

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 Meal Patterns for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), Seamless Summer Option (SSO) and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Summary

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is requesting that the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) waive the meal pattern requirements for the SFSP, SSO, and CACFP, to allow authorized SFSP, SSO, and CACFP sponsors to provide nutritious meals and snacks, pending the availability of meal pattern components during closures related to COVID-19.

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Under normal circumstances, meals served in the SFSP and SSO, and meals and snacks served in the CACFP, must contain the required daily amounts of specific food components, as defined in the meal patterns under 7 CFR 210.10(c), 7 CFR 220.8(c), 7 CFR 225.16(d), and 7 CFR 226.20. In addition, SSO meals must meet the required weekly amounts and dietary specifications of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) meal patterns.

However, during a public health emergency due to COVID-19, limited inventories, deliveries, and food supply throughout the food chain, may create shortages of certain meal components and minimum daily and weekly serving sizes. To address this issue, the CSDE has requested a waiver of the meal pattern requirements at eligible and authorized SFSP, SSO, and CACFP meal distribution locations during closures related to COVID-19.

This document is available at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/COVID-19/Public_Announcement6_Waiver_MealPatterns_SSO_SFSP_CACFP. 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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