

Office of Health and Nutrition Services

Town Hall

March 10, 2021

We will begin at 2:00 pm

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
- Professional Development Certificate for today's meeting: [Town Hall Training Certificate \(michigan.gov\)](#)
- Next: April 14 and May 12

Waiver Update

The following have been extended for the Summer Food Service Program:

- Waiver to allow Non-Congregate Feeding
 - Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals
 - Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility
 - Waiver of Meal Service Time Restrictions
 - Waiver to Waive First Week Site Visits
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- Note – these waivers do not include the Child and Adult Care Food Program

Meal Pattern Flexibility Waiver

- Nationwide Waiver #74 to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibilities for Summer 2021 Operations
 - This waiver **does not** apply to the Summer Food Service Program, current flexibilities end June 30, 2021
 - The waiver states that "SFSP sponsors are not expected to face undue burden meeting SFSP meal pattern requirements while simultaneously meeting health and safety standards related to COVID-19"
 - This waiver only applies to NSLP/SBP, so it will not be available for most sponsors
 - Supply chain issues are not excusable after June 30, 2021



Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

2021 SFSP MEGS+ application is now available

- Sponsors can initiate and complete the 2021 application
 - Add dates for the rest of the school year and for the summer
- 2021 SFSP MEGS+ Application is due by May 21st
 - MDE has 30 days to review applications
 - If you are not participating in Extended SFSP and will be participating in traditional SFSP, you must submit your application with at least 30 days prior to the start of your program



Sponsor Training

All SFSP sponsors participating after June 30th will be required to complete Brighton online training

- Training will need to be completed prior to SFSP MEGS+ application approval
- Training modules will be updated to include waiver extensions

Additional SFSP Training

Application Webinar Dates

MDE staff will provide guidance on completing the 2021 MEGS+ application

- Tuesday, March 16th 9-10am
- Thursday, March 25th 2-3pm
- Tuesday, March 30th 2-3pm
- Wednesday, April 7th 9:30-10:30am
- Friday, April 16th 9-10am

SFSP Office Hours

MDE staff will be available for questions related to the SFSP

Thursday's 2-3pm

- April 22nd
- April 29th
- May 6th
- May 13th



County-Wide Webinars Coming Soon...

- Our next round of County Meetings will begin soon
- The timeframe will be the end of April through May
- Watch for announcements on specific dates and times in the next few weeks

MILogin

Linking an existing MEIS Account to MILogin for Third Party Account

This is a reminder for MEGS+ users to create a MILogin for Third Party Account and link that account to your current MEIS account. All MEGS+ users have received reminders to complete these steps

- This is the first step in the transition to our new system, NexSys. If you haven't done this already, please do so as soon as possible.

[Click HERE for instructions](#)

- By completing this step now, you will be prepared when you can access and work in NexSys

Emergency Operating Reimbursement Program

- Purpose: To provide additional funding to sponsors whose revenues were impacted due to the pandemic
- Who is Eligible: Sponsors in the School Nutrition Programs and/or Child and Adult Care Food Program
 - If a sponsor had a lower reimbursement during the Spring of 2020 compared to the Spring of 2019, they will be eligible for this additional reimbursement
 - If a sponsor is eligible, they will be notified in the coming months
- Working on our plan now
- More information will be provided when our plan is approved by USDA

P-EBT Update

- Thank you to everyone that has helped support P-EBT by making sure the first round of P-EBT Eligibility Surveys for K-12 public buildings were submitted through the SOMPEBTPORTAL
- There is still time to get the K-12 public building level data submitted by COB today
- Benefits to eligible K-12 public school students should start going out next week. Based on data from last spring as the benefits begin going out there may be a decline in meal participation of students in virtual education modalities
- For Great Start Readiness Program and Headstart Grantees a memo will be coming out soon requesting your organization's P-EBT contacts be submitted to MDHHS
- For non-public school sponsors the *Non-Public School Nutrition Student Eligibility Collection* in MSDS opens today. We will continue to have trainings for non-public program sponsors that need to use that collection to submit student free and reduced-price eligibility data. Please reach out to mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov for information on that training
- Questions on P-EBT may be directed to MDHHS-PEBT@michigan.gov

31k Grant Student Meal Negative Balance Forgiveness

Second Application is now open

Deadline to apply is April 30th

Apply thru link @ www.michigan.gov/mde-fast

- \$709,076 left in available funding 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 policies that prevent lunch shaming per the legislation
 - Write off outstanding student negative balances with a transfer from the General Fund
 - Previously written off negative balances are not eligible
 - Bad debt is not eligible for this grant



School Food Authority Verification Collection Report (SFA-VCR)

The SFA-VCR will open soon, more information to come

- Questions regarding the SFA-VCR may be directed to Natalee Mickelson at mickelsonn@michigan.gov

Understanding Special Diet Accommodations for Child Nutrition Programs

- Now posted on MDE website under [SNP](#), [CACFP](#) and [SFSP](#)

Helping schools, sponsors* and providers understand accommodations for participants who request a special diet.

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**SCORE
BIG** WITH SCHOOL
BREAKFASTS

What did your district do to celebrate National School Breakfast Week?

- [Click here](#) to share your celebration!

