This document contains websites and online resources for food safety in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Child Nutrition Programs. The USDA's Child Nutrition Programs include the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Afterschool Snack Program (ASP), Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP), Special Milk Program (SMP), Seamless Summer Option (SSO) of the NSLP, Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), CACFP Atrisk Afterschool Meals, and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

Resources are listed by main category. Many websites contain information on multiple content areas. The inclusion of commercial websites is for informational purposes only and does not constitute approval or endorsement by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE).

For resources on the requirements for Child Nutrition Programs, see the CSDE's document, *Resource List for Child Nutrition Programs*. For additional resource lists related to nutrition and healthy school environments, visit the CSDE's Resources for Child Nutrition Programs webpage.



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Food Recalls and Alerts

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Food Recalls and Outbreaks (U.S. Department of Health & Human Services):
   https://www.foodsafety.gov/recalls-and-outbreaks
Recalls and Public Health Alerts (USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service):
   https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts
Responding to a Food Recall (ICN): https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/food-recall/
Responding to a Food Recall: Procedures for Recalls of USDA Foods (ICN and USDA):
   https://fns-
   prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/Responding_Food_Recall_FNS_Final_May_30_2014.pdf
Standard Operating Procedure (SOP): Handling a Food Recall (ICN):
   https://theicn.org/resources/181/food-safety-standard-operating-
   procedures/105684/handling-a-food-recall.docx
Food Safety Education and Training
10 Tips: Be Food Safe (USDA): https://www.choosemyplate.gov/ten-tips-be-food-safe
Fight BAC<sup>TM</sup> Campaign (The Partnership for Food Safety Education): https://www.fightbac.org/
Food Safety Basics (ICN): https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/food-safety-basics
Food Safety Education (Iowa State University): https://www.extension.iastate.edu/foodsafety/
Food Safety Education (USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service):
   https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education
Food Safety Education Images (USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service):
   https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education/teach-
   others/download-materials/image-libraries/fsis-images/ct_index
Food Safety Education in Spanish (USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service):
   https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/informational/en-espanol
Food Safety Fact Sheets (USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service):
   https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education/get-answers/food-
   safety-fact-sheets?src_location=content&src_page=FSEd
Food Safety Fact Sheets: English and Spanish (ICN):
   https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/food-safety-factsheets/
Food Safety for Summer Meals (ICN):
   https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/foodsafety-for-summermeals/
Food Safety Information Research Office (USDA): https://www.nal.usda.gov/fsrio
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Food Safety Mini Posters: English and Spanish (ICN):
   https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/foodsafetyminiposters/
Food Safety Resources: English and Spanish (ICN):
   https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/food-safety
Food Safety Videos (ICN): https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/foodsafety-videos/
Food Safety Videos: A Flash of Food Safety (USDA):
   https://www.fns.usda.gov/ofs/food-safety-flashes
Keep Food Safe! Food Safety Basics (USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service):
   https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education/get-answers/food-
   safety-fact-sheets/safe-food-handling/keep-food-safe-food-safety-basics/ct_index
Food Safety Education for Children
Fight BAC! Curricula and Programs: Grades K-12 (Partnership for Food Safety Education):
   https://www.fightbac.org/kidsfoodsafety/curricula-and-programs/
Food Safety & Nutrition Information for Kids and Teens (USDA Food Safety and Inspection
   Service): https://www.fda.gov/food/people-risk-foodborne-illness/food-safety-kids-teens
Food Safety Coloring Book (USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service):
   https://www.fsis.usda.gov/shared/PDF/Mobile_Coloring_Book.pdf?redirecthttp=true
Food Safety Education Resources for Families (USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service):
   https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education/teach-
   others/download-materials/for-kids-and-teens
Food Safety for Kids & Teens (FDA):
   https://www.fda.gov/food/people-risk-foodborne-illness/food-safety-kids-teens
Hand Washing Lesson Plans for Kindergarten through Grade 6 (Glo Germ):
   http://www.glogerm.com/worksheets.html
Kids Food Safety (USDA Nutrition.gov):
   https://www.nutrition.gov/topics/audience/children/kids-food-safety
Kids Games and Activities (Fight Bac! Partnership for Food Safety Education):
   https://www.fightbac.org/kidsfoodsafety/kids-games-and-activities/
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Food Safety Resources

