

# National School Lunch Program

Bulletin

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***LEAs are required by regulation to keep Bulletins, Instructions, and USDA Policy Memorandums for reference and to apply immediately the appropriate instruction to agency programs. Call Child Nutrition Programs if you need further clarification.***

## USDA Policy, Information, & Implementation Memos

Food Nutrition Services (FNS) Response to [COVID-19](https://www.fns.usda.gov/resources?f%5B0%5D=program%3A39&f%5B1%5D=resource_type%3A160) web page (including all Extension memos)

* SP15-2021-Q&As for Child Nutrition Program Operations in School Year 2021-2022
* SP11-2021-Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021: Effect on Child Nutrition Programs
* [COVID-19](https://www.fns.usda.gov/resources?f%5B0%5D=program%3A39&f%5B1%5D=resource_type%3A160) Nationwide Waivers – School Year 2021-2022
* [COVID-19](https://www.fns.usda.gov/resources?f%5B0%5D=program%3A39&f%5B1%5D=resource_type%3A160) Nationwide Waiver #82: Nationwide Waiver of Community Eligibility Provision Deadlines in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs
* SP07-2021-Department of Education Guidance on Implementation of Child Nutrition Program Waivers

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* 2021-2022 Household Application Template with Parent letters
* Transitional Menu Planning Tool
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  + iLearn – [ICN E-learning (docebosaas.com)](https://theicn.docebosaas.com/learn/signin)
  + [Child Nutrition Sharing Site (CNSS)](https://theicn.org/cnss/) - recruiting new resources
* Food Safety Protection Manager Training On-line
* ***Updated*** Food Buying Guide
* Listserv

## Grant Opportunities

* ***NEW*** 2021 USDA Equipment Grant

## USDA Policy, Information & Implementation Memos

* **SP15-2021-Q&As for Child Nutrition Program Operations in School Year 2021-2022**

This memorandum includes questions and answers intended to provide clarifications to State agencies and Program operators as they operate the Child Nutrition Programs, including the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), NSLP Seamless Summer Option (SSO), and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), during school year 2021-2021.

*Sponsors: This memorandum clarifies a great deal of outstanding program operation questions for operating SSO next school year.*

* **SP11-2021-Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021: Effect on Child Nutrition Programs**

*Sponsors: This memorandum provides notice to Child Nutrition Program operators regarding Sections 743, 764, 767, and 789 of Division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260), which:*

* *allows the substitution of vegetables for fruits under the School Breakfast Program*
* *prohibits funds from being used to procure raw or processed poultry products from the People’s Republic of China in Child Nutrition Programs*
* *provides guidance related to pricing of paid lunches for the National School Lunch Program, during school year 2021-2022*
* *allows the offering of low-fat (1% fat) flavored milk in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program*
* [**COVID-19**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/resources?f%5B0%5D=program%3A39&f%5B1%5D=resource_type%3A160) **Nationwide Waivers – School Year 2021-2022** FNS Child Nutrition Programs guidance for School Year 2021-22. The following waivers have been released for SY2021-22 you can locate this waiver at:[**COVID-19** **Nationwide Waivers**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/resources?f%5B0%5D=program%3A39&f%5B1%5D=resource_type%3A160):
* Cover Letter: Child Nutrition Nationwide Waiver Update for School Year 2021-2022
* Nationwide Waiver to Allow the Seamless Summer Option through School Year 2021-2022
* Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program Reimbursement Rates in School Year 2021-2022
* Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-Congregate Meal Service for School Year 2021-2022
* Nationwide Waiver of Meal Times for School Year 2021-2022
* Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children for School Year 2021-2022
* Nationwide Waiver to Allow Specific School Meal Pattern Flexibility for School Year 2021-2022
* Nationwide Waiver to Allow Specific Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child and Adult Care Food Program for School Year 2021-2022
* Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibility for Senior High Schools in School Year 2021-2022
* Nationwide Waiver of Area Eligibility in the Afterschool Programs and for Family Day Care Home Providers in School Year 2021-2022
* Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements in the School Meals Programs – Revised – EXTENSION
* Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies in the Child and Adult Care Food Program – EXTENSION
* Nationwide Waiver of Monitoring Requirements for Sponsors in the Child and Adult Care Food Program – EXTENSION
* [**COVID-19**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/resources?f%5B0%5D=program%3A39&f%5B1%5D=resource_type%3A160) **Nationwide Waiver #82: Nationwide Waiver of Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Deadlines in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs**

*Sponsors: USDA has extended the CEP deadlines so SFAs have a little more time to decide if they want to elect CEP; additionally, USDA is allowing SFAs the ability to use any month between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 as the month to establish the CEP ISP. I would like to point out that because the ISP is established by an accumulation, it makes sense to use either April, May, or June data to reflect the highest number of approved students.*

* **SP07-2021-Department of Education Guidance on Implementation of Child Nutrition Program Waivers**

