

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

Allow Parent/Guardian Pickup of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)

Summary

In response to the current COVID-19 public health emergency, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is requesting a waiver to allow parents and guardians to pick up fresh fruits and vegetables on behalf of their children enrolled in a FFVP-participating school during school year 2020-21.

Waiver Request

The CSDE requests a waiver of 42 U.S. Code § 1769a(a), (b), (d)(1)(A)(i) and (ii), and (g) to allow approved FFVP sponsors to distribute additional fresh fruits and vegetables during the current COVID-19 public health emergency without requiring the child to be physically present to receive the fresh fruit and vegetables offered through this program. This waiver will allow schools to provide additional fresh fruits and vegetables during non-congregate meal service distributions for parents and guardians to pick up on behalf of their enrolled children, in a manner that contributes to the increased consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables while keeping children safe through social distancing measures.



This document is available at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/COVID-19/Public_Announcement25_Waiver_FFVP_ParentPickup.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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