

Check in with CANS

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All Program Reminders or Updates:

- Current Waivers Reminder
 - Are you struggling to get food delivered to your school or agency? Are you struggling to meet the meal pattern requirements? Remember that USDA released meal pattern waivers for times that you are unable to meet the meal pattern requirements. Please make sure you are submitting waivers if you are having any issues. Statewide, we only have 48 schools who have submitted waivers this year, and we have been hearing from schools and agencies across the state who are struggling to get food. The waivers can be found on the CANS website: <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/index.aspx> under the USDA Waivers, Guidance, and Information heading. If you are unsure as to whether you should be submitting a waiver, please contact the CANS Office and we can discuss!
- TA Visits
 - CANS is planning to conduct Technical Assistance Visits at our SNP and CACFP agencies. Keep your eyes peeled for a letter from our office to see if your agency is chosen.

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

- Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) has released a Fact Sheet for Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) program operators to help navigate the coming year. The Fact Sheet clarifies existing flexibilities available to State agencies and local program operators in meeting the unique needs of their communities. It consists of tips and best practices for virtual monitoring as well as menu planning and shopping tips during supply chain disruptions. We have posted this document on the CACFP webpage: <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/cacfp.aspx> in the documents section. The document is also linked here: <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/documents/ManagingDisruptions.pdf>
- Team Nutrition Milk in the CACFP Quiz
 - USDA's Team Nutrition initiative has released a Milk in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) web quiz and it is now available at fns.usda.gov/tn/quizzes/milk-in-the-cacfp. This quiz focuses on milk requirements in the CACFP. The complete web quiz collection is available at fns.usda.gov/tn/quizzes. Upon completion of each 10-question quiz, quiz takers receive a score along with a link to resources that can help expand their knowledge on the topic and build their nutrition skills. Quiz takers can also view a printable version of the questions and answers upon quiz completion. Additional quizzes will be released in February 2022.

School Nutrition Program (SNP) Reminders or Updates:

- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program – Additional funds:
 - FFVP-participating elementary schools will receive an email soon identifying additional funds to be provided – schools that have already received the maximum amount will not be able to receive any additional funds
- Reimbursement Rate Change Reminder:
 - New rates for SSO claims will be released soon. The rates are for Summer Food Service Program and apply to the month of January.
- Equipment Purchase Reminders:
 - Our finance office is working with schools to approve spend-down plans for those with excess funds in their food service account. This also applies to any equipment purchase using school food service funds, even if it is not related to a spend-down plan. Remember that if you plan to purchase equipment, those purchases must be preapproved by CANS. Basically, if you are looking to purchase equipment costing over \$5,000 you must have CANS approval. Please review [CANS Memo 241-2 CNP Equipment Purchases](#) for the details. If you need a piece of equipment preapproved, contact CANS for the request form and we will send it to you.
- Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Funding announced by USDA:
 - For eligible School Food Authorities operating NSLP or SBP (including SSO). Not for CACFP or SFSP.
 - This funding is from USDA Commodity Credit Corporation, this is not normal USDA Food and Nutrition Service funding. This funding is for specific food only. Funding to be used to purchase specific domestic foods that are minimally processed.
 - All products must meet the Buy American rules, without any exceptions.
 - Examples of allowed costs: domestic cartons of milk, shredded or string cheese, frozen/canned/fresh vegetables/fruit/100% juice, whole/pieces/ground beef/chicken/pork/turkey
 - Examples of not allowed costs: salary, goods, services, processed foods (like chicken nuggets, frozen beef patties, pizza, burritos), mandarin oranges and banana grown outside of the US
 - Funds can only be used for foods in NSLP, SBP, SSO, and afterschool snack. Funds cannot be used for FFVP, SMP, CACFP, SFSP, any use outside of allowed programs.
 - Formula calculation for School District allocation:
 - Every district will receive \$5,000 plus a percentage of the total remaining amount of funding based on student enrollment
 - An attestation must be signed by each SFA. Attestation will include statement the school is experiencing supply chain disruptions and related financial difficulties, and some special funding spending rules will be followed.
 - Fund Details for States:
 - SD was allocated \$3.2 million. DOE is working on a plan right now.
 - State can choose to use a small % of the funding for procurement and distribution of unprocessed and minimally processed “local” foods for Districts
 - More information is coming from the USDA over the next few weeks, as we know more we will share more information. A USDA Q&A for State agencies is posted at <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/documents/SNP-Attachment-B.pdf>
 - CANS is working on planning a webinar. Date and time: To be determined.

