

# **OHNS Town Hall**

**We will begin at 2:00 p.m.**

**November 18, 2020**

**Happy to  
have you  
with us!**

- 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: December 2, January 13, and February 10

# SNAM Annual Conference

- Get registered now!
- A GREAT way to assure you and your team get all of your professional standards hours in while supporting your state organization!
- Only \$149 per log in – SIGNIFICANTLY less than what would be spent if we were traveling to an in-person conference!
- Great sessions on stress and personnel management, getting the most from your commodity dollars, purchasing local foods, and more!
- Co-sponsored by MDE so LOTS of MDE sessions to choose from!
- You will have until December 31 to watch as many sessions as you wish!
- Plus – lots of FUN sprinkled in too! Daily variety hours in November, drawings, prizes, etc. Don't miss out!

**School Year 2020-  
2021  
Child Nutrition  
Programs  
Sponsor Program  
Integrity Plan  
Template**

- Sponsor Integrity Plan Template is available on the NSLP and SFSP Resources webpages
- Must be kept at the sponsor level to document how meal programs will be correctly administered this school year
- A word template of guiding questions to help you create your own plan includes the following categories:
  - Equitable Access
  - Counting and Claiming
  - Community Distribution
  - Training
  - Meal Quality and Meal Components

# P-EBT 2.0

- Congress approved funding for P-EBT 2.0 for School Year 2020-2021.
- The state of Michigan will need to apply and be approved by USDA to administer P-EBT.
- MDE does not anticipate any new information or the benefits to go out until after the new year.
- Currently, we are asking that you hold off on promoting or announcing any information about P-EBT.
- If you have families that still need assistance with benefits from School Year 2019-2020, they can call the P-EBT hotline at 1-833-905-0028.

# Emergency Food Assistance

- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Offered through local community action agencies and food bank locations
- USDA Foods provided for low-income families
- To find locations within your school district go to [www.michigan.gov/mde-fdp](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-fdp) or contact Liana Bennett at [BennettL4@michigan.gov](mailto:BennettL4@michigan.gov)

- The USDA has confirmed that school districts do need to conduct verification this school year, but has extended the verification deadline to February 28, 2021
- Whether you are currently participating in SFSP or NSLP, **all** schools and districts that collected free and reduced-price applications are required to conduct verification
- The USDA determined that verification is still necessary and required because school meal applications are used to establish eligibility for P-EBT.
- The Verification sample should be based on approved current school year applications as of October 1, 2020
  - Districts have the discretion to complete verification ahead of the February 28th deadline
  - Verification templates and instructions are available on the [MDE verification webpage](#)

# Verification

# Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications

- MDE still is encouraging local sponsors to continue to promote the submission of Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications from your families.
- A lot of families may have just lost income sources in the last few days and their children may benefit from the change in benefit status. Whether it be for P-EBT or Free and Reduced-Price Meals next school year.



# 31k Grant

# Student Meal Negative Balance Forgiveness

**Application is open**

**Apply thru link @ [www.michigan.gov/mde-fast](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-fast)**

**Deadline December 1<sup>st</sup>**

Payments will be made within 60 days

\$1 Million to reimburse districts for forgiving current student meal negative balances

For School Year 2020/2021 only

Funds can be prorated if funding is not enough to cover

To be eligible for reimbursement payments districts must:

- Adopt meal charge polices that prevent all forms of lunch shaming
- Write off outstanding current student meal negative balances with a transfer from the General Fund

# Extended SFSP MEGS+ Application

To add January – April 2021:

- Next time you need to amend your application due to site location and/or time changes; add in January to April 2021
  - Check dates you plan to provide meal service

To add May – June 2021:

- Month of May and beyond- these dates will be added to the 2021 SFSP MEGS+ application
  - Application opens March 1. More details to come...

**\*\*Do not inactivate sites that you served at during the summer months or are not continuing meal service\*\***

# What do I do when 'in person classes' are cancelled to due COVID- 19?

- If your site is *open*, this site shows up on the Meet Up and Eat Up map ([www.Michigan.gov/meetupeatup](http://www.Michigan.gov/meetupeatup))
  - Amend MEGS+ as soon as possible
- If your site is *open-restricted*, this site does not show up on the Meet Up and Eat Up map
  - Amend MEGS+ within the month

**\*\*if you make changes to your meal service model, an amendment must take place as soon as you have finalized your plans\*\***

# **What else do I do when 'in person classes' are cancelled to due COVID-19?**

- Notify families of meal availability
  - Communicate often!!!
  - There may have been a dozen notices about meal pick-up times and locations, but until their child's school is closed, they may not pay attention
  - Communication blast to all buildings affected

# **What else do I do when 'in person classes' are cancelled to due COVID-19?**

- Communicate with your suppliers
  - Let your Distributor know of menu changes
  - Work with your Dairy Processor
    - They have 8 oz milk ready to deliver and don't have a supply of half gallon or gallon ready for everyone

# What do I do if there is a snow day?

- This is a local decision
- You do not have to provide meals during weather emergencies
- Things to think about
  - Have students already received a meal for the week
    - You may be providing multiple meal distribution
  - How did you handle snow days prior to the pandemic?
  - Do you have a centralized building you can provide meals from?
  - Make a 'snow day' plan early and communicate it to households/families/students

# **Do you provide the same number of meals to face to face students as the virtual students?**

- Do you provide 5 days of meals to face to face students?
- Do you provide 7 days of meals to virtual students?

