





- 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: <u>MDE COVID-19 Health</u> and <u>Nutrition Services Resources</u> webpage.
- Professional Development Certificate for today's meeting: <u>Town</u> <u>Hall Training Certificate (michigan.gov)</u>.
- Upcoming Town Hall meetings:
 - December 8
 - then every six weeks throughout the school year











Would you like to submit your August claim?

- If you haven't submitted your SNP application and had it approved you may miss the deadline (Monday!!)
- Also, if you haven't created a MILOGIN account AND linked it to your MEIS
 account, you will not be able to claim!
 - This is a requirement to submit claims and for when we transition to our new system, NexSys.
 - If you haven't done this already, please do so as soon as possible. <u>Instructions</u> on how to complete this are available.
 - By getting this step done now, it will save time and added stress on Friday!











How to Claim SSO Meals

- Seamless Summer Option (SSO) meals must be claimed under the School Nutrition Program claim, not the Summer Food Service Program claim.
- Even if you only had a few school days in August, these meals must be claimed under the School Nutrition Program Claim. Do not combine these claims with your August SFSP claim.
- <u>Instructions</u> on how to enter a School Nutrition Program claim in MIND 2.0 are available.
- Submit your School Nutrition Program claim by **November 1, 2021**, to avoid a late claim.











Join us at the MDE-SNAM Annual Conference! Early Bird Registration ends November 5!

- We are "Looking Ahead to a Brighter Future!"
- 2021 MDE-SNAM Annual Conference and Exhibit Show
- November 11-14, 2021
- Lansing Center/Radisson Hotel downtown Lansing











Low-Fat (1%) Flavored Milk

- Consolidated Appropriations Act allows low-fat (1%) flavored milk in NSLP and SBP through December 3, 2021.
- You may already be approved through the Meal Pattern Flexibility Waiver (#90) for School Year 2021-2022.
- Note: the 1% flavored milk flexibility from the Consolidated Appropriations Act and the Meal Pattern Flexibility Waiver (#90) do not apply to competitive foods (Smart Snacks).
 - The sale of 1% flavored milk is not allowed outside of the reimbursable meal.
 - MDE is going to submit a waiver request to USDA









Unsure if you are approved for Meal Pattern Flexibility waivers?

- Check out the MDE webpage.
 - Navigate the SNP circle, to the NSLP circle, to the Instructions and Forms circle.
- The Meal Pattern Section provides links to the Meal Pattern Flexibility waiver requests and a list of approved sponsors for those waivers.









Menu Planning and Substitutions

- Plan menus according to meal pattern requirements.
- When shortages happen, do the best you can to meet the meal pattern with what is available.
- Show that you did your due diligence in meeting the meal requirements.
- Use Meal Pattern Flexibility Waivers as needed.

Emergency Procurement

- <u>USDA Q&A for Child Nutrition Programs Emergency Procurement Due to Supply Chain Disruptions</u>
- Non-competitive procurement is allowed when sponsors are experiencing supply chain disruptions.









Required Documentation

Emergency procurement, supply chain issues, and menu substitutions must be documented.

Documentation may include:

- Distributor receipts showing out of stock items and substitutes
- Vendor invoices
- Vended meal delivery tickets with specific items delivered
- Email communication (or phone calls)
- Production records and/or menus showing menu changes/substitutions
- Other written or typed notes detailing the situation











New Supply Chain Webpage

- Last row of circles on the MDE OHNS home page <u>Supply Chain Challenges</u>
- Resources and guidance for SNP and CACFP.
- Links to additional resources, such as:
 - USDA's Planning for a Dynamic School Environment family letter
 - SNA's Supply Chain Resources videos
 - Procurement







Supply Chain and Special Diets

- One safe meal is required. It does not have to be the same as the regular menu.
- Meals offered can be repetitive, even if it means they have the same breakfast each day or the same lunch entrée or side, as long as it is safe for the child to eat.
- With items in short supply, it may be a good idea to keep a stock of verified "safe" foods for the student.
- Collaborate with and keep the guardian(s) informed of supply chain issues that may affect their child's meals to ensure equal access and participation.
- Work with your vendor to ensure you have safe foods for the child.
- If your vendor is out of stock, you may use emergency procurement to obtain what you need locally or from another vendor to ensure the child's safety.









