

USDA COVID-19 Waivers

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What You Need to Know:

USDA issued 3 new waivers on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. The 3 waivers apply to ALL STATES, and address three issues:



Meal Pattern

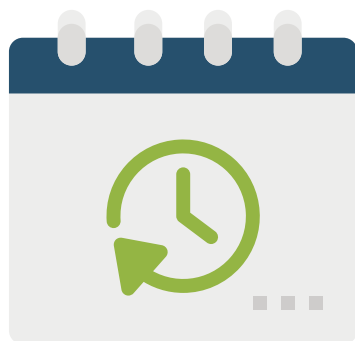
Meal pattern requirements are waived so that you can create meals with the food you have available. Veggie subgroups, we're looking at you!

TO DO: Contact your State Agency for approval to use this waiver. You must provide a justification and be approved on a case-by-case basis.

Parent Meal Pick Up

Children do NOT have to be present to pick up meals. Programs must have a plan to protect accountability and integrity.

TO DO: Make a plan to ensure meals are distributed only to parents or guardians of eligible children, and that duplicate meals are not distributed. You can start serving meals without children present TODAY.



CEP Application Deadlines

The application deadline has been extended until August 31, 2020. The ISP may be calculated using data drawn any time between April 1, 2020 - June 30, 2020.

TO DO: When parents can't work due to a global pandemic, there will likely be more schools eligible for CEP. Consider applying for this program, so that you can feed all of your children at no cost for the next 4 years.

