

USDA COVID-19 Child Nutrition Program Nationwide Waivers #1-25

#	Subject of Waiver	Applies to These Programs:	Details	What to Do Now (CA)	Expires
1	Meal Service Time Flexibility <i>Superseded by waivers #17 and #23 with extended expiration dates</i>	NSLP, SBP, CACFP, SFSP, SSO	Meals and snacks can be provided at times that best meet the needs of the communities, even if the times are outside of federal guidelines. For example, all meals for the day could be provided at 10 AM.	For CACFP, complete the CDE CACFP Agency Waivers Request Survey . For all other programs, email snpinfo@cde.ca.gov and then update details in CNIPS.	June 30* CACFP, NSLP, SBP Aug 31 ² SSO, SFSP Sep 30 ¹ <i>Superseded by waivers #17¹ and #23²</i>
2	Non-congregate Feeding <i>Superseded by waiver #22 with extended expiration date</i>	NSLP, SBP, CACFP, SFSP, SSO	All meals and snacks may be taken to consume off site.	For CACFP, complete the CDE CACFP Agency Waivers Request Survey . For all other programs, email snpinfo@cde.ca.gov and then update details in CNIPS.	June 30* Aug 31 <i>Superseded by waiver #22</i>
3	Afterschool Activities	NSLP, CACFP	CACFP At-risk and NSLP snack programs may serve suppers and snacks without educational or enrichment activities.	For CACFP, complete the CDE CACFP Agency Waivers Request Survey .	June 30*
4	Meal Pattern Flexibility <i>Superseded by waivers #13 and #24 with extended expiration dates</i>	NSLP, SBP, CACFP, SFSP, SSO	Meal pattern flexibility is granted across all child nutrition programs allowing programs to serve meals based on foods available.	Complete CDE Meal Pattern Flexibility Waiver Request Survey The survey must be submitted prior to using the meal pattern flexibility.	April 30* June 30 <i>Superseded by waivers #13 and #24</i>
5	Parent/Guardian Meal Pick Up <i>Superseded by waiver #25 with extended expiration date</i>	NSLP, SBP, CACFP, SFSP, SSO	Parents/guardians are allowed to pick up meals for children without them being present. Programs must have a written plan to ensure accountability and program integrity. A process must be in place to ensure that meals are distributed only to parents/guardians of eligible children and that duplicate meals are not distributed.	This flexibility is optional but highly encouraged by public health experts. Programs may implement immediately and do not have to inform the CDE. Programs must have a written plan in place to ensure accountability, program integrity, and prevent duplicate meal distribution.	June 30* Aug 31* <i>Superseded by waiver #25</i>



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6	CEP Deadline Extension	NSLP, SBP	<p>The deadlines for data collection that schools use to determine if they are eligible for the Community Eligibility Provision have been pushed back.</p> <p>CEP data that determines the ISP may be drawn any time between April 1 and June 30, 2020.</p> <p>Applications for CEP are now due to State Agencies by August 31, 2020.</p>	<p>Download CALPADS DC extract, migrant and other lists between now and the end of June.</p> <p>Determine if you are eligible for CEP prior to June 30.</p> <p>If you are eligible, and intend to elect CEP for SY 20-21, apply to CDE no later than August 31.</p>	Aug 31
7	Monitoring Requirements for CACFP Sponsors	CACFP	<p>Only 2 facility reviews need to be completed for SY 19-20.</p> <p>Only 1 facility review needs to be unannounced and it does not need to include a meal service observation.</p> <p>Reviews may take place more than 6 months apart.</p> <p>For any new facilities, at least 1 review must still be made during each new facility's first 4 weeks of program operations, however the review may be completed as an off-site desk audit.</p>	<p>Complete facility review forms from your desk and then file away for your records.</p> <p>Complete the CDE CNP Monitoring Waiver Request Survey</p>	SY 19-20
8	Monitoring Requirements for CACFP State Agencies	CACFP	<p>CACFP Administrative Reviews for SY 19-20 and pre-approval visits for new CACFP sponsors may be completed as off-site desk audits.</p>	<p>If you have a CACFP AR scheduled for SY 19-20, email your reviewer to inquire about completing the review remotely.</p>	June 30*
9	Monitoring Requirements for SNP Sponsors	NSLP, SBP, SSO	<p>SNP Administrative Reviews for SY 19-20 may be completed as off-site desk audits.</p> <p>If an SFA is closed for the rest of the year, the State agency may postpone the AR until SY 20-21.</p> <p>NSLP SSO onsite monitoring requirements waived.</p>	<p>If you have an SNP AR scheduled for SY 19-20, email your reviewer to inquire about completing the review remotely.</p> <p>Complete the CDE CNP Monitoring Waiver Request Survey</p>	June 30*



