



Public Notification

This is the public notification of USDA Child Nutrition Program (National School Lunch Program [NSLP], Seamless Summer Option [SSO], Summer Food Service Program [SFSP], and Child and Adult Care Food Program [CACFP]) waiver requests.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has submitted the following statewide waivers for the following federal requirements.

- To waive regulatory provisions of NSLP, SBP, SFSP, SSO and CACFP (at-risk afterschool component only) to allow non-congregate meals service, parent and guardian meal pick up, meal service times, and service of meals at schools during unanticipated school closures due to natural disasters, unscheduled major building repairs, court orders relating to school safety or other issues, labor-management disputes, or, when approved by the DPI, for a similar unanticipated cause.

Requested for all SFSP and SSO sponsors due to unanticipated school closures (school buildings are closed with no virtual learning). This waiver would be effective October 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024.

Requested for all NSLP, SBP, CACFP (at-risk afterschool component only) (school buildings are closed with virtual learning). This waiver would be effective through June 30, 2024.

Waiver submitted on August 10, 2023. Approved August 22, 2023.

- To waive regulatory provisions of SFSP and SSO sponsors that require meals must be served in a congregate meal setting and must be consumed by participants on site. This waiver would allow sponsors operating approved outdoor meal sites without an indoor meal service location to operate as non-congregate sites on days when the area is experiencing air quality alerts. Requested for all SFSP and SSO sponsors in good standing for the period of May 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024. Waiver resubmitted on February 28, 2024. Approved March 7, 2024.
- To waive regulatory provisions of SFSP and SSO sponsors that require meals must be served in a congregate meal setting and must be consumed by participants on site. This waiver would allow sponsors operating approved outdoor meal sites without temperature-controlled alternative sites to operate as non-congregate sites on days when the area is experiencing excessive heat. Requested for all SFSP and SSO sponsors in good standing for the period of May 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024. Waiver resubmitted on February 28, 2024. Approved March 7, 2024.
- To waive and extend the statutory and regulatory provisions that authorize the Offer Versus Serve option for non-school food authorities. Requested for all SFSP non-school food authorities for the period of May 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024. Waiver resubmitted on February 28, 2024. Approved March 7, 2024.
- To waive regulatory provisions of SFSP, SSO to allow non-congregate meals service, parent and guardian meal pick up, meal service times, and service of meals at schools

during unanticipated school closures due to natural disasters, unscheduled major building repairs, court orders relating to school safety or other issues, labor-management disputes, or, when approved by the DPI, for a similar unanticipated cause.

Requested for all SFSP and SSO sponsors due to unanticipated school closures (school buildings are closed with no virtual learning). This waiver would be effective May 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024. Waiver submitted on February 28, 2024. Approved March 7, 2024.

- To waive regulatory provisions of NSLP, SBP, and CACFP (at-risk component only) to allow non-congregate meal service through waivers for service of meals, parent and guardian meal pick-up, meal service times, and offer versus serve to accommodate students who are fasting due to Ramadan. This waiver would be effective from March 11-April 9, 2024. Waiver submitted on March 6, 2024.

For questions, please contact dpifns@dpi.wi.gov.

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