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To: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Member
From: Summer Food Service Team
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SFSP Mini Series Reminder – Contract Updates & 2022 Operation

The DPI Community Nutrition Team will be hosting a Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) webinar on Tuesday, March 8th at 2:00 pm. The webinar will focus on the 2022 application process and review of summer operational requirements. It is strongly encouraged that sponsors attend the webinar OR view the recording which will be posted on the [SFSP Training Page](#), before attempting updates for the summer.

Topic: 2022 Summer Application & Operational Requirements

Date: March 8, 2022

Time: 2:00-3:00 p.m.

[Join the webinar](#)

SFSP Application to Open March 3rd

- The [SFSP Online Application](#) will open on March 3rd for updates.
- It is due April 8th, if requesting SFSP USDA Foods and/or an advance in payment
- It is due May 6th, if not interested in USDA Foods and/or an advance in payment
- Updated [SFSP Application Instructions](#) are available online.
- A summary of the [2022 SFSP Requirements and Deadlines](#) is available online.

Summer Operation Waiver Update

To date, there are no waivers for summer 2022 operation. In short, this means:

- All open, restricted open, and most closed enrolled sites, must be located within the attendance area of a school that has 50% or more children eligible for free/reduced price school meals OR within a census tract that qualifies. The [2019 Free/Reduced Data](#) (located under the Sponsor & Site Eligibility area) will continue to be used in 2022, unless a SFA has more recent data that could be used. The [Census Data](#) has been updated annually throughout the pandemic.

- All meals must be served in a supervised setting and be consumed onsite, with the exception of specific meal components that are typically allowed to be taken home (i.e. a fruit, vegetable, or grain item).
- All locations where meals are served require a site application to be completed (i.e., 'Mobile or Bus Routes' site applications used during the pandemic should be discontinued). Sponsor with mobile routes are to submit a separate site application for each location where meals are served, as in the past.
- Since non-congregate meals are not allowed, meals must be served during their specific time periods approved on the site application (i.e., breakfast 7:30 – 8:30 am, lunch 11:30 – 1:00 pm). Mealtimes should not overlap.
- All monitoring of sites must be done on-site.

School Food Authorities (SFAs)

Clarification: The Child Nutrition Response #85, Nationwide Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility for the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) expires the last day of an SFA's school year (not June 30th). All other SSO waivers including Non-congregate Feeding, Meal Times and Parent/Guardian Pick-up waivers expire June 30th. SFAs operating the SSO, will not be able to provide summer meals at ineligible sites, once the school year has ended. If intending to operate the SSO after the end of your school year, please watch for SSO guidance from the School Nutrition Team.

Other Reminders

Complete Training - Sponsors are required to review the lessons within the E-learning Course that are pertinent to their SFSP responsibilities. All training opportunities are posted on the [SFSP Training Page](#).

[SFSP Materials & Resources](#) can be found online. You may wish to update your Guide to Sponsoring the SFSP (orange binder), by printing the updated pages. Revision dates are noted behind each one-pager.

Order [SFSP Outreach Materials](#), such as posters, lawn signs, banners, business cards, car magnets (for mobile routes), etc. We will begin shipping these out in April.

Questions? Please send an email to sfsp@dpi.wi.gov and a member of the SFSP Team will give you a call!