

# National School Lunch Program

Bulletin

[EED NSLP Bulletin Web Page](http://education.alaska.gov/tls/cnp/NSLP9.html)

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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)

* SP 22-2021- Q&As #2 Relating to Operation of the Child Nutrition Programs: Updated for School Year 2021-2022
* SP 18-2021-Coummunity Eligibly Provision Operations during School Year 2021-2022: Q&As
* [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

## Additional Topics

* Waivers for SSO Meal Pattern and Non-Cong-Parent Pick-Up-Meal Time-SSO & OVS
* P-EBT Web page
* USDA Nondiscrimination Statement ***Update***
* CNP-Web and Primero Edge User Authorizations

## Resources

* Updated-P-EBT Flyer for Families
* Updated Guide to Professional Standards for School Nutrition Programs
* Procurement and Supply Chain Issues Tip Sheet- Team Nutrition
* Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
* Team Nutrition – Printouts for SSO meal service
* 2021-2022 NSLP/SBP Reimbursement Rate
* Updated COVID-19 Education Resource Roadmap
* Transitional Menu Planning Tool
* ICN Updates:
	+ Culinary Institute of Child Nutrition: <https://theicn.org/cicn/>
	+ 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

* ***N/A***

## USDA Policy, Information & Implementation Memos

* **SP 22-2021- Q&As #2 Relating to Operation of the Child Nutrition Programs: Updated for School Year 2021-2022** This memorandum was released in the November bulletin.
* **SP 18-2021-Coummunity Eligibly Provision Operations during School Year 2021-2022: Q&As** This memorandum was released in the November bulletin. Additional information on the FNS Response to COVID-19 is available at: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/coronavirus>.
* [**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):

## Additional Topics

* **Waivers for SSO Meal Pattern and Non-Cong-Parent Pick-Up-Meal Time-SSO & OVS**

During the school year 2021-2022 all Sponsors have elected to operate under the Seamless Summer Option (SSO), however many Sponsors did not complete the wavier form that allows the participation of the SSO operation. If you have not completed the Non-Congregate, Parent Pick-up, Meal Time Flex, SSO, and OVS waiver for you can find a copy of the form under the October bulletin. We also have the SSO Meal Pattern Flexibility wavier form that can offer meal pattern flexibility to those sponsors experiencing food shortage, cancelations, and other meal pattern issues.

If you have any questions regarding these waviers please feel free to contact me at Elizabeth.seitz@alaska.gov or 907-465-8709.

* **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**

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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.

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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 (Elizabeth.Seitz@alaska.gov) or 907.465.8709 or Debbie Soto (Debbie.soto@alaska.gov) or 907.465-8712.

## Resources

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| * **Updated-P-EBT Flyer for Families** There is an Updated P-EBT flyer for districts to use to help families understand the distributions and a contact number for questions. This flyer is located under the December bulletin at: <https://education.alaska.gov/cnp/nslp9>
* **Updated Guide to Professional Standards for School Nutrition Programs**

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| The updated Guide to Professional Standards for School Nutrition Programs is now available for ordering!

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| Cover of the Guide to Professional Standards for School Nutrition ProgramsThe [*Guide to Professional Standards for School Nutrition Programs*](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTEyMDEuNDk2MjQ4NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3B1ZWJsby5ncG8uZ292L1ROL1ROUHVicy5waHA_UHViSUQ9MTUwODIifQ.iW14k73EbG5De1AeO_ByYVYhlSxlt5XIa-VDvRivt9M/s/527989325/br/122071587579-l__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!5Sb4ZOfdpaqBcv0_lqZiPFwVozJK9_B-gSdw5x6CNcjtydb3W3SRkp5pjLYNpPpN5lDAi2ga$) is a central resource that comprehensively outlines the required USDA Professional Standards for State and local school nutrition program professionals who manage and operate the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP).\* The resource supports school nutrition professionals in ensuring they have the knowledge, training, and tools they need to ensure the success of the NSLP and SBP. This updated version includes the four new hiring flexibilities established March 1, 2019, for new school nutrition program directors in small local educational agencies (LEAs) and new State directors of school nutrition programs under the Professional Standards regulations for the NSLP and SBP. It also provides useful information regarding available trainings in the [Professional Standards Training Database](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTEyMDEuNDk2MjQ4NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3Byb2Zlc3Npb25hbHN0YW5kYXJkcy5mbnMudXNkYS5nb3YvIn0.3EwpXihxS-9sz7ZrdOuCTLMltkmRKOn4K1eFA16nVzI/s/527989325/br/122071587579-l__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!5Sb4ZOfdpaqBcv0_lqZiPFwVozJK9_B-gSdw5x6CNcjtydb3W3SRkp5pjLYNpPpN5kRzvmjn$) and tracking training using the [Professional Standards Training Tracker Tool](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTEyMDEuNDk2MjQ4NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3BzdHJhaW5pbmd0cmFja2VyLmZucy51c2RhLmdvdi8ifQ.u8teUmL1b8cWN9GBRKOlzMSRYf3PAyO8eK4sPuVzIr4/s/527989325/br/122071587579-l__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!5Sb4ZOfdpaqBcv0_lqZiPFwVozJK9_B-gSdw5x6CNcjtydb3W3SRkp5pjLYNpPpN5kLZIHeo$) (PSTTT).\* Please note that Professional Standards training required under 7 CFR 210.30(b)(3), (c), and (d) are not applicable to SFAs that operate SSO during SY 2021-2022 pursuant to Child Nutrition Response #85: Nationwide Waiver to Allow the Seamless Summer Option through School Year 2021-2022. For more information, view the [*Q&As for School Meals Programs*](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTEyMDEuNDk2MjQ4NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mbnMudXNkYS5nb3YvY24vc3AyMi1jYWNmcDE3LXNmc3AxMC0yMDIxIn0.pkE8I-rfW0sMXRYsTPYdTJXvBJ48KAtdTREsDjARtAA/s/527989325/br/122071587579-l__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!5Sb4ZOfdpaqBcv0_lqZiPFwVozJK9_B-gSdw5x6CNcjtydb3W3SRkp5pjLYNpPpN5uU3H-fl$) Response #6. |

