

NHSA Kitchen Table Talks

Maximizing Child & Adult
Care Food Program Support
During COVID-19 for:

- Head Start programs
- Head Start one time activities in response to the coronavirus
- Head Start supplemental summer programs





Kitchen Table Talk

- CACFP special options during COVID-19:
 - How did we get them & what do we have now
 - What is currently under consideration
- Other relevant food program opportunities

CACFP Advocacy Goal:

Facilitate the success of CACFP in continuing to support child care including Head Start programs during the COVID 19 pandemic





The Families First Coronavirus Response Act

Three Key CACFP Provisions



Gives USDA the authority to issue nationwide child nutrition - CACFP waivers in order to eliminate paperwork for states & help child care, afterschool programs, & community organizations quickly adopt & implement flexibilities during this crisis



Waivers to allow CACFP to operate as non-congregate sites: offering meals off-site, “grab and go” & delivered

Families First Act

CACFP non-congregate feeding must be consistent: “(1) with appropriate safety measures with respect to COVID–19, as determined by the Secretary.”



Closed schools have been using non-congregate summer food service waivers to serve meals through distribution mechanisms designed to be consistent with safety



“The kids who normally attend USC’s Head Start program are now home with their families, isolating due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Every weekday morning, though, a little bit of Head Start comes to them.”

University of Southern California News


Waivers to adapt meal pattern requirements in response to a disruption to the food supply as a result of COVID-19





Additional CACFP waivers related to review & oversight during COVID-19:

- ★ Waiver the 60 day reporting requirement
- ★ Waiver of annual review requirements for State agencies (on site monitoring requirements)



FNS DISASTER ASSISTANCE

FNS Response to COVID-19

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19>

Child Nutrition Programs: COVID-19 Waivers by State



Select from the following list to see all of the COVID-19 waivers issued for your state in child nutrition programs.

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19/cn-waivers-flexibilities>



Head Start Supplemental Summer Programs

One time Head Start activities in response to the coronavirus:

Opportunities for connecting Head Start families to WIC & SNAP during COVID 19

Special federal food program policies streamline access during this difficult time





- Clients can enroll in WIC over the phone
- WIC can download benefits remotely in most places

WIC Access
COVID-19

What is Congress considering for CACFP in the next stimulus bill?





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