Going From Good to Great Gatherings

- Monthly virtual gathering to engage in conversation and idea sharing with colleagues
- Each month will have a different topic:
 - Statewide campaign to increase meal counts
 - Menu development and ideas
 - Staffing – dealing with burnout/how to get staff to stick around
 - Field innovations
- Led by MDE staff member or partner
- Save the date:
 - April 15th 3:00-4:00
 - May 13th 3:00-4:00
 - June/July/Aug
- FREE! Registration link will be in upcoming SNP Newsletter along with more details

RURAL CHILD HUNGER SUMMIT

- Goal of Summit:
 - Highlight the disparities driving child hunger in rural communities
 - Identify promising practices and policy levers that amplify the existing nutrition assistance programs and/or reduce the incidence of rural child hunger
 - Celebrate innovations that are community-based, user-centered and evidence informed
- FREE! [Click Here To Register](#) (or see chat box for link)



SNAM Key Performance Indicators Workshop

- March 17
- 1-3 p.m.
- \$75
- 2 CEU's USDA Professional Standards 3340 – Analyze financial statements and accounting procedures to make informed financial decisions and ensure alignment with budget and regulation
- Hands On with many program specific resources provided
- Featuring our very own: Lori Adkins and Carolyn Thomas!
- Pre-Register at: [Michigan SNA - Meeting registration page 1](#)





10 CENTS A MEAL

2021 Social Media Toolkit
for Supporters

SPARKING HEALTHY CHOICES FOR KIDS
AND A VIBRANT ECONOMY!

10 Cents a Meal Update

- A Sourcing Local Foods Webinar at www.tencentsmichigan.org
- 10 Cents Social Media Resources and Toolkit
- FarmLogix spreadsheets can be entered at any time.
- Meal counts collection moving to MiND
- First set of payments will go out in March's State Aid payments

10 Cents a Meal Getting Ready for Next Year

- **Competitive match - grant opportunity**

- No additional purchases – you are already buying fruits, vegetables, and legumes for your meals; buy local and benefit!
- Awarded grant amounts based on past local purchasing/Awards are paid out in 10-cent increments for every meal served with a piece of local produce
- Keep track now of what you are purchasing locally – you will have to report that on the application!

- **All meals must include fruit, vegetable and/or legume. Select a Michigan one!**

- School meals – breakfast, lunch, afterschool snacks
- CACFP meals – breakfast, lunch, snacks, suppers
- SFSP meals – breakfast, lunch, snacks

- **Local Procurement Options**

Local produce can be purchased from broadline distributor, food hub, school garden, farm market, farmer's market, grocery store, DoD, commodities

- Jaime Malnar MalnarJ1@michigan.gov & Liana Bennett BennettL4@michigan.gov

Team Nutrition E-STAR Training Grant

- E-STAR (Enhanced School Nutrition Strategies, Training, Action Plans, and Resources) is a free training program developed by the **Institute of Child Nutrition** with a focus on **meal quality**
- Training for up to **80 managers** (1 per district and the district must participate in the National School Lunch Program) will include:
 - pre-workshop online courses and webinars
 - a 3 day **virtual workshop**
 - follow-up training and mentoring
- School Nutrition Managers that participate in E-STAR will:
 - earn up to 40 hours of professional development
 - be eligible for a technology stipend to purchase an electronic device to use for grant activities
 - create action plans
 - receive grant funding
 - provide in-person training to their frontline staff (minimum of 1 per building)
 - participate in grant evaluation activities

Interested in Participation in E-STAR?

- For more detailed information about the Team Nutrition E-STAR Training Grant click [HERE](#)
- Apply at <https://chc.mphi.org/surveys/?s=9XE8NL38DX> before the **Friday, March 19, 2021** deadline
- **Questions?** Contact Whitney Vance at VanceW@Michigan.gov

National Conference for the CACFP & SFSP Communities

- Presented by National CACFP Sponsors Association
- April 19-22, 2021
- Workshops and networking opportunities for CACFP, Afterschool Meals, and SFSP
- 30 Continuing Education Units Available
- Registration started March 1, 2021
www.cacfp.org/registration

Team Nutrition Webinar: Crediting Store- Bought Combination Baby Foods in CACFP

How to identify store-bought combination baby foods that can be served as part of reimbursable meals or snacks to infants

- March 18, 2021
- Registration for this free webinar is now available
- 2-2:30 p.m. ET English Webinar
- 3-3:30 p.m. ET Spanish Webinar

Registration link:

<https://ww.fns.usda.gov/tn/halftime-cacfp-thirty-thursdays-training-webinar-series>

Invitation to Bid for Great Start to Quality Resource Centers

- Funds are available!
- Apply to become a Great Start to Quality Resource Center to implement Great Start to Quality
- Be part of a coordinated system of supports for parents and providers
- RFP Webinar Monday – March 22, 2021 (9:00am-11:00am). Registration is required. Register by noon, Friday, March 19, 2021. [CCRESA Office of Innovative Projects | CCRESA Office of Innovative Projects: Event](#)
- **RFP Application Due Date:** Thursday – April 15, 2021, by 4:00p.m.

Celebrate CACFP Week March 14 – 20, 2021

Serving over **4.6 million children**
healthy meals and snacks daily.

www.CACFPWeek.org



- **CACFP Week** is sponsored annually the third week of March by the National CACFP Sponsors Association
- The campaign is designed to raise awareness of how the Child and Adult Care Food Program works to combat hunger
- The CACFP brings healthy foods to tables across the country for children in childcare centers, homes, and afterschool programs
- Check out the webpage for CACFP Resources!

COVID-19 Vaccine

- Childcare professionals are now eligible to receive a safe, effective, no cost COVID-19 vaccine
- To schedule appointments:
 - Check the website of your local health department or hospital for sign-ups or registration forms.
- Call the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 2-1-1. Multiple languages available
- Check additional vaccination sites, such as local pharmacies like Meijer, Rite Aid and Cardinal Health(U.P. residents)
- To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, visit: Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine

What Questions do you have for us?

Please enter your
questions in the chat box