



Community Nutrition Team

CACFP Bulletin

March 2021

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Celebrate National CACFP Week March 14-20, 2021 (ALL)

Join us to promote National CACFP Week March 14-20, 2021. The link below are proclamations from Governor Tony Evers and State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor, acknowledging the significant contributions of CACFP programs that provide nutritious and well-balanced meals and snacks as part of the CACFP. These proclamations may be used to promote National CACFP Week and can be accessed on the Department of Public Instruction website [here](#).

CACFP Tuesday Talks (ALL)

CACFP Tuesday Talks is a monthly 30-minute webinar that includes a 15-minute presentation and 15 minutes of Q & As where CACFP staff answer attendees' questions.

- The next webinar is on **March 16, 2021**, from 2:00-2:30 p.m. and will cover **Financial Management**. (This webinar is applicable to all programs except for FDCH sponsors and providers).
- The webinar on *Special Dietary Needs* was recorded and is posted on the [Tuesday Talks website](#). A handout with presenter notes and Q&As from the webinar are also posted.
- Check out the Tuesday Talks website for upcoming webinar topics.

DPI will send out a separate email with information on how to access the webinar the week before each webinar. **Registry certificates will be emailed to participants who attend the entire live webinar.**

Ounce Equivalents for Grains Training - May 19, 2021 (ALL)

Effective October 1, 2021, ounce equivalents will be the required method for determining serving sizes of grains in the CACFP. Save the date for a virtual training on **May 19, 2021**, from 1 - 2 pm. The webinar will discuss how to use ounce equivalents for grains and will provide tools, strategies, and resources for CACFP operators to use. Registry certificates will be available to participants who attend the entire live webinar. More information will be provided in CACFP Bulletins and emails in the coming months.

CACFP Recordkeeping Resources Recorded Webinar (ALL but FDCH)

We know there are a lot of CACFP requirements and many forms to complete. To help you navigate the CACFP, check out the new recorded webinar summarizing the following three CACFP recordkeeping resources:

- **Requirements Checklist:** Use to ensure CACFP requirements are met
- **Required Documents List:** List of records to complete for the CACFP, including which records apply to different programs, and frequency of completion
- **New Staff Responsible for CACFP:** Information for new CACFP Authorized Representative or primary staff responsible for the CACFP

Resources and the webinar are posted on the [Guidance Memorandum](#) webpage under CACFP Recordkeeping Resources.

New Fruit and Vegetable Resources (ALL)

Check out two new visual tools to help estimate portion sizes: [fruits](#) and [vegetables](#). They show actual-size pictures of vegetables and fruits in minimum serving sizes for different age groups. You can also find these resources under GM 12.

CACFP COVID-19 Updates (ALL)

The following COVID-19 resources are available:

- [COVID-19 Questions and Answers \(Q&A\)](#): The Q&As have been updated, and the new and revised questions are identified throughout the document with highlights and revision dates. (ALL but FDCH)
 - [FDCH Sponsor COVID-19 Q&As](#): The FDCH Sponsor COVID-19 Q&As are now located on the CACFP COVID-19 webpage and the [FDCH GM](#) webpage. (FDCH)
- [Recorded Webinar on USDA Waivers](#): This new webinar provides an overview of the CACFP Meal Pattern Flexibilities and Providing Meals Off-site waivers, and includes resources available. (ALL)

Refer to the [CACFP COVID-19](#) webpage for more information.

CACFP Thirty on Thursday March 18th: Crediting Store-Bought Combination Baby Foods (ALL)

On March 18, 2021, USDA's Team Nutrition will present *Crediting Store-Bought Combination Baby Foods in the CACFP*. This webinar will identify store-bought combination baby foods that may be served at meals and snacks to infants.

- English: 1-1:30 p.m. Central Time [[Register Now](#)]
- Spanish: 2-2:30 p.m. Central Time [[Register Now](#)]

Please note that attendance for webinars is limited to 1,000 participants. We recommend you log in early to ensure access. Webinars will be recorded and made available on the Team Nutrition website at a later date. Certificates of participation will be provided for those who attend the entire webinar.

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION KEY		
CC: Child Care	HS: Head Start	OS: Outside of School Hours Care
AR: At Risk	ES: Emergency Shelters	ADC: Adult Day Care
FDCH: Family Day Care Home	SO: Sponsoring Organizations	ALL: Applies to all types

The abbreviation key identifies each type of program in the CACFP. Each section above identifies who the information applies to when implementing the CACFP. If your type of program is not listed in a section, it does not apply.

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