

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 Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Congregate and Attendance Requirements

Summary

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has requested a waiver from the U. S Department of Agriculture (USDA) enabling entities approved to participate in the CACFP to serve meals to enrolled children and adults in a non-congregate setting, while also waiving the requirement to maintain daily attendance records.

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Similar to all Child Nutrition Programs, under normal circumstances, meals served in the CACFP are intended to be consumed in settings where organized groups of eligible children and adults are gathered to eat. This means that meals must be consumed on-site in order for meals to be reimbursable. During unanticipated closures due to COVID-19, people are advised to implement social distancing.

To address this important issue, the CSDE has requested a waiver from the USDA enabling approved CACFP-participating entities to serve meals to enrolled children and adults in a non-congregate setting, while also waiving the requirement to maintain daily attendance records as defined by 7 CFR 226.15(e)(4). These waivers are specific to the unanticipated closures of CACFP-participating entities related to COVID-19.

This document is available at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/COVID-19/Public_Announcement3_Waiver_CACFP_Congregate_and_Attendance.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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