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Basics for Handling Food Safely (USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service):
   https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education/get-answers/food-
   safety-fact-sheets/safe-food-handling/basics-for-handling-food-safely/ct_index
Chemicals, Metals & Pesticides in Food (FDA):
   https://www.fda.gov/food/chemicals-metals-pesticides-food
Extension Food Safety (Kansas State University): https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/foodsafety/
Fight Bac Safe Food Handling: The Core Four Practices (Partnership for Food Safety Education):
   https://www.fightbac.org/food-safety-basics/the-core-four-practices/
Food Preparation and Handling (USDA National Agricultural Library):
   https://www.nal.usda.gov/fsrio/food-preparation-and-handling
Food Product Dating (USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service):
   https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education/get-answers/food-
   safety-fact-sheets/food-labeling/food-product-dating/food-product-dating
Food Safety (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention): https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/
Food Safety (Penn State Extension): https://extension.psu.edu/food-safety-and-quality
Food Safety (University of Connecticut): http://foodsafety.uconn.edu/
Food Safety Education Month (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention):
   https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/education-month.html
Freezing and Food Safety (USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service):
   https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education/get-answers/food-
   safety-fact-sheets/safe-food-handling/freezing-and-food-safety/CT_Index
Keeping Bag Lunches Safe (USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service):
   https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education/get-answers/food-
   safety-fact-sheets/safe-food-handling/keeping-bag-lunches-safe/ct_index
Leafy Greens Safe Handling Posters (Iowa State University):
   https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/hs7
Meat & Poultry Hotline (USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service):
   https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/programs-and-services/contact-centers/usda-meat-
   and-poultry-hotline/usda-meat-and-poultry-hotline
Produce Safety (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/ofs/produce-safety
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Produce Safety Resources (ICN): https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/produce-safety/

Still Tasty Shelf Life Guide: https://www.stilltasty.com/

USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS):

https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/home

USDA Food Safety Research Information Office: http://fsrio.nal.usda.gov/

Food Safety Resources for Child Care

Child Care Food Safety Mini Posters (ICN):

https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/child-care-mini-posters/

Child Care Training: Fight Bac! Goes to Child Care (Partnership for Food Safety Education):

http://www.fightbac.org/kidsfoodsafety/young-children-child-care-training/

Family Child Care Food Safety Kit (ICN):

https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/family-child-care-food-safety-kit

Food Safety in Child Care (ICN): https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/food-safety-in-child-care/

Food Safety Self-Inspection for Child-Care Facilities (University of Nebraska Cooperative

Extension): http://extensionpublications.unl.edu/assets/pdf/g1232.pdf

Online Training: Food Safety in Child Care (ICN):

https://theicn.docebosaas.com/learn/public/course/view/elearning/20/FoodSafetyinChildCare

Standard Operating Procedures for Child Care (Iowa State University):

https://www.extension.iastate.edu/foodsafety/SOP-child-care

Food Safety Resources for Schools

Food Safety in Schools (ICN): https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/food-safety-in-schools

Food Safety in Schools Infographic (USDA):

https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/foodsafetyschools_infographic.pdf

Food Safety in Schools Training (ICN): https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/food-safety-in-schools

Food Safety Mini-Posters (ICN): https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/foodsafetyminiposters/

Food-Safe Schools Action Guide: Creating a Culture of Food Safety (USDA):

https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/Food-Safe-Schools-Action-Guide.pdf

Online Training: Food Safety in Schools (ICN):

https://theicn.docebosaas.com/learn/course/external/view/elearning/21/FoodSafetyinSchools

Online Training: S.T.A.R. Strategies That Promote a Culture of Food Safety (ICN):

https://theicn.docebosaas.com/learn/course/external/view/elearning/108/STARStrategiesThatPromoteaCultureofFoodSafetyAug2019

Videos: Food Safety Flashes (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/ofs/food-safety-flashes

Food Safety Resources for Summer Meals

Summer meals include the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) of the NSLP.

