



Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) News from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE)

November 6, 2024

Unanticipated School Closure, 12 (I) Waivers

12 (I) Waivers to serve non-congregate meals during Unanticipated School Closures (USC) are now available for **all federal child nutrition programs**. With these waivers, 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 the At-risk Afterschool portion of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) when a school building is closed due to unplanned building closures caused by extreme weather conditions or other unanticipated events. The [Meal Service During Unanticipated School Closure Request Form](#) is now available on the [SFSP website](#) under How to Apply. Before serving meals through USC, sponsors are required to watch [Meal Service for Unanticipated School Closure \(USC\) for All Child Nutrition Programs](#) recorded training to ensure compliance. This training is available on the SFSP website under How to Apply. Be on the lookout for a news bulletin with more specific details.

Shared Food Service Director Agreement

Are you a Food Service Director overseeing multiple self-operated districts? MDE Food Distribution is looking for samples of Food Service Department joint operating agreements, shared director agreements, and related contracts. If you operate in

this way, please consider sharing a copy of your agreement or contract, by emailing MDE-CNP-Procurement@michigan.gov.

System Access Help

The Michigan Department of Education's Office of Nutrition Services is currently experiencing a transition with staff. Please be advised that responses to any system and/or access related questions may be delayed.

In the meantime, you may be able to find the answer(s) you need on our website.

- If you are unsure of what system you need access to, you can find a summary of each of the systems and what they do [HERE](#).
- If you need step by step instructions for getting access to a system, you can find instructions [HERE](#).
- You can find ALL of the system help documents [HERE](#).

The new mailbox for all system and access related questions is MDE-ONS-Access@michigan.gov.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday @ 2

Topic: SNP: Preschool

Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Time: 2-2:30 pm

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

Or Telephone:

USA 404 443 6397

USA 8773361831 (US Toll Free)

Conference code: 806533

Tuesday @ 2

Topic: FD: Procurement Reviews FAQ

Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Time: 2-2:30 pm

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Conference code: 806533

Tuesday @ 2

Topic: SNP: Production Records

Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Time: 2-2:30pm

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

Or Telephone:

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USA 8773361831 (US Toll Free)

Conference code: 806533

Town Hall

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Time: 2-3 pm

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81591843268?pwd=xekKVRFGzOtiD0rM6EvKKwUZpFzhQq.1>

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Tuesday @ 2

Topic: FD: General Procurement FAQ

Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Time: 2-2:30 pm

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Updates, Guidance, and Regulation Information from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

Announcing Public Webinar – Kosher & Halal Foods in Child Nutrition Programs

Does your Child Nutrition Program serve participants who follow kosher and/or halal diets? Join USDA to learn more about how kosher and halal foods fit into Child Nutrition Program meal patterns and how USDA Foods can help! USDA will also highlight how non-congregate waivers for Ramadan 2025 can support participants' access to meals throughout Ramadan.

Webinar: Thursday, November 14, 1-2 PM EST.

The webinar will be offered with closed captioning. Participants who require a different accessibility tool to participate in this webinar can reach out to Sheila Kopczynski, FNS-RAC, the event accessibility point of contact, by emailing sheila.kopczynski@usda.gov or calling (208) 202-2811.

Training Corner

Upcoming ServSafe Manager Training and Certification Opportunities

Looking for Food Manager Certification training and exam opportunities for you and your staff? Carolyn Thomas is hosting an upcoming ServSafe Manager Certification course with examination at Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) in Clinton Township on Saturday, December 7, 2024 ([Registration Link](#)). Seeking other training dates and/or

locations? For more opportunities, check out the [Michigan State University \(MSU\) Extension](#) and [Michigan Restaurant and Lodging Association \(MRLA\)](#) websites.

10 Cents a Meal for Michigan's Kids and Farms Purchase Submission and Reporting Training Reminder and Virtual Option Added!

This is a reminder that 10 Cents a Meal has several upcoming in person purchase submission and reporting trainings for 10 Cents a Meal. Based on feedback from our grantees, there is now a virtual option on December 9, 2024, at 9-10am via Zoom. This has been added to the full list of upcoming sessions below. Attendance is free, but registration is required.

- **Detroit Area – Tuesday, November 12** 2-4 pm at the Macomb ISD Education Service Center
- **Lansing Area – Thursday, November 14** 2-4 pm at the Allen Neighborhood Center
- **Upper Peninsula – Tuesday, November 19** 2-4 pm at Gwinn High School
- **Northwest Michigan – Wednesday, November 20** 2-4 pm at the MDHHS Building in Traverse City
- **Bay Area and Northeast Michigan – Thursday, December 5** 2-4 pm at Bay-Arenac ISD
- **Virtual option - Monday, December 9** 9-10 am via Zoom
- **Muskegon and Grand Rapids Area – Monday, December 9** 2-4 pm at the Muskegon Area Career Tech Center
- **Kalamazoo and Battle Creek Area – Monday, December 16** 2-4 pm at Kalamazoo Valley Community College
- **Flint and Thumb Area - Tuesday, December 17** 2-4 pm at the Erwin L. Davis Education Center

Please contact MDE-FarmtoProgram@Michigan.gov with any questions.

Two School Meal Overview Workshops Offered

The staff of the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) School Nutrition Programs Unit is pleased to announce a hands-on, activity-based workshop for food service personnel titled "School Meals Overview Workshop." This training is targeted to several specific areas: menu development, recipes and labels, production records, meal component tool, cycle menus, application processing, counting and claiming, direct

certification, and verification. The workshop will provide active sessions where food service personnel can interact with MDE staff to resolve any issues that would result in findings during an Administrative Review.

The workshop consists of two days – Day One will cover nutrition related information and Day Two will cover administrative information. There is no cost for the workshop and participants are welcome to come one or both days.

Dates: Tuesday, November 19, 2024, and Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Location: Administration Building, Portage Public Schools, 8107 Mustang Drive, Portage, MI 49002

Registration links for [Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#) (each day must be registered for separately)

Dates: Tuesday, January 14, 2025, and Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Location: Wayne RESA 33500 Van Born Rd, Wayne, MI 48184

Registration links for [Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#) (each day must be registered for separately)

Contact Us

Email: MDE-SchoolNutrition@Michigan.gov

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School Nutrition Programs

www.michigan.gov/schoolnutrition

Email: MDE-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov

Summer Food Service Program

www.michigan.gov/sfsp

Email: mde-sfsp@michigan.gov

Child and Adult Care Food Program

www.michigan.gov/cacfp

Email: mde-cacfp@michigan.gov

Food Distribution

www.michigan.gov/mde-fdp

Email: mde-fmfd@michigan.gov

Fiscal and Administrative Services

www.michigan.gov/mde-fast

Email: MDE-Fiscal@michigan.gov

Procurement and Contracts

www.michigan.gov/mde-foodservicecontracts

Email: mde-fsmc-vended@michigan.gov

School Health and Safety

www.michigan.gov/cshsp

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Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
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Program.Intake@usda.gov

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