*Sponsors: This USDA Policy Memo provides guidance develops by the Department of Education that explains requirements and options for data collection for certain Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Programs.*

## Additional Topics

* **Everything You Need to Know about GS1 GDSN! Accessing Nutrient, Allergen, and Ingredient information for USDA Foods in Schools**
  + **Date and Time**: August 5, 2021 at 2pm ET

**Description**: FNS plans to release a new initiative that will allow States and school districts to access up-to-date, vendor-specific nutrition, allergen, and ingredient information for direct delivered USDA Foods. The GS1 GDSN project will inform the ordering decisions of FNS stakeholders and will help them manage meal planning to meet USDA nutrition standards and provide safe meals for students with food allergies and other special dietary needs. Register for this webinar to learn more about how this information will be made available and when USDA Foods vendors will be required to submit nutrition, allergen, and ingredient information. This webinar is intended for States and school districts that serve direct delivered USDA Foods for child nutrition programs.

**WebEx link:** [https://usda-fns.webex.com/usda-fns/onstage/g.php?MTID=e20d21918e624ab454ba2f4d2f183ee51](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9..a8JoTljcNPhgxBgMgyODxb30J929gI0VjMdIzWc9ups/s/48887748/br/108589474821-l__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!8sWxUZA2p6ixbM0wpN9J6MCa9rv_qBSqzJPFPDxOR_Gmqa1azfTWgN9yyJkKGTr1CGA$)

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* **NSLP Annual Training** This year annual training will **July 27-29, 2021**.
  + **Where: Virtually**
  + **When: July 27-29, 2021**

Please review the training agenda under the May Bulletin to determine which sessions you or your staff may want to attend.

We have sent out ZOOM invites for each session so you may accept or decline any session you want. If you didn’t receive the invites please contact Debbie Soto at [Debbie.Soto@alaska.gov](mailto:Debbie.Soto@alaska.gov)

The below Registration forms are for the three sessions ICN are hosting for my annual training, so please be sure you register for any of them that look interesting.

**REGISTRATION FORMS**

* + **Workplace Safety - 7/28/21 - 8:30 am - 10:00 am Registration Form -**[**https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2e1f50ad20d04ea09d8ab954c6a97b18**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2e1f50ad20d04ea09d8ab954c6a97b18__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!_l8-8KcXDr9AwEnTB0CF1jf3JRNrZp-ENfdZVlNo0va8Zzy7W82EKyhn-49Ra7GMlsmbKIHY$)
  + **Food Production and Operation Management Registration Form - 7/28/21 - 10:30 am - 12:00 pm -**[**https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/41cbf6682a7c469fb1910e147ba53d03**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/app.smartsheet.com/b/form/41cbf6682a7c469fb1910e147ba53d03__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!_l8-8KcXDr9AwEnTB0CF1jf3JRNrZp-ENfdZVlNo0va8Zzy7W82EKyhn-49Ra7GMlsq0pGme$)
  + **Food Safety Basics - 7/29/21 - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Registration Form -**[**https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/755fd6b6eaa84b5f8fddf8424dd30e75**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/app.smartsheet.com/b/form/755fd6b6eaa84b5f8fddf8424dd30e75__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!_l8-8KcXDr9AwEnTB0CF1jf3JRNrZp-ENfdZVlNo0va8Zzy7W82EKyhn-49Ra7GMlg_4Lkcy$)
* P-EBT and EBB Timeline We have a new flyer that shows the application timelines for P-EBT and the new Emergency Broad Band program. You can see the flyer under the June Bulletin.
* ***New* - P-EBT Web page** We have a new web page for Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfers (P-EBT) You can find this page at: <https://education.alaska.gov/cnp/pandemic-ebt>

This web page has information and resources for districts to use for outreach, as well as the Learning Model report template needing to be completed and submitted.

* **USDA Nondiscrimination Statement** ***Update*** I wanted to let you know there is a new version of the nondiscrimination statement to be used effective January 2021. Below is the new wording; please make sure any of your publications have this version including your web sites.

**USDA Nondiscrimination Statement**

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf), (AD-3027) found online at: <https://www.usda.gov/oascr/how-to-file-a-program-discrimination-complaint>, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

1400 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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* **CNP-Web and Primero Edge User Authorizations** Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) assigns a user name and password to nutrition and education staff when a User Authorization form is completed and submitted to CNP when access is needed for the claiming system (CNP-Web and Primero Edge), as part of the staff’s job duties. These forms state:

*“I will not share my user name and password in order to maintain the integrity of the data. If another user uses the CNP Web or Primero Edge under my user name and password and provides false information, I understand that I will be responsible for the information supplied to CNP.*

*I will notify the CNP immediately if my user name and password have been compromised. CNP will give me a new user name and password.*

*If I no longer need access to the CNP Web, I understand that it is my responsibility to submit a form to end access.”*

