

Waiver Request from the Connecticut State Department of Education to the U. S Department of Agriculture

Operation of Child Nutrition Programs during COVID-19 Outbreaks Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Operations during Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Meal Distributions

Summary

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) is a federally assisted program, administered by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE). The FFVP provides free fresh fruits and vegetables to children at eligible authorized, elementary schools during the school day. The goal of the FFVP is to introduce children to fresh fruits and vegetables, to include new and different varieties, and to increase overall acceptance and consumption of fresh, unprocessed produce among children. The FFVP also encourages healthier school environments by promoting nutrition education.¹

Waiver Request

The CSDE requests a waiver of 42 U.S. Code § 1769a(a), (b), (d)(1)(A)(i) and (ii), (d)(1)(D)(iii), and (g) to allow approved FFVP sponsors of emergency meals programs during COVID-19 to distribute additional fresh fruits and vegetables during SFSP and SSO emergency meal distributions to children during school closures. Specifically, this waiver requests that fresh fruits and vegetables provided under the FFVP do not have to be provided at times outside of meal service times, or at the pre-approved schools, thereby allowing produce to be distributed alongside meal distribution, at current meal service sites and times, and to any school age student.



This document is available at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/COVID-19/Public_Announcement10_Waiver_FFVP. For more information, visit the CSDE's [Operation of Child Nutrition Programs during Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Outbreaks](#) section of the CSDE's Child Nutrition Programs webpage.

¹ <https://www.fns.usda.gov/ffvp/ffvp-fact-sheet>

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