

Check in with CANS

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All Program Reminders or Updates:

- ****NEW**** USDA Memo SP 22-2021, CACFP 17-2021, SFSP 10-2021 Q&A for Child Nutrition Program Operations in School Year 2021-22, Sept. 29, 2021 <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/documents/SP22-CACFP17-SFSP10os.pdf>
 - **#5. Will the “pause” in eligibility carryover that was put in place in SY2020-2021 resume whenever a school begins operating the traditional NSLP again and claiming meals based on individual eligibility?**
No. The pause in eligibility applied to SY2020-21 only. Free and reduced applications that were collected in SY2020-2021 do not carry forward to SY2021-2022 and USDA Food and Nutrition Service will address carryover for SY2022-2023 in future guidance.
 - **# 6. If schools elect the waiver allowing them to operate SSO during the school year, do the Professional Standards requirements still apply?** Professional Standards training requirements are not applicable to SFAs that operate SSO during SY 2021-2022. Although training is not required, school nutrition professionals are encouraged to complete in-person or online training. Online trainings can be found on the USDA Professional Standards for School Nutrition Professionals website: <https://professionalstandards.fns.usda.gov/> . The Institute of Child Nutrition also offers online trainings for school nutrition professionals through its iLearn Portal at <https://theicn.org/> . **Please note that Professional Standards hiring requirements are still applicable.**
 - **#10. May SFAs operating SSO in SY 2021-2022 serve meals on weekends if they continue to provide educational instruction?**
SSO meals are only allowed to be served on traditional educational days that are reported to the Department of Education as an operational school day.
 - **# 13. How should schools operating SSO in SY 2021-2022 price their non-program adult meals?**
Reminder that adult meals should be determined based on the “typical” adult meal price calculation. Even though you are receiving the higher SFSP reimbursement rate, the adult meal price is still based on the NSLP/SBP reimbursement rates. An email was sent out with how to calculate adult meal prices-if you want it resent, let us know.
 - **# 15. Does the 1% flavored milk flexibility provided by Section 789 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260) also apply to competitive foods, those foods sold in competition to reimbursable meals and often referred to as Smart Snacks in School? SNP/SSO**
No. Program operators must comply with the current competitive food service and standards

which do not permit the sale of flavored, 1-percent milk to students on campus throughout the school day. Section 789 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act and COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #90: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Specific School Meal Pattern Flexibility for School Year 2021-2022 **do not apply** to non-program food/competitive food service and standards.

- **# 16. If a school cannot get fat-free or low-fat fluid milk due to supply chain disruptions related to COVID-19, may the State agency allow flexibility for the milk type requirement?** **SNP/SSO.** Per regulation, if emergency conditions temporarily prevent a school that normally has a supply of fluid milk from obtaining delivery of such milk, the State agency may allow the school to serve meals during the emergency period with an alternate form of fluid milk or without fluid milk. Supply chain disruptions caused by COVID-19 would be considered a temporary emergency conditions for purposes of this flexibility; just make sure to keep documentation as to why and when this happened.

- **# 18. Under the non-congregate, mealtimes, and parent/guardian pick-up waivers, may Child Nutrition Program operators provide food items in bulk, either through pick up or home delivery?** **SNP/SSO/CACFP.** Yes. However, FNS expects program operators to use the non-congregate, mealtimes, and parent/guardian pick up waivers only for the duration and extent they are needed. These waivers are intended to provide temporary flexibility to schools and childcare providers as they work to offer nutritious meals while safely and successfully reopening. In cases where these waivers are needed to provide nutritious meals, Program operators may provide bulk items (up to 5 days) as long as individual meals are easily identifiable as a reimbursable meal. When implementing such a distribution mechanism, Program operators:
 - Must include the required food components in the proper minimum amounts for each reimbursable meal being claimed.
 - Must ensure that food items are clearly identifiable as making up reimbursable meals
 - Are strongly encouraged to provide menus with directions indicating which items are to be used for each meal and the portion sizes
 - Should consider whether households have access to refrigeration, stoves, microwaves, etc., when providing food that requires refrigeration or further preparation, such as reheating.
 - Should ensure that only minimal preparation is required, and that food is not provided as ingredients for recipes that require chopping, mixing, baking, etc.