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10	Monitoring Requirements for SFSP Sponsors	SFSP	SFSP sponsors may complete monitoring requirements through an off-site desk audit. SFSP sites who operate during normal summer operations (May - Aug) may postpone required site visits until summer 2020.	Complete the CDE CNP Monitoring Waiver Request Survey	June 30*
11	Monitoring Requirements for SFSP State Agencies	SFSP	SFSP Reviews by the State agencies may be completed via off-site desk audits for SY 19-20. State agencies may postpone required site visits for SFSP sponsors who operate during normal summer operations (May - Aug) until summer 2020.	If you operate SFSP, email your analyst to inquire about completing the review remotely.	June 30*
12	60 Day Reporting Requirements for Jan and Feb 2020	NSLP, SBP, SMP, CACFP, SFSP, SSO	The deadlines for January and February claims for reimbursement have been extended 30 days.	Submit January claims by April 30. Submit February claims by May 29.	May 29
13	Meal Pattern Flexibility (Extension) <i>Superseded by waiver #24 with extended expiration date</i>	NSLP, SBP, CACFP, SFSP, SSO	Existing Meal Pattern Waiver #4 expiration date is extended to May 31, 2020.	Complete CDE Meal Pattern Flexibility Waiver Request Survey	May 31* June 30 <i>Superseded by waiver #24</i>
14	Area Eligibility Flexibility for Closed Enrolled Sites	SFSP, SSO	Closed enrolled SFSP and SSO sites may determine site eligibility through area eligibility in lieu of collecting income eligibility applications.	If you operate a closed enrolled site, check if your state has elected to use this waiver. Complete the CDE CNP Area Eligibility Waiver Request Survey	Sep 30
15	First Week of SFSP Site Visits Flexibility	SFSP	Requirement of SFSP sponsors to visit each site at least once during the first week of operation has been waived.	If you operate an SFSP program, check if your state has elected to use this waiver. Complete the CDE SFSP Extension Waivers Request Survey	Sep 30



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16	OVS Flexibilities in the SFSP	SFSP	Offer Versus Serve flexibility is granted to SFSP programs even in non-congregate settings. Note: This waiver does not grant OVS flexibility to SSO or CACFP operators. Those operating SSO and CACFP are still not permitted to utilize OVS with non-congregate meals.	If you operate an SFSP program, check if your state has elected to use this waiver. See waiver for the OVS rules unique to SFSP. Complete the CDE SFSP Extension Waivers Request Survey	Sep 30
17	Meal Service Time Flexibility for SSO & SFSP	SFSP, SSO	Existing Meal Service Time Flexibility Waiver #1 expiration date is extended to September 30, 2020 for SSO and SFSP. Note: This waiver does <i>not</i> apply to SBP, NSLP, or CACFP. Meal Service Time Flexibility for those programs has been extended until August 31 under waiver #23.	Complete the CDE SFSP Extension Waivers Request Survey If you have already received a waiver for meal service time flexibility, you do not need to re-apply for a new waiver.	Sep 30
18	LSWP Triennial Assessment Deadline Extension	NSLP, SBP	The deadline to complete the first LSWP triennial assessment has been extended to June 30, 2021.	If your state has elected to use this waiver and you wish to accept the new deadline, inform your State agency by June 30, 2020. Complete the CDE LSWP Triennial Assessment Extension Waiver Request Survey	Jun 30, 2021
19	FSMC Extension	NSLP, SFSP, SSO	SFAs and SFSP sponsors may use emergency noncompetitive procurement to negotiate a one-year FSMC extension or new contract for SY 20-21.	Check if your state has elected to use this waiver.	Sep 30
20	Monitoring Requirements for CACFP State Agencies	CACFP	CACFP Administrative Reviews for SY 19-20 and pre-approval visits for new CACFP sponsors may be completed as off-site desk audits. CACFP Administrative Reviews for SY 19-20 may also be rescheduled to SY 20-21.	If you have a CACFP AR scheduled for SY 19-20, email your reviewer to inquire about completing the review remotely or postponing to SY 20-21. Complete the CDE CNP Monitoring Waiver Request Survey	Sep 30