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| Cover to the Professional Standards Training Reward BadgesThe updated Guide also introduces training reward badges – a fun way to promote training and recognize staff who have completed training. See Appendix D of the Guide. Sticker pages of the training reward badges are included with the hardcopy version of the guide. Additional training reward badges sticker pages are also available for ordering.  Order copies of the updated [Guide to Professional Standards for School Nutrition Programs](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTEyMDEuNDk2MjQ4NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3B1ZWJsby5ncG8uZ292L1ROL1ROUHVicy5waHA_UHViSUQ9MTUwODIifQ.OGQ-TeQMOdrCZcEN1zptQXnQX5i33nCIS_bUjrbINqM/s/527989325/br/122071587579-l__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!5Sb4ZOfdpaqBcv0_lqZiPFwVozJK9_B-gSdw5x6CNcjtydb3W3SRkp5pjLYNpPpN5rOAqyAs$) and additional [Professional Standards Training Reward Badges packet](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTEyMDEuNDk2MjQ4NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3B1ZWJsby5ncG8uZ292L1ROL1ROUHVicy5waHA_UHViSUQ9MTUyNTcifQ.pH2iA4NftPyWAuTxoa6_Ztwam5vLiOZrPHgRk7Nsmt4/s/527989325/br/122071587579-l__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!5Sb4ZOfdpaqBcv0_lqZiPFwVozJK9_B-gSdw5x6CNcjtydb3W3SRkp5pjLYNpPpN5l-pIjQ3$), while supplies last. |

School Program operators can join the Team Nutrition network of schools by signing up to become a Team Nutrition School. It’s free and affirms a school's commitment to supporting or working toward a healthier school environment for the Nation’s children. Visit [https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/schools](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTEyMDEuNDk2MjQ4NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mbnMudXNkYS5nb3YvdG4vc2Nob29scyJ9.Vc-sAi_Ba0QTy4R6Mu6QxMBT4-V35wLNCpqzQ2MBDhc/s/527989325/br/122071587579-l__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!5Sb4ZOfdpaqBcv0_lqZiPFwVozJK9_B-gSdw5x6CNcjtydb3W3SRkp5pjLYNpPpN5qBxHNhL$) today!

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| Eligibility Update for COVID-19 Vaccine |  | Vaccines are free and the best way to keep your child safe from COVID-19, including the Delta variant.Everyone ages 5 and up is now eligible. Learn more at [CDC.gov/coronavirus](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDcsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTEyMDEuNDk2MjQ4NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5jZGMuZ292L2Nvcm9uYXZpcnVzLzIwMTktbmNvdi9pbmRleC5odG1sP0NEQ19BQV9yZWZWYWw9aHR0cHMlM0ElMkYlMkZ3d3cuY2RjLmdvdiUyRmNvcm9uYXZpcnVzJTJGaW5kZXguaHRtbCJ9.9_Us4W6gqCfwVMEQEp-GLR6uSRH1jppTKTWHbQ6tDvM/s/527989325/br/122071587579-l__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!5Sb4ZOfdpaqBcv0_lqZiPFwVozJK9_B-gSdw5x6CNcjtydb3W3SRkp5pjLYNpPpN5qun2oRR$).  |

