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

**From:** Community Nutrition Team

**Subject:** CACFP Bulletin June 2020-25: COVID-19 Extension CACFP Nationwide Waivers

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

- Extension CACFP Meal Pattern Flexibility Waiver through July 31, 2020
- Extension CACFP Sponsors Monitoring Requirements for Sponsoring Organizations through August 31, 2020
- At-Risk Afterschool Programs end June 30, 2020
- Child Nutrition Program Meal Service During COVID-19

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

USDA extended the nationwide waiver to allow meal pattern flexibility through July 31, 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).

#### **Extension CACFP Sponsors Monitoring Requirements for Sponsoring Organizations (more than one site participating in CACFP)**

USDA extended the nationwide waiver of Monitoring Requirements for Sponsors in the CACFP through August 31, 2020. FNS waives, for all CACFP sponsoring organizations that elect to be subject to this waiver, CACFP monitoring requirements as specified in the chart below. The chart provides the monitoring regulations in the left column and the flexibilities that may be implemented by the waiver in the right column.

COVID-19 CACFP National Waiver of Monitoring Requirements for Sponsoring Organizations	
Regulations	Waiver Flexibilities
Sponsors must review facilities 3 times per year	Sponsors must conduct 2 facility reviews
2 of 3 reviews must be unannounced	Only 1 review must be unannounced
1 unannounced review must include a meal observation	Observation of a meal is waived
Review of a new facility in first 4 weeks	Onsite portion of first 4 week review is waived (i.e. desk audit)*
No more than 6 months elapse between reviews	6 months elapse waived
Onsite preapproval visit required prior to CACFP operation	Onsite portion of the preapproval visit is waived (i.e. desk audit)*

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

**CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Programs End June 30, 2020**

The CACFP At-Risk afterschool programs may choose to end At-Risk operations at the end of the planned school year, or continue to operate under the Unanticipated School Closure waiver until June 30, 2020. Starting July 1, 2020, the CACFP At-Risk program must end. At-Risk afterschool programs can only operate during the school year; therefore, At-Risk and traditional SFSP cannot operate at the same time. At-Risk programs may choose to operate as SFSP sponsors or sites, if eligible and approved by DPI.

**Child Nutrition Program Meal Service During COVID-19**

The coronavirus pandemic presents unique challenges that may make it difficult for child nutrition program operators to provide meals and snacks directly to the eligible child or adult in their care. This downloadable handout conveys information, tips, and best practices to consider when allowing local program operators to distribute meals and snacks to parents and guardians for the children or adults in their care. This publication may be printed and shared with state agency staff, program operators, and stakeholders.

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