

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 Allow the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) to Operate in Alternate Locations

Summary

In response to the current COVID-19 public health emergency, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is requesting a waiver to allow the FFVP to operate in alternate locations during school year 2020-21. As a result of COVID-19, schools are serving meals at the most strategic and safe locations possible to accommodate the greatest number of students during this school year. Due to the different education models (in-person learning, fully remote, and hybrid), the location where learning takes place might not be the school approved to operate the FFVP. This waiver will allow children increased access to nutritious fresh fruits and vegetables regardless of the learning model, while maintaining health and safety practices implemented by the local educational agency (LEA).

Waiver Request

The CSDE requests a waiver of 42 U.S. Code § 1769a(a), (b), (d)(1)(A)(i) and (ii), to allow approved FFVP sponsors to provide additional fresh fruits and vegetables during non-congregate meal service distributions to children at alternate locations than the school originally approved to operate the FFVP. This will contribute to increased consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables in conjunction with the alternative learning models and meal distribution models implemented throughout the state in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.



This document is available at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/COVID-19/Public_Announcement23_Waiver_FFVP_Alternate_Locations.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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