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Announcements from the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

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Excessive Heat

USDA will not be issuing a separate Excessive Heat Waiver this summer. They have clarified that the current [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-Congregate Feeding for Summer 2022 Operations – EXTENSION 7](#) is intended to be utilized broadly, including instances where a sponsor may wish to allow children to take meals off site due to excessive heat, air quality or other exceptional circumstances. It will NOT be required that you document weather advisories to use the waiver. To use these flexibilities, SFSP sponsors must follow the instructions provided below.

As a reminder the following waivers are also available for use this summer:

[Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children for Summer 2022 Operations – EXTENSION 7](#)

[Nationwide Waiver of Meal Service Time Restrictions for Summer 2022 Operations – EXTENSION 4](#)

[Nationwide Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility Waivers for Summer 2022 Operations – EXTENSION 5](#)

How to Apply for the Waivers and Operational Requirements When Using Them

Sponsors are not required to utilize the waivers, but if elect to do so, must:

1. Complete the [SFSP 2022 Waiver Request Form](#) all waivers listed, with the exception of the area eligibility waiver. The area eligibility waiver is not included in the waiver request form..
2. Update the SFSP Application following the instructions provided within the [Site Application and Operational Requirements Under Summer 2022 SFSP Waivers](#) document.
3. Provide any further information requested by DPI regarding the use the waivers for reporting purposes to USDA.

Sponsors that have utilized the waivers in the past, may use the forms for meal counting, parent/guardian pick up signage, etc. that have been used in previous years. Sponsors electing to use these waivers that have not used them in the past will be contacted by DPI to discuss requirements and provide resources to ensure requirements are met.

Cucumber Crunch!

Celebrate summer by participating in the Cucumber Crunch! This is a simple, celebratory event to promote local foods and farm to summer. Pick any date this summer and have staff and children crunch into local cucumbers. You'll find all of the resources to celebrate a Crunch day of your choosing on our [Celebrate Summer](#) page. Remember to use #CucumberCrunch and #SummerMeals on social media! You can also share photos of your event with DPI by sending them to SFSP@dpi.wi.gov.

The information contained in this Bulletin is also located on the [SFSP website](#). Questions may be directed to your [assigned SFSP consultant](#) or sent to sfsp@dpi.wi.gov.

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Program Abbreviation/Definition Key

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

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