Addressing School Labor Shortages

The U.S. Departments of Education and Treasury are hosting a webinar on October 28th that will focus on staff shortages, such as school bus drivers and school nutrition professionals/food service workers.

Registration link for Thursday, October 28, at 4:00 pm Eastern:

- https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItfmrrTgpHMb_X3ytzYvojdCHoncw8H0
- After registering, you will receive a confirmation message containing information about joining the webinar.









- **Pioneers- Private Facebook Group**
- Hosted by NKH MI Inspired by SNAM Variety Hour.
- Information Sharing.
- Supply Chain Help.
- Recipe Ideas.
- Chef to post videos and ideas for food quality and availability this school year.
- Click here to join group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/233996845343144/ or search for Michigan School Nutrition Pioneers on Facebook.











- The USDA has confirmed that school districts do need to conduct verification this school year.
- The Verification sample should be based on approved current school year applications as of October 1, 2021.
- Whether you are currently participating in Seamless Summer Option (SSO) or the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), all schools and districts that collected free and reduced-price applications are required to conduct verification.



- CEP Schools do not collect F/R applications, so they do not complete verification.
- Districts that are partial CEP must conduct verification for the non-CEP schools.
- The USDA determined that verification is still necessary and required because school meal applications are used to establish eligibility for Pandemic-EBT.







P-EBT Update

- Summer P-EBT benefits were dispersed recently on all pre-existing accounts.
- P-EBT 3.0 (SY 21-22) for Michigan is currently being applied for by MDHHS.













10 Cents a Meal Update

- Updates to invoice and meal counts submission.
 - FarmLogix system will be ready in a few weeks.
- First required survey this week.
 - MSU is our evaluation partner.
 - Plans, barriers, educational activities, Michigan-grown produce served.
- Additional application window later this winter.











SY 2021-2022 SSO Adult Pricing Guidance

- SSO impact on Adult meal pricing has been determined by the USDA.
 - Because SSO uses SFSP Reimbursement Rates the minimum adult price requirement is higher than normal NSLP.
- The SY21/22 Adult Pricing Tool with an SSO pricing tab is available on our website: www.Michigan.gov/mde-fast
- Questions? Contact our Fiscal Monitoring Team at <u>MDE-Fiscal@michigan.gov</u>











SSO Adult Meal Pricing Requirements

SSO Breakfast Pricing

SFSP Breakfast Reimbursement Rate (2021)	\$2.4625
Subtotal	\$2.46
Sales tax	\$0.15
Total minimum Adult price	\$2.61

SSO Lunch Pricing

SFSP Lunch Reimbursement Rate (2021)	\$4.3175
Lunch Commodity Entitlement Rate (SY 2021-2022)	\$0.260
Subtotal	\$4.58
Sales tax	\$0.27
Total minimum Adult price	\$4.85

- Ensure equal or greater revenue is received for adult meals compared to student meals
 - For the equivalent student Type-A meal
 - No additional food items can be added to adult meals without also raising the selling price
- Effective until December 31, 2021
 - New SFSP rates become effective January 1, 2022
- Current Revenue for Student Meals is \$4.58











SY 2022 Equipment Assistance Grant (EAG) Application -has CLOSED

- Applications are being reviewed and scored.
- · Awardees will be announced in November.











FID School Meals Report Closes November 1st

- The Financial Information Database (FID) School Meals Report closes November 1st
- Here is a link to a guidance document we completed to assist with coding and the FID submission this fall: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/SY2020-2021_FID_School_Meals_Report_Coding_And_Submission_Tips_737843_7.pdf
- We will be sending emails to public school districts that have errors.
- Corrections must be made no later than November 18th.
- Reach out to our Fiscal Monitoring Team for assistance at <u>MDE-Fiscal@michigan.gov</u>









- All institutions and sponsors participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) are required to complete and certify their application for FY 2022 to participate.
- The application is found at Michigan Electronic Grants System Plus (MEGS+) <u>Michigan</u> <u>Education Information System (MEIS)</u> (<u>www.michigan.gov/meis</u>)
- Schools who operated a successful SFSP in school year 2020/2021 are not required to complete CACFP budget worksheets and the full management plan for FY 2022 to participate!
- These schools must initiate their CACFP application, make any changes/updates, and certify their application to participate in FY 2022.
- Please contact your assigned program analyst or the MDE office at <u>MDE-CNAP-CACFP@michigan.gov</u> with any questions!