Food Safety for Summer Meals (ICN):

https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/foodsafety-for-summermeals/

Online Training: Best Practices in SFSP - Clearing and Sanitizing (ICN):

https://theicn.docebosaas.com/learn/course/external/view/elearning/133/BestPracticesinSFS P-CleaningandSanitizing

Online Training: Best Practices in SFSP – Personal Hygiene (ICN):

https://theicn.docebosaas.com/learn/course/external/view/elearning/134/BestPracticesinSFS P-PersonalHygiene

Online Training: Best Practices in SFSP – Time and Temperature Control (ICN):

https://theicn.docebosaas.com/learn/course/external/view/elearning/132/BestPracticesinSFS P-TimeandTemperatureControl

Online Training: S.T.A.R. Food Safety in Summer Meals (ICN):

https://theicn.docebosaas.com/learn/course/external/view/elearning/89/FoodSafetyinSummerMeals

Online Training: S.T.A.R. Strategies for Implementing Safe Summer Meals (ICN):

https://theicn.docebosaas.com/learn/course/external/view/elearning/104/STARStrategiesfor ImplementingSafeSummerMealsApr2019

Summer Meals Food Safety Kit (ICN):

https://theicn.org/ibites-news/ibites2018-01/summer-meals-food-safety-kit/

Summer Meals Food Safety Training Guide (ICN): https://theicn.org/resources/517/food-safety-for-summer-meals/107057/summer-meals-food-safety-training-guide.pdf

Food Thermometers

- How to Use a Metal-Stem Thermometer (from Care Connection Food Safety Grab and Go Lesson) (ICN): https://theicn.org/resources/671/care-connections-food-safety/108309/grab-and-go-lesson-how-to-use-a-metal-stem-thermometer.pdf
- Pass the Taste Test...Use a Thermometer! (University of Nebraska): https://food.unl.edu/documents/PassThermometerTest.pdf
- Thermometer Calibration Guide (Kansas State University): https://www.asi.k-state.edu/doc/meat-science/thermometer-calibration-guide-2.pdf
- Thermometers and Food Safety (USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service): https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education/teach-others/fsis-educational-campaigns/thermy/thermometers-and-food-safety/ct_index
- Thermy Educational Campaign (USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service): https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education/teach-others/fsis-educational-campaigns/thermy
- Use That Thermometer Mini Poster (English) (ICN): https://theicn.org/resources/348/food-safety-mini-posters/107206/use-that-thermometer.pdf
- Use That Thermometer Mini Poster (Spanish) (ICN): https://theicn.org/resources/348/food-safety-mini-posters/107183/use-ese-termometro.pdf
- Video: A Flash of Food Safety Calibrating a Thermometer: Boiling Method (USDA): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y2SzAWFVYUY&list=PL8wgGeKVh_7cef0FpLyFNHpXBNHBTYzJi&index=4
- Video: A Flash of Food Safety Calibrating a Thermometer: Boiling Method: Spanish (USDA): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZkoKoZalTQ&list=PL8wgGeKVh_7cef0FpLyFNHpXBNHBTYzJi&index=9
- Video: A Flash of Food Safety Calibrating a Thermometer: Ice Water Method: Spanish (USDA): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tcrediblesRNlvGwo&list=PL8wgGeKVh_7cef0FpLyFN HpXBNHBTYzJi&index=8
- Video: A Flash of Food Safety Calibrating a Thermometer: Ice Water Method (USDA): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCjb85pZb6c

Foodborne Diseases

A-Z Index for Foodborne Illness (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention): https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/diseases/

Foodborne Germs and Illness (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention): https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/foodborne-germs.html

Foodborne Illness and Disease Fact Sheets (USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service): https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education/get-answers/food-safety-fact-sheets/foodborne-illness-and-disease

Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP)

Guidance for School Food Authorities: Developing a School Food Safety Program Based on the Process Approach to HACCP Principles (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/ofs/developing-school-food-safety-program-based-process-approach-haccp

HACCP for School Food Service (Iowa State University): https://www.extension.iastate.edu/foodsafety/haccp-school-foodservice

Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) (FDA): https://www.fda.gov/food/guidance-regulation-food-and-dietary-supplements/hazard-analysis-critical-control-point-haccp

Managing Food Safety: A Manual for the Voluntary Use of HACCP Principles for Operators of Food Service and Retail Establishments (FDA): https://www.fda.gov/food/hazard-analysis-critical-control-point-haccp/managing-food-safety-manual-voluntary-use-haccp-principles-operators-food-service-and-retail

Online Training: Introduction to HACCP for School Nutrition Programs (ICN): https://theicn.docebosaas.com/learn/course/external/view/elearning/93/IntroductiontoHAC CPforSNPs

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) (ICN): https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/standard-operating-procedures/

Handwashing

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Hand Washing (USDA National Agricultural Library):
   https://www.nal.usda.gov/fsrio/hand-washing
Handwashing (University of Nebraska-Lincoln):
   https://food.unl.edu/article/handwashing
Handwashing and Cleaning Resources (USDA):
   https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/handwashing-and-cleaning-resources
How to Properly Wash Your Hands (ICN):
   https://theicn.org/resources/182/food-safety-for-summer-meals/108261/how-to-properly-
   wash-your-hands-poster-2.pdf
How to Properly Wash Your Hands: Spanish (ICN): https://theicn.org/resources/182/food-safety-
   for-summer-meals/108260/como-lavarse-las-manos-correctamente.pdf
Video: A Flash of Food Safety Handwashing: How to Wash Your Hands (USDA):
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SGeeofsvF3U&list=PL8wgGeKVh_7cef0FpLyFNHpXB
   NHBTYzJi&index=2
Video: A Flash of Food Safety Handwashing: How to Wash Your Hands: Spanish (USDA):
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bwAUskwJgyI&list=PL8wgGeKVh_7cef0FpLyFNHpXB
   NHBTYzJi&index=7
Video: A Flash of Food Safety Handwashing: Why to Wash Your Hands: (USDA):
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LtiLFu04fSE&list=PL8wgGeKVh_7cef0FpLyFNHpXB
   NHBTYzJi&index=6
Video: A Flash of Food Safety Handwashing: Why to Wash Your Hands: Spanish (USDA):
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zWHkZI-
   7lg&list=PL8wgGeKVh_7cef0FpLyFNHpXBNHBTYzJi&index=1
When to Wash Your Hands (ICN): https://theicn.org/resources/348/food-safety-mini-
   posters/116964/when-to-wash-your-hands-2.pdf
When to Wash Your Hands (ICN): https://theicn.org/resources/348/food-safety-mini-
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posters/116964/when-to-wash-your-hands-2.pdf

Regulations and Guidelines

Alternate Person in Charge Demonstrated Knowledge Statement for Connecticut Child Nutrition Programs (Alternate QFO) (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/FoodSafe/AltQFO.pdf

Connecticut Department of Public Health Food Protection Program:

https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Food-Protection-Program/Main-Page

Connecticut Food Regulations (Connecticut Department of Public Health):

https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Food-Protection-Program/Regulations

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Food Code:

https://www.fda.gov/food/retail-food-protection/fda-food-code

Food Service Inspections (Connecticut State Department of Public Health):

https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Food-Protection-Program/Food-Service-Inspections

Qualified Food Operator Education and Training (Connecticut Department of Public Health):

https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Food-Protection-Program/Education-and-Training

Qualified Food Operator Responsibilities for Child Nutrition Programs (Connecticut Department of Public Health): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/FoodSafe/QFO_CNPs.pdf

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

Food Safety Standard Operating Procedures (ICN):

https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/food-safety-standard-operating-procedures/

Preventing Food Allergen Contamination (Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction):

https://www.dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/doc/sop_allg.doc

HACCP School Food Service SOPs (Iowa State University):

https://www.extension.iastate.edu/foodsafety/haccp-school-foodservice

Temperatures for Cooking, Holding, and Cooling

Controlling Time and Temperature During Preparation (ICN): https://theicn.org/resources/521/food-safety-fact-sheets/107108/controlling-time-and-temperature-during-preparation.pdf

Cooking Foods (ICN): https://theicn.org/resources/521/food-safety-fact-sheets/107109/cooking-foods.pdf

Cooling Food Safely (ICN): https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/cooling-food-safely/

Holding Cold Foods (ICN): https://theicn.org/resources/521/food-safety-fact-sheets/107117/holding-cold-foods.pdf

Holding Hot Foods (ICN): https://theicn.org/resources/521/food-safety-fact-sheets/107118/holding-hot-foods.pdf

Thawing Foods (ICN): https://theicn.org/resources/521/food-safety-fact-sheets/107153/thawing-foods.pdf



For more information, visit the CSDE's Food Safety for Child Nutrition Programs webpage or contact the child nutrition staff in the Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 504, Hartford, CT 06103-1841.

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