

PUBLIC NOTICE OF:

**CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM
STATE WAIVER REQUEST**

**Child Nutrition Program Meal Service during Novel Coronavirus Outbreaks –
Area Eligibility**

The Mississippi Department of Education-Office of Child Nutrition is requesting to enable Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsors to serve meals during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak with the following flexibility:

- (1) The ability to operate sites which do not meet area eligibility requirements where a significant percentage of children in the school zone are eligible for free or reduced-priced meals when school is in session, or a pocket of poverty has been identified by the local program operator. (Additional details may be found in the waiver request, attached.)

The goal of the waiver is to ensure children who would receive free or reduced-priced meals when school is in session do not suffer additional food insecurity during the unanticipated school closure due to the area in which they would pick up meals not meeting “area eligibility” requirements (50%+ children in the zone eligible for free/reduced-price meals) for a Summer Food Service Program site.

For any questions, please contact Scott Clements at sclements@mdek12.org

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