

# 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 Nationwide Waiver for Congregate Feeding in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) through September 30, 2020

### Summary

In response to the current COVID-19 public health emergency, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is requesting to extend the nationwide waiver of the SFSP regulations at 7 CFR 225.6(e)(15) that require congregate feeding. This waiver will allow SFSP sponsors to continue to provide meals to participants in a manner that minimizes potential exposure to and spreading of COVID-19 in September 2020, until the start of school year 2020-21.

### Waiver Request

During the current COVID-19 public health emergency, the CSDE requests a waiver of the SFSP regulations at 7 CFR 225.6(e)(15) that require congregate feeding. This waiver would apply to any CSDE-approved SFSP sponsor in good standing, operating during July and August 2020 and planning to continue SFSP meal service in September 2020 until the start of school year 2020-21.



This document is available at [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/COVID-19/Public\\_Announcement24\\_Waiver\\_SFSP\\_Congregate.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/COVID-19/Public_Announcement24_Waiver_SFSP_Congregate.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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