

Child and Adult Care Food Program

April 2020



**Proposed Rule:
Comment Period**

Extended to April 22, 2020

KEY INFORMATION Unanticipated School Closure (USC) Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) welcomes you to April 2020. March was a different month for us all with the mandatory closure of Michigan schools on March 16, 2020 and the Stay Home, Stay Safe Executive Order issued by Governor Whitmer that took effect March 24, 2020 mandating Michigan residents stay at home. Many businesses had to close while many schools rushed to feed hungry kids in their communities. Many essential childcare workers took care of essential workers' children to help care for those most at need. Thank you for all that you are doing to care for Michigan's residents.

In the event of unanticipated school closures (extreme cold day, snow day, water main break, frozen pipes, electrical issues, flooding, natural disasters, illness, etc.) Sponsors may participate in Unanticipated School Closure SFSP. Due to the mandatory closure of all Michigan K-12 schools, the MDE is allowing all Sponsors who participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and SFSP to serve meals during this time.

During this mandatory closure meals/snacks served must meet the SFSP meal pattern and are not required to be consumed onsite (congregate feeding). Schools and sponsors that participate in Unanticipated School Closure SFSP help ensure children do not experience a lapse in food security now that schools are closed through April 13, 2020. For questions about [Michigan's Summer Food Service Program](#) or Unanticipated School Closure, MDE Summer Food Service Program contact MDE at 517-241-5374 or mde-sfsp@michigan.gov.

In January, the USDA announced the proposed rule, "Simplifying Meal Service and Monitoring Requirements in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs". This proposed rule also includes potential changes that affect the CACFP. Public comment on the proposed rule has been extended through April 22, 2020. Please review the proposed rule and provide your comments at the link below. You can leave your name or comment anonymously. Use this link for the Federal Register:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/01/23/2020-00926/simplifying-meal-service-and-monitoring-requirements-in-the-national-school-lunch-and-school-breakfast-programs>

For Information on obtaining a Disaster Relief Child Care Center Provisional License Application
[Click Here](#)

RESOURCES

USDA CACFP Crediting Handbook and Training Worksheets Released

The USDA released the updated CACFP Crediting Handbook and six new Team Nutrition CACFP Training Worksheets (attached to newsletter email).

Find food and resources near you:

- <https://www.mi211.org/> or call 211
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) [Food Assistance](#)
- Household food is distributed through local county-based agencies. To find the agencies serving your area go to <http://michigan.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=3f6cd37271764ed086329491732a7d2a>



For Executive Order Information [click here](#).

Over 1,400 school meal sites around the state can be found at: [Meet Up and Eat Up Site Locator Map](#)

The ICN has released a new course on its e-Portal. Completion of Civil Rights training is an annual requirement for all entities reimbursed with federal funding from the USDA to ensure compliance and enforcement of the prohibition against discrimination in all USDA nutrition programs. This e-Portal class is free and is suitable for School Nutrition Managers, School Nutrition Directors, Child and Adult Care Center Employees/Staff, Family Child Care Sponsors and Homes. The course provides one hour of instruction. You can contact the ICN directly at their Helpdesk at 1-800-321-3054 or email helpdesk@theicn.org. MDE CACFP will accept completion of this course towards the annual Civil Rights training. Please retain your ICN training certificate with your CACFP records. ICN has many other courses available through their e-portal.

“Families will still be able to access meals for their children through this challenging time,” said State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice. “I thank all of the school employees and volunteers for continuing their commitment to feeding the children of our state. Ensuring Michigan’s children continue to get the food they need every day is vitally important.”

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