

Good afternoon SFSAs,

USDA has released a new Team Nutrition resource “Seamless Summer Option: Providing Multiple Meals at a Time During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic”. While directed toward the SSO, much of the guidance may be applied to the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) that your District/school may be implementing to provide meals to students this summer.

If your District or school is serving multiple days’ of meals at one time, or considering it, we recommend that you review this new resource. Additionally, this may serve as an additional planning tool should schools reopen using the “distance learning” model for next School Year. Links to two previous Team Nutrition resources are included as well.

Thanks,
Scott

New Resource from Team Nutrition

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is working with State Child Nutrition agencies to provide safe and flexible meal service to children during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Under nationwide non-congregate feeding and meal times waivers, State agencies may allow Program operators to provide more than 1 day’s worth of meals to eligible children via a single meal pick-up (by the child or the child’s parent or guardian) or delivery.

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has released a new Team Nutrition resource, “Seamless Summer Option: Providing Multiple Meals at a Time During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic,” in support of these efforts. This new publication provides Program operators with technical assistance on the amounts of foods needed for multiple days of meals, use of “bulk” foods, best practices, and parent communication. It is available through the FNS website at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/seamless-summer-option-providing-multiple-meals-time-during-coronavirus-pandemic>. Additional versions of this publication for the Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program will be released at a future date.

Additional Team Nutrition COVID-19 publications include:

- Feeding Kids When Schools Are Closed: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/feeding-kids-when-schools-are-closed>
- Child Nutrition Program Meal Service During COVID-19: Best Practices for Parent Pick-Up of Meals and Snacks: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/child-nutrition-program-meal-service-during-covid-19>