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21	Extension of Unanticipated School Closure Operations	SFSP, SSO	Schools may continue to serve under the existing unanticipated school closure flexibilities until June 30, 2020, even if the last day of class is earlier. For example, if your last day of school was scheduled to be May 31, you can continue to operate within the flexibilities of unanticipated school closure waivers until June 30, 2020. Note: This waiver does not specifically extend these flexibilities for CACFP (i.e., does not apply to At-Risk Supper Meals).	Check to see if your state has been approved to use this waiver by clicking here .	June 30
22	Non-congregate Feeding (Extension)	NSLP, SBP, CACFP, SFSP, SSO	Existing Non-congregate Feeding Waiver #2 expiration date is extended through summer meal service.	For CACFP, complete the CDE Non-congregate Feeding Waiver Request Survey . For all other programs, email snpinfo@cde.ca.gov and then update details in CNIPS. If you have already received a waiver for non-congregate feeding, you do not need to re-apply for a new waiver.	Aug 31
23	Meal Service Time Flexibility (Extension)	NSLP, SBP, CACFP	Existing Meal Service Time Waivers #1 expiration date is extended through summer meal service. Note: This extension does <i>not</i> apply to SFSP or the SSO as those programs are extended until September 30 under waiver #17.	For CACFP, complete the CDE Mealtime Flexibility Waiver Request Survey . For all other programs, email snpinfo@cde.ca.gov and then update details in CNIPS. If you have already received a waiver for meal service time flexibility, you do not need to re-apply for a new waiver.	Aug 31
24	Meal Pattern Flexibility (Extension)	NSLP, SBP, CACFP, SFSP, SSO	Existing Meal Pattern Waiver #4 expiration date is extended to June 30, 2020.	Complete CDE Meal Pattern Flexibility Waiver Request Survey	June 30*



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25	Parent/Guardian Meal Pick Up (Extension)	NSLP, SBP, CACFP, SFSP, SSO	Existing Parent/Guardian Meal Pick Up Waiver #5 expiration date is extended through summer meal service.	Programs may implement immediately and do not have to inform the CDE. Programs must have a written plan in place to ensure accountability, program integrity, and prevent duplicate meal distribution.	Aug 31
na	Statewide Area Eligibility SFSP/SSO	SFSP, SSO	Meals may be served for free to all children at open SFSP or SSO meal sites even in locations that do not meet the fifty percent free and reduced-price threshold for area eligibility. Sponsors opening meal sites that do not meet the 50% threshold must ensure they are targeting benefits to children in need, including those who may be newly eligible for benefits due to the economic impact of COVID-19. This is a state-specific waiver.	Complete the CDE CNP Area Eligibility Waiver Request Survey	June 30*
na	Statewide FFVP	FFVP	Parents/guardians are allowed to pick up FFVP for children without them being present.	Send an email to FFVP@cde.ca.gov with a written plan to ensure accountability and program integrity.	June 30*



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