- **# 20. Can brick and mortar schools that offer a hybrid educational model with virtual instruction and in-person instruction provide meals to the students learning virtually?** **SNP/SSO.** Yes. Schools eligible to participate in the school meal programs and operating under the COVID-19 waivers may provide meals to students choosing to receive virtual instruction. The school must opt into the Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-Congregate Meal Service, #87, and other waivers as applicable, such as the Nationwide Waiver of Mealtime Requirements, #88. FNS expects that the non-congregate, mealtimes, and parent/guardian pick-up flexibilities provided for this school year will only be utilized as needed.
 - [Non-congregate Meal Service & Meal Service Times Waiver Request \(All Child Nutrition Programs\)](#)
 - [Parent/Guardian Pickup Waiver Request \(All Child Nutrition Programs\)](#)

- **(Katie) #22. Do traditional CACFP operators (institutions, sponsoring organizations, and centers) operating under the COVID-19 waivers need to maintain daily attendance records?**

Yes, CACFP operators approved to participate under the COVID-19 waivers must continue to maintain Program documentation as they are already per regulations 7 CFR 226.10(d), 226.15(e), 226.16(e), and 226.17(b).

- **New SFSP Unanticipated School Closure waivers**

- 101: Non-congregate Meals in Unanticipated School Closure
- 102: Mealtime Requirements in Unanticipated School Closure
- 103: Parent Pick Up in Unanticipated School Closure
- 104: Area Eligibility in Unanticipated School Closure
- 105: Allow School Sites in Unanticipated School Closure
- These waivers allow schools to operate unanticipated school closures in SFSP when ***schools unexpectedly close with no virtual education.***

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

- iCAN applications are open! Thank you to everyone that has started working on them. Please submit your application at your earliest convenience. **We are asking for applications to be submitted and approved by the end of October.**
 - If you are new and aren't sure where to start, there are a couple of training videos on the CACFP website as well as a handbook that walks you through the process step by step. A link to the website is below.
 - <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/cacfp.aspx>
 - As many of you know by now, Christina and I will be going on maternity leave at different times in November. We are trying our best to have all CACFP iCAN applications completed by the time we go on leave. While we are on leave Andrea Theilen and Brigitta Bly will be helping CACFP agencies should anything come up. A notification will be sent out to Authorized Representatives once they should start utilizing these two wonderful humans as their program contacts.
- Thank you to everyone who worked hard to get their required trainings done by September 30th! I appreciate all your hard work. Please keep in mind that the Program Year has started over as of October 1. This means that all staff will need to take these trainings again to be in compliance with the current Program Year. Please do not wait until September 2022 to start trainings at your agency.
- Single Audit reminder, if your agency has expended more than \$750,000 in federal funds, you must complete a single audit. If this is applicable to your agency, you could be reimbursed for these expenses. We need a copy of your invoice/ expense report.

School Nutrition Program (SNP) Reminders or Updates:

- Equipment Grants
 - Reminder that Equipment Grants are available!
 - The application can be found on the [CANS/SNP Website](#) under the Equipment Grants heading
 - The deadline for grant applications is October 8.
- Verification Training
 - Verification Reporting training will be held on October 12 at 9:30am CT/8:30am MT
 - Zoom Link:
<https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/96416824860?pwd=dUV6Mm9vT04xS0JTTEgxdjFIUjBGUT09>
Meeting ID: 964 1682 4860
Passcode: 704379
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- September FFVP Claim
 - FFVP schools: Reminder to submit the August/September FFVP claim as soon as possible
 - If you are not planning on submitting an August/September FFVP claim, please let me know – this will help us manage remaining funds from the 1st award

- iMATCH Reminders
 - Remember to review iMATCH update student lists in the Student Information Management System (Infinite Campus) with direct certification information. Keep in mind that SNAP, TANF, and FDPIR extends to other students within the household.
 - Student Eligibility --> Administration --> DC Matching --> Matched tab --> Uncheck 'Exclude' checkboxes --> Apply
 - Also remember to review the Potential Matches tab; it is suggested to at least review the 'high probability' potential matches.
 - See the [iMATCH User Manual](#) for instruction on reviewing the Matched tab (pg 11), and reviewing Potential Matches (pg. 23).
 - Check out the [iMATCH Basics Training recording](#) on the CANS webpage. The PowerPoint can be found [here](#).

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

- I realize with the production shortages; agencies are ordering extra USDA Foods. Please evaluate your storage capacity before ordering USDA Foods. Once the orders are processed at the Food Distribution Office no changes or cancellations will be allowed. The order form is currently open for November delivery. Agencies will have until Tuesday, October 12th to make changes to their November order.

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: November 4th
 - Join Zoom Meeting (Recurring every Thursday 2-4pm)
<https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/93990420264?pwd=dE1nZ0Npc2JwaCtJOXlqNVVIZ3I3QT09>
 - 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 - October 14, 2021 at 2:30pm CT/1:30 pm MT.
 - Professional Standards Requirements
 - Zoom Link:
<https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/93990420264?pwd=dE1nZ0Npc2JwaCtJOXlqNVVIZ3I3QT09>
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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