

Check in with CANS
Conference Call with DOE-Child and Adult Nutrition Services
May 6, 2021 2:30PM CT/1:30PM MT

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All Program Reminders or Updates:

(Beth) **NEW Memo SP 11 -2021, CACFP 10 -2021, SFSP 06 -2021 released on May 5, 2021**

- **School Breakfast Program:** Allows vegetables offered at breakfast (including potatoes and other starchy vegetables) to be substituted for fruit. This flexibility is effective through September 30, 2021.
- **SNP, SFSP, and CACFP:** Federal funds cannot be used to purchase any poultry products imported from China. This prohibition is in effect until September 30, 2021.
- **SNP:** Allows low-fat (1% fat) flavored milk in the NSLP and SBP. This flexibility is effective through September 30, 2021.

- **SNP: Paid Lunch Equity in NSLP** - For SY2021-2022, any SFAs that had a negative balance in the nonprofit school food service account as of December 31, 2020, will be required to establish a price for paid lunches served through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). SFAs with a positive balance on Dec. 31, 2020 you do not need to increase your paid lunch prices.

New and Extended USDA Waivers for SY21-22 released April 20, 2021

- 85 –Allow the Seamless Summer Option through School Year 2021-2022
- 86 –SFSP Reimbursement Rates in School Year 2021-2022
 - All schools eligible, not just high need schools. All students eat free. Open or closed enrolled.
 - The waiver allows schools who operate SSO to claim at the SFSP reimbursement rate for school year 2021-2022.
 - We are working with iCAN system vendor to make some updates to the system for this waiver.
 - The waiver is effective from July 1, 2021 till June 30, 2022.
 - Still no guidance from USDA on free/reduced applications.
- 87 –Allow Non-Congregate Meal Service for School Year 2021-2022
 - This waiver allows operators to provide non-congregate meals. These flexibilities provide schools and childcare operators the opportunity to provide meal pick-up options for students learning virtually and facilitate grab-and-go meals.
- 88 –Mealtimes Requirements for School Year 2021-2022
 - Allows meal service time flexibility to ensure safe service of meals.
 - Used to support alternative meal service models and social distancing including meal pick up with multiple meals served at one pickup.
- 89 –Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children in School Year 21-22
 - This waiver allows parents or guardians to pick up meals and snacks for eligible children
 - Sponsors will need a distribution plan that ensures that no child is given a duplicate meal.
 - Sponsors must also opt into the non-congregate waiver (#87) to use this waiver.
- 90 –Allow Specific School Meal Pattern Flexibility for School Year 21-22
 - This waiver allows flexibilities to SSO for these areas:
 - Sodium requirements
 - Whole grain requirements
 - Vegetable subgroups
 - Milk variety
 - Low-fat flavored milk
 - Age/grade groups
 - Schools must apply on a case-by-case basis for any meal pattern flexibilities requested
 - CANS will be posting a form/survey for schools to use to make these requests

- This waiver is effective beginning 10/1/2021
- 91 –Allow Specific Meal Pattern Flexibility in the CACFP for School Year 2021-2022
 - This waiver allows CACFP operators to request exceptions to the meal pattern requirements if they are unable to meet the requirements due to shortages, delivery problems, etc.
 - Waives the requirement that at least one serving of grain per day must be whole grain rich.
 - Waives the crediting of grains by oz eq that was to be implemented by 10/1/21.
 - Waives the requirement that low-fat milk must be unflavored.
 - All CACFP operators must contact the state agency and request approval to utilize any flexibilities in this waiver.
- 92 –Allow OVS Flexibility for Senior High Schools in School Year 2021-2022
 - This waiver allows NSLP and SSO Sponsors to serve HS students lunch without the OVS requirement. This waiver is helpful for schools serving individually plated or pre-packaged meals.
- 93 –Area Eligibility in the Afterschool Programs and for Family Day Care Home Providers in School Year 2021-2022
 - This waiver allows schools and at-risk afterschool care centers, regardless of their location, to claim NSLP at-risk afterschool program meals and CACFP at-risk afterschool program meals at the free rate.
 - This waiver also allows day care homes participating in CACFP to claim all meals served to enrolled children at the Tier 1 rate, regardless of location.
 - This waiver starts July 1, 2021 and ends June 30, 2022.
- 94 –Onsite Monitoring Requirements in the School Meal Programs – Revised – EXTENSION 3
 - Onsite monitoring can be conducted remotely for:
 - SFA conducting monitoring on other sites for lunch & breakfast prior to Feb. 1.
 - SFAs with FSMC’s and the contract monitoring requirements.
- 96 –Onsite Monitoring Requirements for Sponsors in the CACFP – EXTENSION
 - Continuation of waiving the requirement that Sponsor Organizations must conduct on site monitoring visits. Monitoring activities are still required but may be conducted virtually.
 - This waiver will remain in effect until 30 days after the end of the current public health emergency.

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

- **ICAN applications:** If you have not yet completed your iCAN application for the current CACFP Program Year, please complete this as soon as you are able. If you normally operate CACFP but switched to SFSP with when waivers allowed this last year, you still need to complete the CACFP application and the annual training requirements. If you have any questions regarding the status of your application please log into iCAN, open your application packet for PY 2020-2021,

and view the Packet Status in the upper right-hand corner. If the status is anything other than “Approved” please complete and submit your application for review.

- **CACFP’s New Online Learning Management System, SD Bright Track**

Please continue to utilize our new online learning management system, SD Bright Track, to meet your annual training requirements. This new system houses nearly all the CACFP required trainings. We will be removing the trainings that are currently on the CACFP website this month and transitioning all CACFP sponsors to SD Bright Track since this new system will replace our current online training method. There will be a link to the new website on the current CACFP website shortly, for now it is below.

