

## Check in with CANS

### May 2, 2024, 2:30PM CT/1:30PM MT

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#### All Program Reminders or Updates:

- June 6 Check in with CANS call is cancelled.
  
- (Mikayla/Cheriee) **Updates to the Meal Pattern Standards:** USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) published the final rule titled, [Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Consistent With the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans](#), which is the next step in continuing the science-based improvement of school meals and other USDA child nutrition programs (CNP), as well as advancing USDA's commitment to nutrition security. The changes are based on a comprehensive review of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020-2025*, robust stakeholder input on the CNP meal patterns, and lessons learned from prior rulemakings. While this rulemaking is effective July 1, 2024, USDA is gradually phasing in required changes over time. Program operators are not required to make any changes to their menus as a result of this rulemaking until school year 2025-26 at the earliest.
  - **Additional Resources:**
    - [Summary of the Final Rule Provisions](#)
    - Comparison Chart: [2023 Proposed Standards vs. 2024 Final Standards](#)
    - Implementation Timeline - [School Meals](#)
    - Implementation Timeline - [CACFP & SFSP](#)
    - [Media Toolkit](#)
      - Infographic: [Final Rule for School Meal Standards](#)
      - Infographic: [Implementation Timeline](#)
      - Infographic: [How We Got Here](#)
      - Video: [Rule Overview](#)
    - Video: [Added Sugars](#)
  - On May 9, at 1:00 PM CST/noon MST, USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will host a webinar for School Food Authorities on the final rule.
    - The registration link for the webinar can be found [here](#).
    - FNS will share a webinar recording in the future for those that could not attend. The webinar recording will be shared on the [final rule page](#)
  - The May 16 Crash Course with CANS will take a 30-minute peek into the new rules. Thursday at 2:30 pm CT / 1:30pm MT via Zoom. Join with this [Zoom link](#). Meeting ID: 996 4896 6220; Passcode: 870082.
    - Reducing Added Sugar Crash Course was recorded earlier.
    - On demand Crash Course with CANS videos can be found at <https://sded.sd.gov/>. Select categories: Child and Adult Nutrition Services to filter training options. Enroll in *Crash Course with CANS* to access the entire list of short training videos. New videos are added after they are completed live.

- (Quanna) **\*\*Process Change\*\* Contracts and Agreements (Vended, Colony, Interagency, etc.):** If your Agency has a contract agreement involving the Child Nutrition Programs (interagency vended meal, interagency multiple SFA, or colony meal agreements), now is the time to start the process for SY24-25. In consultation with department legal staff, we determined that the State Agency (CANS) is **no longer required** to pre-approve these contracts and agreements. You do not need to send them in early, they will continue to be **approved** through the iCAN application approval process. It is important that your contract is correct, updated as needed, and fully signed before they can be executed (started). If issues arise during the approval process, that could put reimbursement at risk. If you have any questions please contact the CANS office and we are happy to continue to review them.
  - Please contact [quanna.keyser@state.sd.us](mailto:quanna.keyser@state.sd.us) for an updated version which does not include the State Agency signature line.
  - All contracts with a 'for profit' vendor such as a Food Service Management Company and privately owned food vendors, will be pre-approved as in the past.

### Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Reminders or Updates :

- (Jordan) **Last Call! CACFP Sponsor Training.** The 2024 [Child and Adult Care Food Program \(CACFP\) Sponsor Training Registration](#) deadline is Friday! Suggested staff to attend this training are the Authorized Representative, Food Service Director, Agency Contact, or any other main program personnel. This training is optional, but it is highly encouraged that sponsors attend. **The deadline to register for one of the sponsor trainings is Friday, May 3, 2024.**

### School Nutrition Program (SNP) & Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Reminders or Updates:



- (Diana W.) **Primer Edge Menu Planning Round 3.** The opt in process for round 3 of the Primer Edge Menu Planning Software is starting! This is a free service for South Dakota school districts. You can opt in now through May 15.
  - This system helps your district menu plan and create production records. It helps ensure your menus meet meal pattern and nutritional requirements!
  - If you are interested in opting in, you can find more information at <https://primeroedge.com/south-dakota/> and complete the form at the bottom of the page to begin the opt-in process. If you have any questions, please contact [Diana Webb](#). If you would like to learn more about other school nutrition solutions PrimerEdge has to offer such as POS and school meal eligibility, please contact [Jill Boe](#).
- (Melissa) **Pathways to School Nutrition Success Conference is June 11-13th, 2024, at South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD.** This conference is designed to fit the needs of



experienced, as well as new school food service professionals by offering a vast array of training opportunities. Classes are designed to include demonstrations, group activities, and lectures.

