

Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) Bulletin

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The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will request several federal waivers of statutory and regulatory requirements in the School Nutrition Programs (SNP), in accordance with federal guidance, on behalf of all School Food Authorities (SFAs) determined to be in good standing in the state of Michigan.

MDE is seeking to request statewide waivers for School Year 2021-2022 for the following:

- Waiver Request to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Snacks for Children.
- Waiver Request to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Snacks for Children at Alternate Site Locations.

Providing these waivers will minimize the burden for households by allowing parents/guardians to pick up FFVP snacks without having the eligible child(ren) accompany them and also allow for FFVP snacks to be distributed at alternate sites.

These waivers will allow a safe FFVP snack distribution during the school year to minimize potential exposure to COVID-19, while maximizing program participation.

Questions regarding this CNP Bulletin may be directed to the SNP unit by email to <u>mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov</u>.

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