

Date: May 17, 2021

To: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Members

From: Summer Food Service Team

Subject: Announcements from the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

SFSP Mini Series Reminder

- The DPI SFSP Team is hosting **SFSP Mini Series** webinars in lieu of in-person SFSP training this year. Our first live webinar is tomorrow, Tuesday, May 18th at 2:00 pm. Given the majority of our SFSP sponsors have been operating year round due to the pandemic, this first webinar will focus on clarifying what is required of all sponsors for the upcoming 2021 summer session (i.e. what is required after the 2020-21 school year ends).
- This webinar will be applicable to *all* SFSP sponsors.
- It is also being recorded and will be posted to the [SFSP Training website](#) so you can listen in at your convenience.
- **Access the webinar:** Click [here](#)

SFSP Dates of Operation Clarification

The SFSP has **not** been extended to operate beyond the end of the summer session. In other words, SFSP must end when the school year begins in your community. Schools will have the option to participate in the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) or to operate the regular National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for SY2021-22. Information regarding the application process is being shared with schools within the [School Nutrition Bulletins](#). To learn more about the SSO, please visit: <https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/seamless-summer-option>. The School Nutrition Team will also be hosting webinars this summer, to ensure all schools are informed of the upcoming school year requirements.

Application Updates for this Summer

As we are getting closer to summer operation, be sure to review your SFSP Application. It is important that dates of operation, contact information, SFSP meal sites, meal types and meal times are kept up to date. The waiver that has allowed us flexibility with application approvals will be ending on June 30th, therefore starting on July 1, changes to your application cannot be made retroactively. SFSP sites and meal types added to your contract must be approved *prior* to serving the meals in order to be reimbursed, as required pre-pandemic.

SFSP Meal Pattern Flexibilities

The SFSP Meal Pattern Flexibility waiver will also be ending on June 30th. This waiver allowed sponsors some flexibilities when there were difficulties obtaining meal

components due to supply disruptions this past year. Starting on July 1, it will be required that all sponsors that follow the SFSP meal pattern and were approved for a Meal Pattern Flexibility, provide meals that meet the SFSP meal pattern requirements. Should disruptions in the food supply become prevalent again, this could be revisited, if needed.

CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Programs End Last Day of SY 2020-2021

The CACFP At-Risk afterschool programs must end At-Risk operations at the end of the planned school year. Despite the At-Risk area eligibility waiver extending to June 30, 2022, this waiver does not change *when* At-Risk afterschool programs may operate. At-Risk afterschool programs may only operate during the school year. At-Risk programs may choose to operate as SFSP sponsors or sites during the summer session, if eligible and approved by DPI.

Please reach out to your assigned DPI SFSP Team Consultant if you have questions – thank you!