

Monthly Update



Summer Food Service Program

May 2, 2024

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SFSP Administrative Training – Complete by May 15, 2024

Are you planning to offer meals through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) this summer? All new and returning sponsors must have at least one representative complete the SFSP Administrative Training in order to operate the SFSP in summer 2024. The training must be completed by May 15. A recording is now available on the KSDE Training Portal at <https://learning.ksde.org>, Child Nutrition & Wellness, Summer Meals.

Non-Congregate Meal Service in Rural Areas Training – Complete by May 15, 2024

If your sponsor is planning to offer non-congregate meals through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) in summer 2024, at least one sponsor representative must attend the Non-Congregate Meal Service in Rural Areas Training. The training must be completed by May 15. A recording is now available on the KSDE Training Portal at <https://learning.ksde.org>, Child Nutrition & Wellness, Summer Meals.

Updated SFSP Forms for 2024

Many SFSP forms have been updated to reflect recent changes in SFSP policies and guidance. Updated forms include:

- <https://cnw.ksde.org>, SFSP Admin Handbook, Chapter 4, Related Forms:
 - Daily Meal Count Form
 - Meal Consolidation Form
- <https://cnw.ksde.org>, SFSP Admin Handbook, Chapter 2, Related Forms:
 - Preoperational Site Visit Form
 - Site Visit Form
 - Monitor Site Review Form
 - Enrollment Certification
- Located on the KNCLAIM Checklist Tab:
 - Training Certification Form

[Reminder: Sponsors serving summer meals must complete renewal and be approved before operations may begin.](#)

Kansas Food Code Updated

The Kansas Food Code is the regulation that sets the food safety requirements for Food Establishments in Kansas. Based on changes made to the US FDA's Model Food Code and input from various stakeholders, the Kansas Food Code was updated in 2023. A summary of the updates most applicable to child nutrition program sponsors is available on the CNW website at <https://cnw.ksde.org>, SNP, SNP Food Service Facts, Ch. 22: Food Safety & Sanitation, 2022 Kansas Food Code Updates. For detailed information on all updates and a link to the Kansas Food Code, visit the KDA website at <https://www.agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/food-safety-lodging/food-safety-and-lodging-laws-and-codes>.



USDA Guidance

Comment Period Extended for the Interim Final Rule – Establishing the Summer EBT Program and Rural Non-Congregate Option in the Summer Meal Programs

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service is extending the public comment period on the interim final rule, “Establishing the Summer EBT Program and Rural Non-Congregate Option in the Summer Meal Programs,” which published in the Federal Register on December 29, 2023. This action extends the public comment period from April 29, 2024, to August 27, 2024, to give the public additional time to prepare and submit comments. The comment period of the interim final rule published April 19, 2024, at 89 FR 28572, is extended through August. To be assured of consideration, written comments on this interim final rule must be received on or before August 27, 2024. The Food and Nutrition Service invites interested persons to submit comments on this interim final rule. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods: Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Mail: Send comments to Community Meals Policy Division, USDA Food and Nutrition Service, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314. All comments submitted in response to this proposed rule will be included in the record and will be made available to the public. Please be advised that the substance of the comments and the identity of the individuals or entities submitting the comments will be subject to public disclosure. The Food and Nutrition Service will make the comments publicly available on the internet via <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Food Safety for Summer Meals Videos

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has released a set of eight videos designed to provide food safety best practices for summer meals served at schools and community sites. The videos can be accessed at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/fs/safe-summer-meals>.

Online Professional Development – Classes and Tutorials

CNW staff continue to develop new interactive online trainings and tutorials that can be accessed free of charge 24/7 via the KSDE Training Portal. Accounts can be created at <https://learning.ksde.org>. For detailed instructions on creating an account, go to <https://cnw.ksde.org>, Training, How to Create Online Account. Trainings and tutorials specific to SFSP include: SFSP Menu Planning (2 hrs), Serving Safe Summer Meals (1 hr), Summer Food Service Program: Daily Meal Count Form (20 min), and SFSP Food Safety Toolkit (20 min).

Summer Kick-Off Events

Kick-off events are a great way to build awareness among parents, recruit volunteers, and create excitement around Summer Meals! Please share with CNW your plans for kick-off events this summer by emailing Emily Bonilla at ebonilla@ksde.org.

Summer Outreach Materials

KSDE has free promotional materials for your site to use this summer, including yard signs, feather flags, and door hangers. Portable hand-washing station supplies are available to any Sponsor operating a meal service site without access to running water. New sites are also eligible for a Team Nutrition kit and/ or a Summer Meals Food Safety kit. Contact Katy Hatch at khatch@ksde.org to request materials.



Local Food Source at the Farmers' Market

Farmers' Markets are a great way to source locally throughout the summer months. The Farmers' Market provides locally grown produce, meat, and eggs, and can be a great way to connect with farmers and ranchers in your community. You can find a list of registered Farmers' Markets [here](#).

Serving Local in Summer Meals – Farm Fresh Friday

Farm Fresh Friday materials available for Summer Programs! Farm Fresh Friday is an 8-week program celebrating Kansas products that can be used in summer program menus. Products featured include berries, lettuce, zucchini, beef, grains, cucumbers, melons, and sweet corn. The two-page handouts include cooking, preparation and storage tips, seasonality information, a recipe, and an activity for children to enjoy at the site. You can find Farm Fresh Friday resources at cnw.ksde.org under Farm to Plate, What's New.

Child Nutrition & Wellness KANSANS CAN 2023-24 Best Practice Awards

We encourage you and your staff to make nominations for outstanding and/or innovative practices for recognition of your heroic efforts this past program year. A simple one-page nomination entry form is available at <https://cnw.ksde.org>, SNP, SNP What's New. **Nominations are due to the Child Nutrition & Wellness office on or before June 30, 2024.** Awardees will be notified by July 31 and presentations will be made at the August State Board of Education meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact any Child Nutrition & Wellness team member if we can be of assistance with the application process. We look forward to receiving your nominations and celebrating the Kansans CAN Best Practice Awards with you at the August 2024 State Board of Education Meeting.

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