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

*From:* Community Nutrition Team

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

### **USDA Waiver Extensions**

The USDA extended the following nationwide waivers for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

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

USDA continues to waive the requirement that meals/snacks be consumed onsite for agencies that elect to participate in this waiver. Meals/snacks may be picked-up or delivered through August 31, 2020. Complete the Google form to send DPI your process for implementation. **You do not need to resubmit a waiver form for non-congregate feeding if previously submitted and already approved.** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYN8\\_KW50IKEKMo05S9FZxYL\\_nyn9KqckrxJlqL9u7fihXoQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYN8_KW50IKEKMo05S9FZxYL_nyn9KqckrxJlqL9u7fihXoQ/viewform)

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

USDA continues to waive the meal service time requirements through August 31, 2020, for agencies that elect to participate in this waiver. This waiver allows for grab-n-go options and allows for multiple days-worth of meals to be provided at once. Complete the Google form to send DPI your process for implementation. **You do not need to resubmit a waiver form for meal service time flexibility if previously submitted and already approved.** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYN8\\_KW50IKEKMo05S9FZxYL\\_nyn9KqckrxJlqL9u7fihXoQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYN8_KW50IKEKMo05S9FZxYL_nyn9KqckrxJlqL9u7fihXoQ/viewform)

#### **Waiver to Allow Meal Pick Up**

USDA continues to allow parents and/or guardians to pick up meals and bring them home to their children who are enrolled in the CACFP. This waiver is extended through August 31, 2020, for agencies who elect to participate. This waiver also applies to guardians picking up meals for adult participants in the CACFP Adult Day Care program. The purpose of this waiver is that enrolled participants are not required to accompany the parent/guardian while picking up the meals.

Agencies must have a plan to ensure that meals are distributed only to parents or guardians of enrolled participants and that children are not receiving duplicate meals from other child nutrition programs. For example:

- Maintain a roster with the names of enrolled participants and check off when the meal(s) are provided to the family of the enrolled participant.
- Ask if the enrolled children received the same meals from another child nutrition program. Here is a list of WI agencies (i.e. schools) that are currently providing meals during COVID-19 Unanticipated School Closure: [https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/community-nutrition/pdf/wi\\_sfs\\_serving\\_via\\_sfsp\\_sso\\_covid-19.pdf](https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/community-nutrition/pdf/wi_sfs_serving_via_sfsp_sso_covid-19.pdf)

### **Extension CACFP Meal Pattern Flexibility Waiver**

USDA extended the nationwide waiver to allow meal pattern flexibility through June 30, 2020. This waiver extends previously approved waivers and allows agencies to submit waiver requests if experiencing supply disruptions for one or more components that begin during this extended period.

**You do not need to resubmit a waiver form for meal pattern flexibility on components already approved if still experiencing these same supply disruptions.**

- Complete this waiver form **ONLY** if your agency is currently experiencing disruptions to the availability of food products for one or more components not previously approved: <https://forms.gle/4Hurq1cFxAvEh3Si6>
- The DPI will review each waiver request and approve on a case-by-case basis. You will receive notification when your request is approved or denied. CACFP operators must make every effort to meet the meal pattern requirements during these supply disruptions.

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

For DPI's CACFP COVID-19 Information visit: <https://dpi.wi.gov/nutrition/coronavirus/cacfp>