

# 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

### Extend the Nationwide Waiver of the Requirement for the Physical Presence of Children for Meal Distribution through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

#### Summary

In response to the current COVID-19 public health emergency, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is requesting to extend the USDA nationwide waiver to waive the requirement for the child to be physically present to receive meals through the SFSP through September 30, 2020, for delayed school openings due to COVID-19.

#### Waiver Request

During the current COVID-19 public health emergency, the CSDE requests a waiver of the language throughout 7 CFR Part 225 and 7 CFR Part 210 that refers to serving meals to children through SFSP. This waiver would apply to any CSDE-approved SFSP sponsor in good standing, operating during July and August 2020. Sponsors that would operate under this waiver are in communities where school openings for school year 2020-21 are delayed in connection with COVID-19.



This document is available at [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/COVID-19/Public\\_Announcement20\\_Waiver\\_SFSP\\_Physical\\_Presence\\_Child.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/COVID-19/Public_Announcement20_Waiver_SFSP_Physical_Presence_Child.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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