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## **Announcements from the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)**

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### **SFSP Mini Series – Summer Operational Requirements for 2022 (ALL)**

The SFSP Team will be hosting a live webinar on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm to review operational requirements for this summer, focusing on the transition back to pre-pandemic requirements. We will also provide up to date information on any possible waivers for summer meals.

**Topic:** Summer Operational Requirements for 2022

**Date:** May 17, 2022

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

[Join the Webinar](#)

## **USDA Summer 2022 Waivers (ALL)**

**IMPORTANT TO NOTE:** USDA expects that flexibilities under the waivers will only be implemented by Program operators when congregate meal service is limited by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of USDA's Transitioning to Normal Child Nutrition Operations, USDA announced waiver opportunities for Summer 2022 and school year (SY) 2022-23. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has identified options for the best path forward for the transition back to normal operations. We appreciate your patience as we explored options.

Even though USDA does not have nationwide waiver authority, States and sponsors can still submit individual waiver requests, as needed, through USDA's 12(l) authority, using the process described in SP 15-2018 CACFP 12-2018 SFSP 05-2018, Child Nutrition Program Waiver Request Guidance and Protocol- Revised. In order to facilitate this process, FNS has developed a streamlined approach through which State agencies are able to request some or all of the available waivers through one combined 12(l) waiver request.

The waivers available for the SFSP and SSO through the 12(l) process include:

- Non-Congregate Meal Service during Summer 2022
- Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup during Summer 2022

WI DPI's waiver request has been submitted to USDA. We will have more information on how agencies may utilize these waivers within a few weeks.

## **2022 SFSP Application Reminder Deadline (ALL)**

The SFSP Application must be updated and approved prior to summer operation! The soft deadline is this Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, to provide our staff adequate time to review and approve them. We realize some SFAs may be still trying to determine their plans for the summer and whether they plan to provide meals through the SSO and/or SFSP. If you need further assistance with making that decision, please reach out to Amy Kolano, [amy.kolano@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:amy.kolano@dpi.wi.gov). If you are unable to submit your application by May 6th, please reach out to your [assigned SFSP consultant](#).

## **Promoting Access to Voting through the Child Nutrition Programs (ALL)**

On March 7, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden passed Executive Order (EO) 14019 directing Federal agencies to consider ways to expand citizens' opportunities to register to vote and to obtain information about,

and participate in, the electoral process. Through the Child Nutrition Programs, operators have the ability to reach Americans to provide them with information about voting.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) encourages all State agencies administering the Child Nutrition Programs to provide local program operators with promotional materials, including voter registration and non-partisan, non-campaign election information, to disseminate among voting-age program participants and their families. Ideas include, but are not limited to, encouraging:

- School food authorities administering the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) in high schools, and adult day care centers and emergency shelters participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) to promote voter registration and election information among voting-age participants and use congregate feeding areas, such as cafeterias, or food distribution sites, as sites for the dissemination of information;
- Schools to provide parents and guardians with voter registration and election information when distributing NSLP free and reduced-price meal applications and/or other communications to households;
- Operators of the CACFP and the Summer Food Service Program to post flyers with voter registration and election information to reach parents and/or guardians of young participants; and
- All program operators post information on their website and social media channels, and link to relevant resources, including [vote.gov](https://www.vote.gov).

A sample flyer available at [USAGov's Quick Guide to Voting in 2020 | USAGov](#) as an example of information that may be used by program operators. The Child Nutrition Programs play an essential role in the health and development of our nation's children and can also play a role in enabling all Americans to participate in our democracy.

### **Income Eligibility Guidelines Updated (CAMPS)**

The Household Size-Income Guideline Scale for July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, has been posted to the DPI [SFSP Materials & Resources](#) page, under Documenting Participant Eligibility. Camps using the Household Income Applications, should use the updated scale to determine participant eligibility for sessions starting on or after July 1, 2022.

## Promoting the Summer Food Service Program (Open Sites)

Many parents and guardians simply don't know that there are resources for their children during the summer. One of the most effective ways to help nourish families and children is through federal nutrition programs, such as the SFSP. Do your part, in your community, by making sure they know how to get free, healthy meals when the school year ends. Review the [Marketing Your Summer Food Service Program](#) E-learning Lesson. Check out the [SFSP Outreach](#) page to see what free resources we have available to promote your Programs, including a new QR Code.



### *Program Abbreviation/Definition Key*

**SFA**=School Food Authority  
**SSO**=Seamless Summer Option  
**SFSP**=Summer Food Service Program

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