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|  Share your activities with us on Twitter [@TeamNutrition](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDgsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTEyMDEuNDk2MjQ4NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3R3aXR0ZXIuY29tL3RlYW1udXRyaXRpb24ifQ.H7Gd29Znic4hAGWB2kSwdaguDyj_z8IqjnrrWeRETsQ/s/527989325/br/122071587579-l__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!5Sb4ZOfdpaqBcv0_lqZiPFwVozJK9_B-gSdw5x6CNcjtydb3W3SRkp5pjLYNpPpN5jtk4hBG$) using the hashtag #TeamNutrition or by emailing us at TeamNutrition@usda.gov.

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* **Procurement and Supply Chain Issues Tip Sheets**

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| **Now Available! Procurement and Supply Chain Issues Tip Sheets**

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USDA’s Team Nutrition initiative has developed tip sheets to help School Food Authorities navigate meal service flexibilities and supply chain issues during this dynamic school year:**Summary of Flexibilities:** [fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/schoolmeal-flexibilities-summary.pdf](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTEwMjcuNDc5NjQ0NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mbnMudXNkYS5nb3Yvc2l0ZXMvZGVmYXVsdC9maWxlcy9yZXNvdXJjZS1maWxlcy9zY2hvb2xtZWFsLWZsZXhpYmlsaXRpZXMtc3VtbWFyeS5wZGYifQ.eVH1IGUyn4MG6_QQ6uwEnr3ogWvywSJR97JmRv5Ys0M/s/48887748/br/114716230597-l__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!9QDfnc9iN98BvCKvAgHeHCgMB3uCDYMIbNdOIU-bHf-3JzlgAL3G5Smg0Tg0vYe9_JE$) * **Table of Flexibilities:** [fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/schoolmeals\_flexibilities\_chart.pdf](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTEwMjcuNDc5NjQ0NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mbnMudXNkYS5nb3Yvc2l0ZXMvZGVmYXVsdC9maWxlcy9yZXNvdXJjZS1maWxlcy9zY2hvb2xtZWFsc19mbGV4aWJpbGl0aWVzX2NoYXJ0LnBkZiJ9.ToHeY8s4WpE65YIUOaWKo53qsBa7Bk22GKpbDSINozI/s/48887748/br/114716230597-l__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!9QDfnc9iN98BvCKvAgHeHCgMB3uCDYMIbNdOIU-bHf-3JzlgAL3G5Smg0Tg0ZWa9Q_M$)
* **Flexibilities in Practice:** [fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/schoolmeal\_flexibilities\_scenarios.pdf](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTEwMjcuNDc5NjQ0NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mbnMudXNkYS5nb3Yvc2l0ZXMvZGVmYXVsdC9maWxlcy9yZXNvdXJjZS1maWxlcy9zY2hvb2xtZWFsX2ZsZXhpYmlsaXRpZXNfc2NlbmFyaW9zLnBkZiJ9.2E3B26ii1quoMOHWw0JK97wG1yexI0lxASr7ioCX5yM/s/48887748/br/114716230597-l__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!9QDfnc9iN98BvCKvAgHeHCgMB3uCDYMIbNdOIU-bHf-3JzlgAL3G5Smg0Tg0qHs8v7c$)
* **School Meals Supply Chain Issues:** [fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/schoolmeals-supply-chain.pdf](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTEwMjcuNDc5NjQ0NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mbnMudXNkYS5nb3Yvc2l0ZXMvZGVmYXVsdC9maWxlcy9yZXNvdXJjZS1maWxlcy9zY2hvb2xtZWFscy1zdXBwbHktY2hhaW4ucGRmIn0.Kb1FahOFn7mzvFW-9BE00DySyHiaSDwOK-KBCblAM1o/s/48887748/br/114716230597-l__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!9QDfnc9iN98BvCKvAgHeHCgMB3uCDYMIbNdOIU-bHf-3JzlgAL3G5Smg0Tg0oKYz0ok$)
* For more information and additional resources, please visit Team Nutrition’s Planning for a Dynamic School Environment webpage at [fns.usda.gov/tn/planning-dynamic-school-environment](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTEwMjcuNDc5NjQ0NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mbnMudXNkYS5nb3YvdG4vcGxhbm5pbmctZHluYW1pYy1zY2hvb2wtZW52aXJvbm1lbnQifQ.CKv5fDDyQiRAbOWsEUIkb_TQmWYs7B7JE36OuRABH78/s/48887748/br/114716230597-l__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!9QDfnc9iN98BvCKvAgHeHCgMB3uCDYMIbNdOIU-bHf-3JzlgAL3G5Smg0Tg0Y2gzFR0$).
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* **Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** We are sharing the below safe school reopening resources from the Learning Policy Institute (LPI).

