

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 Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Deadlines

Waiver Request

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is seeking a waiver from the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to extend the dates established in 7 CFR 245.9(f)(4)(i), which require local educational agencies (LEAs) to establish the number of students who are directly certified as of April 1, and to select to participate or renew participation in CEP by June 30. In addition, the CSDE is seeking a waiver for the dates established in 7 CFR 245.9(f)(6)-(8), which require the state agency to notify the LEA of their eligibility, and conduct public notification, using data as of April 1.

This document is available at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/COVID-19/Public_Announcement7_Waiver_CEPDeadlines.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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