

Office of Health and Nutrition Services

Town Hall

May 12, 2021

We will begin at 2:00 pm



Happy to have you with us!

- Town Hall PowerPoints are posted at www.Michigan.gov/sfsp. There's a link located at the bottom of the page.
- 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 \(michigan.gov\)](#)
- Upcoming Town Hall meetings: June 9, July 14, and August 11

Success!

- We served 1.1 million more breakfasts in February 2021 than in February 2020
- We served 500,000 more suppers in February 2021 than in February 2020
- Our meal counts have increased for the last two months!
- These data, and much more, will be posted to our website within the week!

MILogin

Linking an existing MEIS Account to MILogin for Third Party Account

- All MEGS+ users need to create a MILogin for Third Party Account and link that account to your current MEIS account
- All MEGS+ users have received instructions to complete these steps
- If you haven't done this already, **do so as soon as possible**
 - Helpful tip - read through the instruction sheet and follow it step by step
 - [Click HERE for instructions](#)
- By linking your existing MEIS account now, you will be prepared when you will need to access and work in NexSys

Call DTMB client service center at 877-932-6424 if you need assistance



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SFSP Important Info

- 2021 Megs+ SFSP application due Friday, May 21
- SFSP Office Hours are Thursdays from 2-3pm
- Amend your application as changes occur to your operation
 - Application should reflect what you are currently doing for meal service
 - Update program integrity plan as changes occur
- **Common questions:**
 - A site that has multiple meal distribution and summer school at the same location. Is it required that students at summer school have the opportunity to receive the same number of meals as the multiple meal distribution? **YES**
 - A sponsor has one site with summer school only and another site with multiple meal distribution only. Do both sites need to offer the same number of meals? **NO, but a best practice is to have the same number of meals offered at all locations.**

Turnip the Beet Awards

- SFSP Sponsors serving during the summer of 2021
- Awards for high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing and nutritious
 - Gold, Silver and Bronze
- Points awarded
 - Menu appeal and variety (hot, cold, fresh, local)
 - Farm to summer activities
 - Team Nutrition education materials

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program – Grant Application Update

- Did I miss the chance to apply for the SY 2021-2022 FFVP grant?
 - No - application will be coming out later because of move to NexSys
 - Current FFVP grantees and all sponsors will be notified when application is available
- What can I do to be ready to apply for the application?
 - Make sure you have linked your existing MEIS account to MILogin for Third Party Accounts
 - https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254_50144-550987--,00.html

Local Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment

- Reminder to complete your Local Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment
 - If you did not opt into the waiver extension last year, your due date was June 30, 2020
 - If you did opt into the waiver, your new due date is June 30, 2021
- A recorded training webinar specifically detailing the Triennial Assessment process can be found here: [training webinar](#)
- Triennial Assessment resources along with all other resources pertaining to the Local Wellness Policy can be found here: [Local School Wellness Policy](#)
- All questions regarding Local Wellness Policy or the Triennial Assessment can be sent to your School Nutrition Analyst or MDE-SchoolNutrition@michigan.gov

Summer Meals Grant Opportunity- No Kid Hungry

- Eligibility Priorities:
 - Equity
 - Economic Impact of Covid-19
 - Ability to serve kids today and in the future
- Learn more at: [Summer Meals Grant](#) or contact Mindy Grant grantm9@michigan.gov for more information
- Deadline to apply: May 21st, 2021

Summer DoD Program



- \$1.2 million for Summer DoD purchases
- June 1st - September 30th
- Regular DoD Program still available
- Watch for information from USDA Foods consortia in the coming weeks
- Michigan-grown options
 - Apples, Pears, Asparagus, Berries, Carrots, Grapes, Peaches, tomatoes, beets, melon and more!

SY 21-22 Meal Pattern Flexibility

- Form to request use of waiver will be released July 1, 2021
- Target 1 Sodium, 50% of whole grain-rich items, and 1% Flavored milk flexibilities are available for all situations.
- If serving in the cafeteria, you must follow the NSLP meal pattern.
- If alternate serving location (classroom or meal pick up) these flexibilities are available only as needed:
 - Whole grain rich (Preschool and CACFP)
 - Vegetable sub-groups
 - Variety of milk (offering more than 1 kind)
 - Age/grade groups

Traditional SFSP to NSLP/SBP or NSLP SSO

- Traditional SFSP ends before the 1st day of school (in-person, remote, or hybrid)
 - The SFSP 2021 MEGS+ application must be completed and approved prior to claiming any SFSP meals
 - The SFSP application calendar should be filled out through the end of the summer program
- NSLP/SBP or NSLP SSO begins on the first day of the new (calendared) school year
 - The SNP 2022 MEGS+ application will be available in June/July 2021
 - Applications must be approved prior to claims being made available
- Program example:
 - Sponsor participates in SFSP through August 22. School starts on August 23 so NSLP SSO begins
 - Cannot run SFSP and NSLP SSO at the same time

National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO)

- SSO is part of the National School Lunch Program, with all the same regulations and meal pattern
- Standard SSO is meant to operate during school breaks, summer break, breaks for year-round schools; New waiver (#85) allows the NSLP SSO to operate when school is open during the regular school year, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022
- Meals for all students/children (18 and under - 26 and under for Special Education programs) are reimbursed at the free rate (new waiver, #86, allows these meals to be reimbursed at the free SFSP rate for a higher reimbursement)
- RCCIs can participate in NSLP SSO to receive the higher reimbursement rate
- If an SFA is operating SSO for breakfast and lunch, they may also offer NSLP Afterschool Snack or opt in to CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Snack and/or Supper Program

