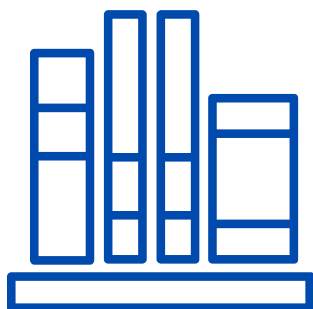


# COVID-19 AND SCHOOL MEALS



## CONTINUE MEAL SERVICE

School food authorities (SFAs) and other eligible community organizations (CO) may continue to serve meals to students affected by school or child care closures through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO)

## ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES\*

Waivers grant you the flexibility to do the following:

- Provide meals in a non-congregate setting
- Offer additional distribution sites outside of eligible areas
- Provide students with multiple meals and meal supplements
- Serve meals at school sites and community sites
- Provide "grab and go" meal service



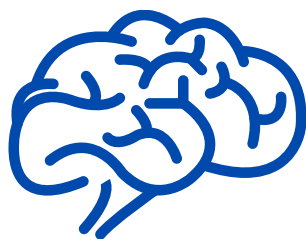
\*Legislators are currently considering a blanket waiver, check the NEA COVID-19 webpage for updates

\*\* If your state has not applied for any of the waivers above, please let us know at [essainfo@nea.org](mailto:essainfo@nea.org)



## BEST PRACTICES

- Provide information in multiple languages and formats
- Distribute information on meal sites through multiple channels
- Maximize access by providing flexible hours
- Offer multiple meals at the same time
- Practice social distancing
- Offer "grab and go" meals outside of buildings
- Provide drive-thru options
- Deliver meals to school bus stops
- Deliver meals directly
- Collaborate with local non-profits to ensure enough food for the entire household



## RESOURCES

- [NEA COVID-19 webpage](#)
- [FRAC: Ensuring Access to the Child Nutrition Programs in the Event of School Closures](#)
- [USDA Guidelines on Child Nutrition Program Meal Service During COVID-19 Outbreaks](#)
- [USDA's new guidance Q&A: COV-19 SFSP and SSO Meal Delivery Using Existing Authority](#)

## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

During this frightening time, students in need of meals may also need of other services such as health care, mental health services, and social services. Be sure to virtually convene your specialized instructional support personnel, such as Social Workers and Counselors, as well as local service providers to discuss addressing the entire range of student needs while schools are closed.



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