Refresh (Includes SRM, Nonpublic Early Roster records submitted by 10/5/20)
10/22/2020	MSDS Direct Certification Refresh (Includes SRM, Nonpublic Early Roster records submitted by 10/19/20)
11/6/2020	MSDS Direct Certification Refresh (Includes SRM, Nonpublic Early Roster records submitted by 11/3/20)
11/19/2020	MSDS Direct Certification Refresh (Includes SRM, Nonpublic Early Roster records submitted by 11/16/20)
12/4/2020	MSDS Direct Certification Refresh (Includes SRM, Nonpublic Early Roster records submitted by 12/1/20)

Reminders and Due Dates

Town Hall Meetings

Topic: Town Hall

Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020

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

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

<https://zoom.us/j/96276158649?pwd=THVWdWN1b3d0SjN3QU9pcm1mdmxPZz09>

Password: vw3WPL

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: If we have been participating in SFSP this summer, do we need to do another application for extended SFSP?

Answer: No, if you already have a 2020 SFSP application, you will need to amend the current application for end dates (can now be December 31, 2020) and sites (including CAP and ADP information).

Question: If we are going to do extended SFSP, do we still need to collect Free and Reduced Applications or Household Information Reports?

Answer: Yes, please collect student eligibility information because it is important for other programs, including state funding to school districts.

Question: Could we still use the NSLP meal pattern even though we are doing Extended SFSP?

Answer: Yes, you can still use the NSLP meal pattern as it meets SFSP requirements. Using the NSLP meal pattern under SFSP will give you a little flexibility if a vegetable sub-group isn't available one week or a whole grain item isn't available. If you are using offer vs serve for in-person students, you can still require that they take ½ cup fruit or vegetable, although this is not a requirement for

SFSP. It may be less confusing for students (and staff) to continue following the NSLP meal pattern in school, especially if we switch back to NSLP later in the school year. For all non-congregate feeding (distance learning, parent pick-up), you may only use straight serve meaning households/students must take the entire meal, including milk. Make sure you purchase enough milk to serve one meal per child per meal type per day.

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.

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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:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19/cn-extension-SFSP-SSO>

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19/cn-extension2-area-eligibility>

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19/cn-extension4-parent-pick-up>

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19/cn-extension4-non-congregate-sfsp-sso>

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<https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19/cn-meal-service-time-extension>

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19/cn-extension-ovs-sfsp>

<https://mdoe.state.mi.us/gems/public/QuestionnaireHome.aspx?code=i7tf8rfd>

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<https://mdoe.state.mi.us/gateway/Authentication/TrainingCalendar>

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