Once you go to the SD Bright Track website you will need to create an account to access the trainings. Each individual at your agency will need to create their own accounts to take trainings under. This new system will track everyone's progress throughout the year and will save any certificates for trainings you complete. I would still recommend either downloading or printing the certificates as a backup though.

Once you start taking the training’s, please reach out to me if you do come across any issues at Katie.Dryden@state.sd.us or 605-773-4769. I hope you enjoy our new Learning Management System as much as we do!

www.sdbrighttrack.com Click [here](#) to learn How to Create a New User Account & Register for a Course. The code you will need to use when creating an account is: **blackhills800**

- **CACFP trainings:** I am pleased to announce we will be offering 4 different CACFP training sessions this summer. The links to register for these trainings were emailed out to each CACFP agencies Authorized Representatives on Friday April 30th. The trainings will occur the last Monday of each month from 2:00-3:00 pm, and the dates are as follows -

- May 24 - Virtual Meal Pattern Training
- June 28- Virtual Whole Grain and Sugar Requirements Training
- July 26- Virtual Creating Standardized Recipes Training
- August 30- Virtual Production records training

Registration confirmations with the link to the virtual class will be sent out the week before each class is set to take place.

*****Please note- None of these trainings have required attendance, and they will not take the place of any required annual trainings.*****

School Nutrition Program (SNP) Reminders or Updates:

- New School Nutrition Programs Assistant Director: We are pleased to announce that our very own Mikayla Hardy has accepted the position of School Nutrition Programs Assistant Director. Mikayla is a Registered Dietitian and has worked in the CANS office for nearly 5 years with all three of our Child Nutrition Programs. She brings a wealth of knowledge and a passion for nutrition to the position.
- Schools running out of food on meal service line - Our office has been receiving complaints lately from parents at various schools across the state, indicating instances of kids going thru

the line and not being offered menu items because the item had run out. While we do understand that this may occur on a very limited basis, we would like to stress that the last person thru the line must receive the same meal offerings as the first person thru the line. If a particular food item has run out, you must be prepared to offer another item from within that food group and make that substitution. And again, this should not be a common occurrence.

- Recipe to Share? Let us know!
 - Do you have a popular recipe that meets USDA meal pattern requirements? Child & Adult Nutrition Services is working on a recipe book and would like your input! Please send recipes that you would like to share to DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us. Please remember to include the number of servings, and how the recipe credits toward the meal pattern, if possible.

- FFVP Application Request for SY21-22
 - If an elementary school from your district is interested in participating in the FFVP for SY21-22, please complete the Application Request (linked in the Nutrition Bulletin and the Check in with CANS minutes) and provide contact information. The contact person will be notified when applications become available. Schools currently participating in the FFVP will be automatically invited to complete an application for SY21-22 and would not need to request an application.
 - [FFVP 2021-22 Application Request](#) <-- Click
 - FFVP SY21-22 will be using October 2019 free/reduced and enrollment data for program eligibility since current year data is incomplete for most schools.
 - Recently provided additional follow-up to schools with higher free/reduced percentage that are not currently on the program

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

- DoD Fresh/FFAVORS entitlement needs to be spent by June 30th. Check your account balance at the DoD Site (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/usda-foods/fresh-fruits-and-vegetables-order-receipt-system-ffavors>). Email Darcy Beougher at darcy.beougher@state.sd.us as soon as possible if you are not able to spend your DoD entitlement. DoD Fresh/FFAVORS entitlement is use it or lose it and other schools can benefit from additional DoD funding.

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

- Summer School and feeding options:
 - Extend your NSLP/SBP or SSO
 - Waivers for Summer 2021

- **Turnip the Beet Award for SFSP and SSO is back for 2021**
 - The Turnip the Beet Award by USDA-FNS is created to recognize sponsors who put in extra effort to serve high quality meals for children that are appealing, appetizing, and nutritious during the summer months.
 - Sponsors can learn about the standards of a high-quality meal by utilizing the following resources:

- [The Nutrition Guide for Sponsors](#) includes best practices and tips for serving high quality meals and incorporating local foods, as well as sample cycle menus.
- [The Team Nutrition Resource Library](#) has free nutrition education materials to help reinforce and complement the nutrition messages taught by serving healthful foods.
- [The Farm to Summer Factsheet](#) describes how to “bring the farm” to summer sites.
- [The Summer Meals Toolkit](#) offers healthy menu planning ideas and tips for serving meals family style.
- Sponsors may self-nominate or be nominated by others.
- The start date of the Turnip the Beet Award is May 15, 2021 and nominations must be submitted to the South Dakota DOE-CANS office by **September 3, 2021**.
- All questions on the nomination sheet must be answered to be considered for the awards.
- Please check out the Turnip the Beet Facts Sheet and Nomination Form:
 - [TUB facts 2021](#)
 - [TUB Nomination Form 2021](#)
- Three award levels are available: gold, silver, and bronze. All winners receive a certificate. Silver and gold winners will be featured on USDA’s blog and gold winners will be identified on FNS’ summer site finder.

Final reminders:

- We are still looking for stories from our sponsors. Feel free to send us an email to DOE.Schoollunch@state.sd.us with pictures and a short narrative. Then we can share them in the monthly nutrition bulletin and with the rest of DOE to highlight all the great things that you are doing to keep our kids fed!
- Our next Crash Course with CANS webinar will be on Thursday May 13th at 2:30 pm CST 1:30 pm MT. Join us to learn about SSO and the SSO application process!

Crash Course with CANS

Join Zoom Meeting

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Professional Standards 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 NSLP website.

This Conference call was 45 minutes long and can credit for 45 minutes of training.

Learning Topics discussed during this call were:

- 3000 Administration: 3200 Program Management - 45 minutes