

**Date:** March 23, 2020

**To:** Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) List-Serv Members

**From:** Community Nutrition Team

**Subject:** CACFP Bulletin March 2020-12: COVID-19 Nationwide Waivers for CACFP

### **Announcements from the Wisconsin Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)**

#### **COVID - 19 Child Nutrition Response Act**

Pursuant to the COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response Act (the Act) (H.R. 6201, Title II), and based on the exceptional circumstances of this public health emergency, the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has established three nationwide waivers to support access to nutritious meals while minimizing potential exposure to the novel coronavirus. These waivers apply to the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

The DPI has elected to participate in all three of these waivers. If your agency would like to participate in any of these waivers **click on the link to notify the DPI of your plan to participate:** <https://forms.gle/r6cA6tEuXmYyohnS9>

**Note:** Agencies are *not required* to provide meals through these waivers. If an agency closes due to COVID-19, parents of the children who normally attend the agency may receive meals through the local school district under the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

**At-Risk Afterschool Programs:** Agencies who participate in both the SFSP and CACFP At-Risk component, may provide breakfast and lunch through SFSP and supper and/or snack through the CACFP At-risk component during the public health emergency due to COVID-19. These agencies need to ensure that duplicate meal service will not happen.

#### **Waiver to Allow Meal Service Time Flexibility**

USDA waives the meal service time requirements for agencies that elect to participate in this waiver. Complete the Google form to send DPI your process for implementation.

#### **Waiver to Allow Non-congregate Feeding**

USDA waives the congregate feeding requirements for agencies that elect to participate in this waiver. It waives the requirement that meals/snacks be consumed onsite. Meals/snacks may be picked-up or delivered. Complete the Google form to send DPI your process for implementation.

#### **Waiver of the Activity Requirement in the At-Risk Afterschool Programs**

USDA waives the afterschool activity requirement of the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Program for agencies that elect to participate in the waiver. This allows At-Risk Afterschool programs to waive that meals and snacks are served in a structured and supervised environment, with an educational or enrichment activity. Complete the Google form to let DPI know if your agency would like to participate in this waiver.

All of these waivers are effective March 20, 2020, and remain in effect through June 30, 2020, or until expiration of the federally declared public health emergency, whichever is earlier.

For DPI's Child Nutrition Program COVID-19 Information visit:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/nutrition/coronavirus>

For USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Program Guidance on Human Pandemic Response visit: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic>