

## The School Lunch Tray: March 23, 2022

Dear School Sponsors of Child Nutrition Programs:

The School Lunch Tray contains the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) weekly email notifications for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) school nutrition programs. This week's topics are listed below.

### **Action Items**

- CSDE's Survey for Reporting Use of the Child Nutrition Program (CNP) Emergency Costs Reimbursement Program Funds: Deadline March 31, 2022

### **Need to Know**

- Next Table Talk is Thursday, March 31, 2022
- Resource Roundup: Food Recalls

### **Good to Know**

- Institute of Child Nutrition's (ICN) STAR Webinar for Thursday, March 31, 2022: Playback: Recognizing the Dedication and Strength of School Nutrition Heroes
- USDA Webinar: Modifications to Accommodate Disabilities in Community Meals Programs, April 6, 2022
- USDA Webinar: Modifications to Accommodate Disabilities in School Meals Programs, April 11, 2022

Please review and share with appropriate staff members. For previous versions of the School Lunch Tray, visit the CSDE's [School Lunch Tray and Table Talk](#) webpage.



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### Action Items

#### **CSDE's Survey for Reporting Use of the Child Nutrition Program (CNP) Emergency Costs Reimbursement Program Funds: Deadline March 31, 2022**

As outlined in the CSDE's [Operational Memorandum No. 09-21: School Meals Emergency Operating Costs Reimbursement Program](#), eligible school food authorities (SFAs) received reimbursements for emergency operating costs incurred during the months of March through June 2020.

To enable the CSDE to provide a summary to the USDA Food and Nutrition Services of how SFAs spent these funds, please complete the CSDE's brief survey to select areas where the CNP Emergency Cost Reimbursement Program Funds were used to offset the impact of pandemic operations. This survey link ([https://sdect.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3k4Zz6vT51fMyLI](https://sdect.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3k4Zz6vT51fMyLI)) will be open until **March 31, 2022**.

### Need to Know

#### **Next Table Talk is Thursday, March 31, 2022**

The next Table Talk is Thursday, March 31, 2022, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. To submit questions in advance, visit [https://sdect.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5px5YKVBdQNOZDo](https://sdect.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5px5YKVBdQNOZDo).

Registration is not required. Please use the link below to join Table Talk on Microsoft Teams.

#### **Microsoft Teams meeting**

#### **Join on your computer or mobile app**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

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#### **Resource Roundup: Food Recalls**

The U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) periodically issues recall notifications regarding food and beverage products that are FDA regulated. The CSDE forwards relevant recall notifications that may be related to the school nutrition programs. School food authorities that are interested in receiving recall notification directly from the FDA may sign up to receive recalls, market withdrawals, and safety alerts at <https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts>.

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### Good to Know

#### **Institute of Child Nutrition's (ICN) STAR Webinar for Thursday, March 31, 2022: Playback: Recognizing the Dedication and Strength of School Nutrition Heroes**

During the March STAR Webinar, ICN will play the recorded webinar, *Recognizing the Dedication and Strength of School Nutrition Heroes*. Tune in to hear the Epping School District (NH) and Seattle Public Schools (WA) share strategies and tips about the actions taken to address supply chain challenges and how they creatively serve nutritious meals in the safest way possible.

- *Date and time:* Thursday, March 31, 2022, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- *Registration:* [https://theicn.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_yxglU1xhTwu1QSHC7JvIQw](https://theicn.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yxglU1xhTwu1QSHC7JvIQw)
- *SNA Key Areas:* 2 – Operations, 3 – Administration
- *USDA Professional Standards Codes:* 2000 – Operations, 3000 – Administration
- *Learning Objective:* Recall successful strategies for addressing supply chain challenges that impact the operation of child nutrition programs

A continuing education certificate will be available after completion of the webinar.

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#### **USDA Webinar: Modifications to Accommodate Disabilities in Community Meals Programs, April 6, 2022**

The USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Civil Rights Division is providing webinar-based training on *Modifications to Accommodate Disabilities in Community Meals Programs*. This webinar helps to clarify general Civil Rights requirements regarding meal modifications in the CACFP and SFSP. It will last approximately 1 hour and may include a Q&A opportunity at the conclusion of the training.

- *Date and time:* Wednesday, April 6, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- *Registration:* <https://usda-fns.webex.com/usda-fns/j.php?RGID=rb39a40a908e411b6744a5f66720a0b1f>  
**Note:** Registration is required by **April 5, 2022**, to ensure you receive an attendee link.

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#### **USDA Webinar: Modifications to Accommodate Disabilities in School Meals Programs, April 11, 2022**

The USDA's FNS Civil Rights Division is providing webinar-based training on *Modifications to Accommodate Disabilities in School Meals Programs*. This is a repeat of the training offered on March 2, 2022.

- *Date and time:* Monday, April 11, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- *Registration:* [https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJisc-2urzsoElWM\\_NPZxWRsEoizKvvx4\\_o](https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJisc-2urzsoElWM_NPZxWRsEoizKvvx4_o)  
**Note:** Registration is required by **April 10, 2022**, to ensure you receive an attendee link.



For more information, visit the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) [School Lunch Tray and Table Talk](#) webpage, or contact the [school nutrition programs staff](#) in the CSDE's Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 504, Hartford, CT 06103-1841.

This document is available at [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/SLT/2022/SLT\\_03\\_23\\_2022.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/SLT/2022/SLT_03_23_2022.pdf).

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