CNP staff have been noticing quite a number of user names and education staff that are sharing their user names and passwords which is **NOT ALLOWED**. When this occurs CNP staff will immediately turn off that user name’s access and that staff will be required to obtain a new user name and password. If this behavior continues we may be forced to deny access to the CNP-Web and Primero Edge for those staff members. Please be sure you are not sharing your user names with other staff. If a new member needs access they must submit a User Authorization form located on our web page:

[CNP-Web Access](https://education.alaska.gov/cnp/nslp3)

[Primero Edge Access](https://education.alaska.gov/cnp/primero)

If you have any questions regarding this requirement you may contact me at [Elizabeth Seitz](mailto:Elizabeth.seitz@alaska.gov) (Elizabeth.Seitz@alaska.gov) or 907.465.8709 or [Debbie Soto](mailto:Debbie.soto@alaska.gov) (Debbie.soto@alaska.gov) or 907.465-8712.

## Resources

* **Updated COVID-19 Education Resource Roadmap** There are helpful grids/tables and information.FEMA updated its [**COVID-19 Education Resource Roadmap**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/iz1.me/g5ae2zP1E4c__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!4eUBGVXDFcuUXul9jR8_VaIyZF-20yJJH7A-_VmeQTmAR7VvkCYK_ClIkNDElh-kRpNT$) to assist state, local, tribal, and territorial partners with the unprecedented challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The new version includes resources identified in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, CARES Act, and the American Rescue Plan Act. The roadmap is part of a series to assist partners in identifying sources of funding to help them with COVID-19 pandemic recovery.
* **2021-2022 Household Application Template with Parent letters** The updated Household Application with Parent letters can be found under the June Bulletin.
* **Transitional Menu Planning Tool** Start planning now to be prepared for the fall. Service style may change but your menus and products can stay the same.

By planning a quality transitional menu now, you will be prepared for any service style. USDA has this great New tool for your use. You can view or download this tool from the following link: <https://education.alaska.gov/cnp/nslp9> under the August bulletin.

* ICN Updates:
  + Culinary Institute of Child Nutrition: <https://theicn.org/cicn/> This new section of trainings from ICN are great trainings for districts that are wanting to do more scratch cooks or have cooks that need additional culinary skills training.
  + iLearn – [ICN E-learning (docebosaas.com)](https://theicn.docebosaas.com/learn/signin)
  + [Child Nutrition Sharing Site (CNSS)](https://theicn.org/cnss/) - recruiting new resources
* **Food Safety Protection Manager Training On-line** If you are in need of Food Safety training to meet your Professional Standard training requirements you can check out this great ICN on-line training.

<https://alwaysfoodsafe.com/food-protection-manager?state=Alaska&county=All%20counties%20(Todos%20los%20condados)#productBoxes>

* ***Updated* Food Buying Guide** USDA has finally released the updated Food Buying Guide to help nutrition staff with understanding when purchasing foods, such as how much is in a #10 can of peaches or the number of portions you get from 20 pounds of ground beef. You can download the [Food Buying Guide](https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Appendix/DownLoadFBG).
* **Listserv**- Did You Know? Alaska Child Nutrition Programs has a listserv. The purpose of the listserv is to provide information and updates on the USDA Child Nutrition Programs, including the National School Lunch Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, and the Summer Food Service Program.

To receive all of the hottest news and updates from Alaska Child Nutrition Programs, Subscribe to ak\_child\_nutrition\_programs by filling out the form found here: [Alaska Child Nutrition Programs ListServ](http://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/ak_child_nutrition_programs).

You will receive a confirmation link via email which you should click to complete your subscription.

## Grant Opportunities

* **2021 USDA Equipment Grant Applications are due to Alaska Child Nutrition Programs by August 31st by 4:30 p.m.** These funds will be available through a competitive grant process. The maximum award per grantee will be $10,000. Priority will be given to schools that did not previously receive funds from either the 2009 ARRA, 2010 USDA, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, or 2020 Equipment Grant.

Equipment requests may include new equipment, renovation of equipment, or replacement of equipment. Regulations at 2 CFR Part 200.33 define equipment as tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by the non-Federal entity for financial statement purposes, or $5,000 ***(\*For the FY 2019 Equipment Assistance Grant, Congress has specified that the threshold for the purchase of equipment cannot be lower than $1,000.)***

All requests for reimbursement for this grant must be submitted by **April 30, 2022**. For more information on this grant or to fill out and application go to: [Bulletin and Memos](https://education.alaska.gov/cnp/nslp9) web page the application will be under the June bulletin. Or you may contact [Elizabeth Seitz](mailto:Elizabeth.seitz@alaska.gov) at 907.465.8709 or [Elizabeth.seitz@alaska.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.seitz@alaska.gov) .

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

**DATE: EVENT:**

**June 1st Afterschool Snack/At-Risk Meals reviews are due**

**June 1st Food Safety Inspection Summary is due**

**July 6th CNPweb will be open for Renewal**

**Aug. 1st Applications for CEP or Provision 3 are due**