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Q & A

- **Our district plans to run NSLP SSO next school year, why should we consider CEP?**
 - CEP is a four-year application, and the SSO waiver is only for next year.
 - Applying now guarantees that you can continue to serve your students meals at no cost.
 - More MI students are eligible from direct certification benefits than in years past, so you may now be eligible to participate, expand your participating sites, or have a higher eligibility.
- **When do we need to elect CEP?**
 - Districts that intend to elect CEP for SY 21-22 must do so before the first day of school.
 - Detailed information on how to elect will go out when the MEGS+ SNP 2022 application is available.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Q & A continued

- **What data can we use to apply?**
 - The USDA waiver allows districts to use direct certification data from anytime between July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021, instead of the normal deadline of April 1.
 - CEPI spring data will be posted to the website by the end of May.
- **Based on the CEPI spring data, my district or participating sites are at 100% free claiming. How do I apply/reapply with these data?**
 - CEPI spring data will load into the SNP 2021 MEGS+ application when it opens in June/July. If you are new to CEP, the page will load with the data. If you are reapplying, the data will load when the page is unlocked by MDE staff.
 - Reapplying will start a new 4-year cycle.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

Q & A continued

- Based on the CEPI spring data, my district or participating sites are not at 100% free claiming. How do I determine my end of year eligibility?
 - Determined by MDE - Upload an Excel file with the full student enrollment from the end of SY 20-21 that contains: UIC, last name, first name, DOB, address, student number, school building code, school name, F/R determination basis, application/household number, and McKinney Vento determinations.
 - Student data should not be emailed, it needs to be uploaded using the secure [GEMS/MARS](#) link.
- How do non-public schools apply for CEP?
 - Non-public schools do not report in the spring general collection, so they will need to upload an enrollment list. (Same as above)
- Questions regarding CEP may be directed to Natalee Mickelson at MickelsonN@michigan.gov

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Resources

- No Kid Hungry has updated tools and templates to assist districts:
 - [No Kid Hungry's CEP Calculator](#)
 - [Promoting Educational Equity with CEP](#)
 - [Title I & CEP: Helpful Info for School Nutrition](#)
 - [Template Letter to School Administrators](#)
 - [Talking Points for District Leadership](#)
 - [CEP Financial Considerations for School Business Officials](#)
 - [CEP Benefits Students, Families, & Schools](#)
 - [Meals Count online CEP grouping calculator](#)

P- EBT Updates from MDE

- Address Changes:
 - Please work with your pupil accounting partners to ensure addresses have been updated in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS)
 - A Student Record Maintenance (SRM) can be done in the MSDS up until May 14, 2021, for address changes to make the next P-EBT eligibility file that is being sent to MDHHS the week of May 17th
- P-EBT Local Costs Grants are Coming Soon
 - USDA will reimburse for costs accrued at the local level for the following categories: personnel, equipment, system costs, support services/contracts, supplies, and indirect costs
 - Watch for guidance in late May 2021

P-EBT Updates from MDHHS

- If there have been any address changes in MSDS since the Fall General Collection data were certified, families will need to call 833-905-0028 to request a new card.
 - These changes may have happened via a SRM or in the Spring General Collection.
 - MDHHS will not automatically generate new cards for changes of address without families contacting them first.
- Reminder, that the P-EBT portal is now open, and school attendance types can be reported for April 2021.
- **Mark your calendars for June 1, 2021:**
 - The portal will be open June 1 through June 7, 2021. You will only need to report for May 2021. Your attendance type for June 2021 will automatically be updated based on your response for May 2021.
- Questions or concerns email MDHHS-PEBT@michigan.gov.

School Food Authority Verification Collection Report (SFA-VCR)

- The SFA-VCR is open in MIND 2.0
 - Works best in Chrome, Firefox, and Edge
- The deadline for completing the SFA-VCR is June 1, 2021
- Instructions for completing the SFA-VCR can be found on the School Nutrition Website under [Steps to Complete Verification](#), and have been sent out in the CNP news
- Questions regarding SFA-VCR may be directed to Natalee Mickelson at MickelsonN@michigan.gov

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 (SNP) and/or Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
 - 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
- MDE's Implementation Plan has been submitted to USDA

Emergency Operating Reimbursement Program

- Website for more information: [MDE-Emergency Operating Reimbursement Program](#)
- Eligibility lists are posted by Program (SNP and CACFP)
- The reimbursement amounts and more information will be released once MDE is authorized to do so by the USDA
- Sample calculations and eligibility information is included with the eligibility lists

SY 2021-2022 Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) Tool

- PLE Guidance will be shared as soon as it is released by the USDA
 - Expected soon
- We will communicate this information as soon as the USDA releases the guidance and new PLE Tool

SY 2022 Equipment Assistance Grant (EAG) Application

- SY 2022 EAG application is moving to the new NexSys System and is expected to go live soon
- Please create a new MILogin for Third Party account and link that account to your current MEIS account in order to access NexSys
- We will notify you as soon as the application is available

Help Documents Now Available!

MDE has been making updates to our website

You can now find help on how to navigate the following:

- Educational Entity Master (EEM)
- Grand Electronic Monitoring System/Michigan Administrative Review System (GEMS/MARS)
- MDE Nutrition Gateway
- Michigan Child Nutrition Training Calendar
- Michigan Educational Information System (MEIS)
- Michigan Electronic Grant Systems Plus (MEGS+)
- Michigan Nutrition Data System (MIND)

You can also find step by step directions on how to link your MILOGIN and MEIS account.



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What questions do you have?

Enter your questions in the chat box