

# 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

### Request to Waive the Limit of Two Meals per Child per Day under the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program's Seamless Summer Option for Summer 2020

#### Summary

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is requesting that the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) waive the limit of two meals per child per day under the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO) to allow SFSP and SSO sponsors in good standing to serve up to three meals (breakfast, lunch, and supper) per child per day during SFSP and SSO meal distributions in July and August 2020.

#### Waiver Request

Under normal circumstances, SFSP and SSO sponsors may only claim and be reimbursed for up to two meals per child per day. Additionally, lunch and supper meals served at the same site on the same day to the same group of children cannot be claimed and reimbursed through the SFSP or SSO.

During unanticipated school closures due to COVID-19, children 18 years old and younger could receive up to three meals per day from sponsors serving meals through the SFSP or SSO and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program (suppers). The USDA's authorization to allow up to three meals through the combination of the SFSP or SSO and CACFP expires on June 30, 2020. The CSDE's waiver request would allow SFSP and SSO sponsors to provide breakfast, lunch, and supper to each child each day through approved meal distribution sites in July and August 2020, and claim those meals for reimbursement.

This document is available at [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/COVID-19/Public\\_Announcement16\\_Waiver\\_ThirdMeal\\_SFSP\\_SSO\\_COVID19.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/COVID-19/Public_Announcement16_Waiver_ThirdMeal_SFSP_SSO_COVID19.pdf). For more information, visit the [Operation of Child Nutrition Programs during Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Outbreaks](#) section of the CSDE's Child Nutrition Programs webpage.



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