



Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) Bulletin from Michigan Department of Education

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A friendly reminder that the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has applied for and been granted a series of 12 (I) waivers to serve non-congregate meals during Unanticipated School Closures (USC) for all federal Child Nutrition Programs. USC may only be used during an unanticipated event such as natural disasters, unscheduled building repairs, court orders related to school safety or other issues, labor-management disputes or similar unanticipated events. Both School Food Authorities (SFAs) and non-school sponsors may claim meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), and/or the At-Risk Afterschool portion of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) when a school building is closed due to USC. These waivers are not to be applied for in advance of the USC.

Which program should sponsors serve and claim meals through? Claim meals through NSLP when a building is closed and virtual learning is offered, SFSP when a building is closed and no virtual learning is offered, and CACFP when the at-risk program is not available.

These waivers may be used for:

- Non-congregate meals service
- Flexibility of meal service times

- Parent and guardian meal pick-up
- Offer Versus Serve for senior high school
- Waived enrichment activities for At-Risk Afterschool in CACFP

USC waivers may be used for up to 10 consecutive days. However, if the USC lasts longer than 10 consecutive days, additional days may be requested.

To serve meals through USC using 12 (I) waivers, sponsors must:

- Watch the [Unanticipated School Closure \(USC\) Webinar](#) located on the Michigan Department of Education's SFSP website under [How to Apply](#).
- Complete the [USC Meal Service During Unanticipated School Closure Request Form](#) located on the Michigan Department of Education's SFSP website under [How to Apply](#).
- **USC- SFSP only:** Sponsors must amend their 2025 CNP: Coordinated Application in NexSys and update the calendar for days the site served meals. The application must be amended by the end of the month for which the waiver was used.

For additional questions, please email MDE-SFSP@michigan.gov.

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