You MUST provide the same number of meals for all students. If you provide 7 days of meals to virtual students and 5 days of meals for face to face/in-person, then you will need to provide a 2-meal pack for the face to face/in-person students also.

# Questions on meal service during the December break

- **Can we hand out more than 7 days-worth of food at one time for the December break?**
  - No, current USDA guidance does not support more than 7 days of meals being handed out at one time.
- **We typically provide multiple meal distributions on Fridays. Can we hand out 7 days of meals on Friday, December 18 (for Dec. 19-25) and then hand out meals again on Wednesday, December 23 (for Dec. 26- Jan. 1)?**
  - Yes, because the weekly meal service distribution would land on a major holiday, MDE will allow this one-time exception so households can get meals for the second week of break and food service staff will get a break! You cannot provide more than 7 days of meals and you must document accordingly.



# Food Safety

- When providing take home meals, Program operators must identify which foods require refrigeration, cooking, or heating for food safety; provide in multiple languages, if needed
  - Label food(s) that need refrigeration or reheating
  - Provide a list of foods that require refrigeration or reheating
  - Provide food that will not expire prior to use
    - Make sure to check expiration dates on all food being sent home
- Sort foods into 2 different bags for distribution
  - One for refrigerated foods
  - One for shelf-stable foods

# Extended SFSP and Record of First Meals Served

- You must have a way to consolidate monthly meal counts for all meals at all sites
  - If you have another way for us to 'follow the trail', MDE is allowing you to use a different method to gather this information and not use the MDE version.  
(there is no formal approval process)
- Some approved alternatives:
  - POS system reports
  - Sponsor level excel monthly consolidation sheet
- Our SFSP team is working on a Record of First Meals Served version that will add columns for you.
- There will also be an updated form for January that will be posted soon!

## CACFP- FY21 Application Deadline

- Must be **APPROVED** by the close of business on November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Submit application as soon as possible to allow departmental analyst time to review and approve.
- Submitting by November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline does not guarantee it will be approved.
- Applications not approved by November 30<sup>th</sup> may lose October 2020 claim reimbursement.

## CACFP and GSRP Eligibility

- **My school district has a GSRP program and we serve breakfast and lunch under the extended SFSP. Can we also serve PM snack?**
  - Yes, but only under the CACFP.
- GSRP must use all available money to ensure they are using funds from all available funding sources.

# CACFP and GSRP Snack Reimbursement Rates

- **How can a school district use CACFP in GSRP classrooms?**
  - Determine student's eligibility
  - Collect Household Income eligibility forms to classify students for free, reduced or paid reimbursement rates.
  - Or, choose not to collect Household Income Eligibility forms and all GSRP children be paid at reimbursement the paid rate of \$0.08
  - CEP only applies to National School Lunch Program, not CACFP.
- **Snack Reimbursement Rates**
  - Free \$0.96
  - Reduced \$0.48
  - Paid \$ 0.08
- For additional assistance: [MDE-CNAP-CACFP@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-CNAP-CACFP@michigan.gov)

# CACFP At Risk After School Meal Pattern

## ■ **SNACK**

- Must serve 2 of the 5 components:
  - Fluid Milk
  - Vegetable
  - Fruit
  - Grains component (WGR may be needed)
  - Meat or meat alternate

## ■ **SUPPER**

- Must serve 1 item from each of the 5 components:
  - Fluid Milk
  - Vegetable
  - Fruit or second vegetable
  - Grains component (WGR may be needed)
  - Meat or meat alternate

# CACFP ARAS REIMBURSEMENT RATES

- Waiver – Allows all meals to be reimbursed at the “FREE” rate (Category A) **regardless of location through June 30,2021**
- Reimbursement Rates- July 1, 2020 –June 30, 2021.
- Afterschool Snacks - \$0.96
- Supper - \$3.51
- An additional \$0.2450 cash-in-lieu of commodities is paid for each supper served.
- Claim one snack and one supper per child per day.
- Additional assistance: [MDE-CNAP-CACFP@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-CNAP-CACFP@michigan.gov)

**Special  
COVID  
Grants for  
Support  
Staff –  
THAT's YOU!**

Up to \$250 for anyone not classified as “administration” who served kids from a “brick and mortar building” between March 13 and April 6, 2020

Your district must identify you as eligible

You must complete the form between 11/9 and 12/4

To learn more:

Website: [www.Michigan.gov/TSSC19Grants](http://www.Michigan.gov/TSSC19Grants)

Email: [TSSC19Grants@michigan.gov](mailto:TSSC19Grants@michigan.gov)

Phone: 517-241-6000



**What Questions  
do you have?**

**Please enter your  
questions in the chat box.**