- School Meal Operations (SMO) study for SFAs
 - USDA has notified CANS that they are doing another round of data collection on the use of COVID-19 Nationwide waivers through the School Meal Operations (SMO) Study. The newest version of this reporting will have a component for SFAs. The company completing the data collection will select the smallest possible number of SFAs in South Dakota that are needed to support the research that they are conducting. If you receive an email to participate, please submit your answers and be as thorough as possible. The way that these waivers are reported on may determine if waivers are issued again in the future. If your district is selected, you may also be notified by CANS. This data collection is scheduled to take place in the Winter of 2022.

USDA Foods in School/Food Distribution Program Reminders or Updates:

- The February order form is open in iCAN. The order form will close Monday, January 10th. Tyson just delivered 2.1 oz beef patties to the warehouse. Agencies can modify their orders up until the order closes on January 10th.
- The Pre-Survey will open on Monday, January 10th. The Pre-Survey is a list of all available USDA Foods for the 22-23 school year that South Dakota can order to be brought into the state contracted warehouse. The Pre-Survey is a yes or no questionnaire in Microsoft forms format. The link to the questionnaire is emailed to schools. Your input determines what products will be listed on the Annual Survey released in February.
- If you did not receive product on your USDA Foods Delivery, schools have 5 days to complete the OS&D report in iCAN.

Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option (SFSP & SSO) Reminders or Updates:

- Please sign up for the SFSP mandatory administrative training here:
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fFSvcKtpbUG0plQ7XOUrmcFFEwN4BxJlsm2dUdKZG1pUMjZJSUtKTjZCN1A3N1NUWjQOVzA1S0NBQS4u>
- Registration Deadline is **January 31, 2022**.
- Returning sponsor means that you operated the program before, new sponsors are who have never operated the program before.
- DOE-CANS is submitting waiver requests to USDA for the 2022 Summer Program: First week visit waiver, Area Eligibility waiver for closed enrolled sites, OVS and Mealtimes Waiver.

Upcoming Trainings or Calls:

- Check in with CANS occur on the first Thursday of each month at 2:30pm CT/1:30 pm MT.
 - Next Check in Date: February 3
 - Join Zoom Meeting (Recurring every Thursday 2-4pm)
<https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/93990420264?pwd=dE1nZ0NPc2JwaCtJOXlqNVVlZ3I3QT09>
 - Meeting ID: 939 9042 0264
Passcode: 415931
Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Find your local number: <https://state-sd.zoom.us/u/adtnoWDDK8>
- Crash Course with CANS: Breakfast in the Classroom January 13 at 2:30 CT/1:30 MT.
 - Zoom Link:
<https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/93990420264?pwd=dE1nZ0NPc2JwaCtJOXlqNVVlZ3I3QT09>
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Professional Standards Annual Training Requirement Reminder: Any learning or training you receive about any aspect of the School Nutrition Programs can be counted as training time towards the professional standards annual training requirement.

Please retain documentation to show what topics were trained. For example, agenda, topics, handbook, certificate, etc. And record training on a Tracking Tool – we suggest using the [SD Tracker Tool](#) posted on the CANS SNP website.

This Conference call was 30 minutes long and can credit for 30 minutes of training.

Learning Topics discussed during this call were:

- 3000 Administration: 3200 Program Management - 30 minutes