[**Resources for Reopening Schools website**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/reopening.learningpolicyinstitute.org/__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!-VVtUxEVpEgrbtTMKVhntKhfGqkGAl34pj29hWPkhG1enMUVNz2kXwP2YK0zhr0JClo$)**:**Using this regularly updated website, LPI is continuing to prioritize providing the field with access to a hub of curated health and safety resources, including profiles of districts that have reopened safely, research, guidance, news updates, and information on hot topics, including vaccines.

[**Back to School: Lessons Learned About Safe School Reopening**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/learningpolicyinstitute.org/blog/covid-back-to-school-lessons-safe-school-reopening__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!-VVtUxEVpEgrbtTMKVhntKhfGqkGAl34pj29hWPkhG1enMUVNz2kXwP2YK0zN9zyBtw$)**:**This blog emphasizes the continuing importance of multi-layered mitigation strategies for ensuring that students can safely return to—and remain in—in-person learning this fall. It also highlights critical lessons learned from the past 18 months of pandemic schooling, which has shown what works for supporting a safe return to school: multilayered mitigation strategies; actively engaging families and staff to cultivate trust and buy-in; and prioritizing not only the physical safety of students and staff, but their social-emotional safety as well.

We hope you’ll find this information useful.

Thank you.

*-CDC Healthy Schools*

* **Team Nutrition** <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/covid19-resources> This link will take you to the Team Nutrition web page with a few great printouts on SSO meal service. Additionally you can find other great resources at the links below.

Team Nutrition invites you to join us in sharing *Stronger with School Meals* materials with schools, families, and children. School meals, and the school nutrition professionals that provide them, help children be strong physically (through good nutrition) and mentally (through the sharing of mealtimes in person or virtually). Celebrate the school community and promote healthy foods with these fun new school meals materials.

* + Materials include:
	+ An infographic for teachers, parents, and community members (in English and Spanish)
	+ An activity booklet for students
	+ Five stickers for students
	+ Two buttons for school nutrition professionals
	+ Two thank you cards to give to school nutrition professionals

All materials are available for download at [**fns.usda.gov/tn/stronger-school-meals-educational-materials**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA5MDIuNDU0MDAwNTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mbnMudXNkYS5nb3YvdG4vc3Ryb25nZXItc2Nob29sLW1lYWxzLWVkdWNhdGlvbmFsLW1hdGVyaWFscyJ9.vqjWfNzxx9KCkuvSlTIQS3DPQBmqLC1Vf-msSZnfabE/s/48890776/br/111799418132-l__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!6OKCg-wYYd5FVjVgEWK7mgOgF8P6sl4iDL5giS8khj9R0qCiOIpqecRiK0bXwKS9UKg$). Printed infographics, activity sheets, buttons, and stickers will be made available, for free, to Team Nutrition Schools in a few weeks. Join Team Nutrition Schools or update your school’s information at [**fns.usda.gov/tn/schools**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA5MDIuNDU0MDAwNTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mbnMudXNkYS5nb3YvdG4vc2Nob29scyJ9.7fwXgO6YiEpBqpOhGqd28AJKcdYB3taoYuxaQaTYwNs/s/48890776/br/111799418132-l__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!6OKCg-wYYd5FVjVgEWK7mgOgF8P6sl4iDL5giS8khj9R0qCiOIpqecRiK0bXx9Oz61s$).

Visit Team Nutrition’s Back-to-School Support Kit at: [**fns.usda.gov/tn/back-school**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA5MDIuNDU0MDAwNTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mbnMudXNkYS5nb3YvdG4vYmFjay1zY2hvb2wifQ.1xexhXPZ_NXzK6cXQMq2gcBI-uCGHi7mfZzbEUfonnI/s/48890776/br/111799418132-l__;!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!6OKCg-wYYd5FVjVgEWK7mgOgF8P6sl4iDL5giS8khj9R0qCiOIpqecRiK0bXJpwfp2I$).

* **2021-2022 NSLP/SBP Reimbursement Rate** You can locate the updated reimbursement rates for FY2021-2022 under the August bulletin at: <https://education.alaska.gov/cnp/nslp9>
* **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%3A/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.
* **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).

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## Grant Opportunities

**N/A**

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

 **DATE: EVENT:**

**Dec. 30th Free and Reduced Price Report Validation**

**Feb. 1st Verification Summary Report Due**

**Feb. 15th On-Site Review Summary for Counting and Claiming Due**