CACFP Meal Pattern Flexibility Waiver

- For CACFP Sponsors only– do not complete if do not participate in CACFP.
- Request waiver for the following CACFP requirements:
 - Serve WGR item once per day across claimed meal services
 - Full implementation of grain ounce equivalencies on October 1, 2021
 - Low fat milk (1%) must be unflavored for participants age 6 and over
- Provide specific reasons why flexibility is needed when completing waiver request.
- CACFP Waiver Request Form is found under Resources at www.Michigan.gov/cacfp
- All other CACFP meal pattern requirements remain in effect.









New Team Nutrition Training Worksheets



Five new Team Nutrition training worksheets for CACFP

Each worksheet is available in English and Spanish

- <u>Crediting Single-Serving Packages of Grains in the CACFP</u>
- Crediting Store-Bought Combination Baby Foods in the CACFP
- Determining Ounce Equivalents of Grains in CACFP Recipes
- Feeding Infants Using Ounce Equivalents for Grains in the CACFP
- Reducing the Risk of Choking in Young Children at Mealtimes











- Updated ounce equivalency Training Material in two modules.
 - Crediting Foods in the CACFP MICHIGAN 605
 - The Infant Meal Pattern MICHIGAN 506
- Self-paced, accessible 24/7.
- Certificate of completion.
- Many other options available for staff training, refreshers.
- <u>Michigan Department of Education | Bright Track Michigan Department of Education | Bright Track (misponsortraining.com)</u>
- Works best on Chrome with VPN <u>OFF</u>.











What is Unanticipated School Closure (USC) SFSP?

- In the event of unanticipated school closures (extreme cold day, snow day, water main break, frozen pipes, electrical issues, flooding, natural disasters, etc.) sponsors may participate in USC SFSP. Sponsors that have participated in the SFSP within the past 2 years are eligible to participate in USC SFSP. Nationwide waivers for school year 2021/2022 allow any location to be a site in USC SFSP.
- USC SFSP Website: <u>MDE Unanticipated School Closure SFSP Information</u> (<u>michigan.gov</u>)
- USC SFSP FAQ: <u>Unanticipated School Closure (USC) Summer Food Service Program</u> (<u>SFSP) FAQ (michigan.gov)</u>
- Webinar Training: Tuesday, December 7th 2-3:30pm.











Planned Instructional Day?

YES

- You can serve up to 2 approved meal types and claim through NSLP/SSO.
- You can serve 1 meal and/or 1 snack using CACFP; must offer enrichment activities.

NO

- If it is a weekend or school break, you can serve 1 meal and/or 1 snack using CACFP; must offer enrichment activities.
- If it is <u>not</u> a weekend or school break and you are closed due to natural disaster, you can serve breakfast and lunch or 1 meal and 1 snack using Unanticipated School Closure (USC) SFSP.











Annual training is still required.

Flexibility for training to be completed over 2 consecutive years.

• Some training hours must be completed each school year (July 1 – June 30).

Required annual training includes:

- Civil Rights
- Food Safety refresher for staff
- Offer vs Serve, if applicable







Friendly Reminder:

Professional Standards must be met for all School Food Service Directors!

- USDA has specific hiring and training standards for a school nutrition program director.
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- Non-compliance may result in findings during an administrative review.
 - Potentially including unallowable costs for the salary and benefits of a director hired that does not meet the required standards.
- With a food service management company (FSMC) or a vended meal contract, the SFA maintains oversight of the school meal programs.
 - This means business managers or others at the LEA level who oversee the FSMC or vended meal contract must meet the required standards.
 - In addition, the employee placed on-site by the FSMC to manage the day-to day operations is considered the FSD and must meet education and experience requirements, based on the student enrollment size.
- Please direct any questions regarding USDA Professional Standards to Linda Stull at <u>stullL@michigan.gov</u>



Tuesdays at 2

- November 9th at 2 pm.
 - Topics will be verification and meal claims.
- November 30th at 2 pm.
 - Topics will be Professional Standards and Special Diets.
- Links will be in the CNP News.







