

# 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

### Flexibility for the Requirement to Provide Potable Water in School Nutrition Programs

#### Summary

In response to the current COVID-19 public health emergency, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is requesting a waiver for the requirement that school food authorities (SFAs) must make potable water available and accessible in the location where lunch is served, during meal service, when meals are served in alternate locations such as the classrooms, and when meals are delivered to students' households during remote instruction.

#### Waiver Request

The CSDE requests a waiver of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) regulations 7 CFR 210.10(a)(1)(i) requiring that schools must make potable water available and accessible without restriction to children at no charge in the places where lunches are served during the meal service. This waiver would apply to any CSDE-approved SFA sponsor in good standing, operating during school year 2020-21.



This document is available at [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/COVID-19/Public Announcement18 Waiver NSLP Potable Water.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/COVID-19/Public%20Announcement18%20Waiver%20NSLP%20Potable%20Water.pdf). 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.

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