- Class content includes federal and state regulations applicable to the school meals program, food safety, menu planning, purchasing, and marketing.
- **Register today at [Pathways 2024 Registration](#)**. Registration is free. Some class sizes are limited so early registration is highly encouraged. The last day to register is May 15, 2024. Once you successfully register you will receive a confirmation email from the system **and** from CANS Secretary [Darlan Schaefer](#) with important conference information.
- (Quanna) **\*\*New Requirement\*\* Procurement annual training requirement** for directors, management, and staff tasked with National School Lunch Program procurement responsibilities regarding annual training completed on Federal procurement standards. Training may count toward the annual Professional Training requirements. SFAs must maintain documentation and track training to show compliance with this new requirement, per 7 CFR 210.21(h). Required starting August 23, 2024.
  - Pathways Training June 11-13 will have procurement-based sessions presented by the Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) as well as faces from our own CANS team. This is a great opportunity to get a jump start on the procurement annual training requirement.
- (Andrea) **\*\*Upcoming Deadline\*\* Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)**. The list of eligible and near eligible sites and districts is posted on the [CANS SNP website](#) in the School Meal Requirements section. A recent final rule, the percentages that make a district or site eligible have decreased. Sites that have Identified Student Percentage (ISP) of **25% or greater** are eligible for CEP. Sites that have an Identified Student Percentage (ISP) between **15% - 24.99%** are potentially eligible. If you are eligible and would like to apply, submit the [CEP Application](#) by **May 31, 2024**.
  - Schools that are eligible and looking to serve free meals to students free of charge, should give us a call!
- (Susan) **\*\*Upcoming Deadline\*\* SSO iCAN Applications**: As a reminder, SSO applications must be **fully approved by May 20, 2024**. There are only 2 full weeks remaining to get applications submitted, so please submit your SSO application as soon as possible! It can take a week or so for the application to be fully approved, so it must be submitted before the May 20 deadline to be approved in time.
- (Diana L.) **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Outreach – Due Before the Last Day of School!** All SFAs are required to inform households before the end of the school year of the availability and location of meals offered through the SFSP. Outreach for SFSP must be completed by all SFAs regardless of whether SFSP is offered by the SFA itself. SFAs distribute information through means normally used to communicate with households of enrolled children. This may include newsletters, automatic calling and texting services, email, or mailings. SFAs can inform families of summer meals by promoting the following: Access the [Summer Meals Site Finder webpage](#), call 211 to locate meals in the area, text "food" (in English or Spanish) to 304-304, or visit the [Summer Food Service Program webpage](#). Feel free to use our [SFSP outreach flyer](#) to communicate SFSP information.
- (Andrea) **School Year 2024-25 iCAN Applications Open in iCAN**. The deadline for SNP iCAN application approval is **August 16, 2024**. We are providing open hours through Zoom to answer questions and provide one on one assistance with your application. No reservation is needed, you can join during any open hours times to get instant help from CANS staff.



- **May 15** - 9am – 11am CT / 8am – 10am MT; [Join via Zoom](#) with Melissa
- **August 1** – 9am – 11am CT / 8am – 10am MT; [Join via Zoom](#) with Susan
- **August 7** – 2pm – 4pm CT / 1pm – 3pm MT; [Join via Zoom](#) with Diana L
- **August 21** – 2pm – 4pm CT / 1pm – 3pm MT; [Join via Zoom](#) with Diana W

The **iCAN SNP Agency Manual** is on the [CANS SNP webpage](#) under Application and Claim Information. We recommend that you follow the manual when filling out your application to ensure you are following the proper sequence to avoid extra or lost work. The manual is a useful tool in answering questions you may have about the application or how to answer some of the questions.

## USDA Foods in School/Food Distribution Program Reminders or Updates: (Darcy)

- **Required Year End Reporting Documents:**
  - DoD Fresh/FFAVORS usage report located on the DoD Fresh/FFAVORS website
  - Value of Commodities Shipped report located in the Food Distribution Program in iCAN
  - Usage reports from K12 and Processor Link only if your school district uses processor pounds
- **Recalls:** USDA Food Recalls don't happen very often but being prepared just in case is helpful. USDA Food Recall information is located on the USDA Food Distribution for Child Nutrition Programs webpage on the CANS website at <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/fdp.aspx>.
  - Schools are also required to have a "Handling a Food Recall" standard operating procedure in their Food Safety Plan (a.k.a Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) Plan).

## Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Reminders or Updates:

- (Cheriee) **Farm to School (F2S) Crew Meeting**, [Zoom Link](#), Meeting ID: 910 6750 0343, and Passcode: 136372
  - May 14, 3:00pm CT (2:00pm MT).
  - If you run a SFSP/SSO program, please plan to attend!
  - **SFSP Menu Challenge** details will be released
  - 45 minute, high paced, information packed gathering of program operators
  - Participants are a mix of those who have done F2S and those who want to do F2S.
- (Mikayla) **\*\*Upcoming Deadline\*\* SFSP iCAN Applications**. As a reminder, SFSP applications must be **fully approved by May 20, 2024**. There are only 18 days remaining to get applications submitted, so please submit your SFSP application as soon as possible! It can take a week or two for the application to be fully approved, so it must be submitted before the May 20 deadline to be approved in time.
- (Jordan) **Site Operational Training**. The SFSP Site Operational training has been posted on the [DOE Professional Learning Platform](#). This training is directed toward SFSP site supervisors and reviews the sponsor and site supervisor's responsibilities, meal pattern requirements, safety rules, and more! If you have any questions about the training, please use the comments feature below the training video on the platform. CANS staff will be monitoring this and responding to questions as they come up.

## Upcoming Trainings or Calls:

- As noted above, the June 6 call is cancelled. We will talk next school year!
- **Crash Course with CANS** - All crash course trainings take place on Thursdays at 2:30 pm CT / 1:30pm MT via Zoom. Join with this [Zoom link](#). Meeting ID: 996 4896 6220; Passcode: 870082.
  - 5/16 CN Final Meal Pattern Rules

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