

## Summary Federal and State Waivers (COVID-19)

Office of School and Community Nutrition Programs

NSLP: National School Lunch Program, SBP: School Breakfast Program, SSO: Seamless Summer Option, CACFP: Child and Adult Care Food Program, SFSP: Summer Food Service Program

Expiring September 30, 2021		
Waiver Summary	Effective Dates	Programs Included
National waiver – Monitoring (Summer Food Service Program) Waives on-site monitoring requirements, allowing SFSP sponsors to conduct reviews off site.	March 25, 2020 through September 30, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SFSP</li> </ul>
National Waiver – MSDE Monitoring (Summer Food Service Program) Waives on-site monitoring requirements, allowing MSDE to conduct reviews off site.	March 25, 2020 through September 30, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SFSP</li> </ul>
National Waiver – Non-congregate Meals Waives requirement for congregate meal, allowing participants to take meals off site. Agencies must obtain written consent from households before initiating delivery.	March 20, 2020 through September 30, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SFSP</li> </ul>
National Waiver – Meal Service Time Flexibility Waives the requirement that specific periods elapse between meals, allowing agencies to distribute multiple meals at one time.	March 20, 2020 through September 30, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SFSP</li> </ul>
National Waiver – Parent/Guardian Pick Up of Meals Allows parents and guardians to pick up meals on behalf of their children. Also includes guardians picking up food on behalf of adult participants in the CACFP. <b>Requires prior approval from the MSDE.</b>	Effective once approved by MSDE through September 30, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SFSP</li> </ul>
National Waiver – OVS in Summer Meals Extends the allowable to use offer versus serve (OVS) to all SFSP sponsors, not just local education agencies (LEAs) using the NSLP meal pattern.	April 21, 2020 through September 30, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SFSP</li> </ul>

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Waiver Summary	Effective Dates	Programs Included
National Waiver – SFSP First Week Visits Waives the requirement that SFSP sponsors visit all site in the first week of operation. Applies to sites that have operated successfully in the previous year and sponsors that participate in the CACFP or NSLP.	April 21, 2020 through September 30, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SFSP</li> </ul>
National Waiver – Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Site Waived the requirement that closed enrolled summer sites collect meal benefit application. Instead, sites may use area eligibility.	April 21, 2020 through September 30, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SFSP</li> </ul>
State and National Waiver – Area Eligibility Due to increased unemployment claims, allows all site locations to qualify as area eligible open sites in the Summer Food Service Program.	April 2, 2020 through September 30, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SFSP</li> </ul>
National Waiver – Meal Pattern Flexibility Allows agencies to deviate from meal pattern requirements, if certain foods are unavailable. <b>Requires prior approval from the MSDE.</b>	Effective once approved by MSDE through September 30, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSLP/SBP</li> </ul>

## Expiring June 30, 2022

Waiver Summary	Effective Dates	Programs Included
<p>National Waiver – Non-congregate Meals                      Waives requirement for congregate meal, allowing participants to take meals off site. Agencies must obtain written consent from households before initiating delivery.</p>	<p>March 20, 2020 through June 30, 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSLP/ SBP</li> <li>• SSO</li> <li>• CACFP (all)</li> <li>• FCC</li> </ul>
<p>National Waiver – Meal Pattern Flexibility                      Allows agencies to request a waiver of specific meal pattern requirements. This waiver is more limited than the previous waivers addressing meal pattern flexibility.  <b>Requires prior approval from the MSDE.</b></p>	<p>Effective once approved by MSDE through June 30, 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSLP/SBP</li> <li>• SSO</li> <li>• CACFP (all)</li> <li>• FCC</li> </ul>
<p>National Waiver – Meal Service Time Flexibility                      Waives the requirement that specific periods elapse between meals, allowing agencies to distribute multiple meals at one time.</p>	<p>March 20, 2020 through June 30, 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSL/SBP</li> <li>• SSO</li> <li>• CACFP (all)</li> <li>• FCC</li> </ul>
<p>National Waiver – Parent/Guardian Pick Up of Meals                      Allows parents and guardians to pick up meals on behalf of their children. Also includes guardians picking up food on behalf of adult participants in the CACFP.  <b>Requires prior approval from the MSDE.</b></p>	<p>Effective once approved by MSDE through June 30, 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSLP/SBP</li> <li>• SSO</li> <li>• CACFP (all)</li> <li>• FCC</li> </ul>
<p>National Waiver – Expanded Eligibility in the Afterschool Programs and Family Child Care                      Allows participating agencies, regardless of their site locations, to serve at-risk afterschool meals and snacks to children. Allows all NSLP snacks to be claimed at the free rate. Allows all children enrolled in FCC homes to be claimed at the Tier I rate.</p>	<p>September 18, 2020 through June 30, 2022 (CACFP – At Risk)                       July 1, 2021 through June 20, 2022 (NSLP Snack and FCC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSLP Snack</li> <li>• CACFP – At Risk</li> <li>• FCC</li> </ul>
<p>National Waiver – Offer versus Serve in the National School Lunch Program                      Waives the requirement that high schools serve meals using offer versus serve.</p>	<p>July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSLP/SBP</li> <li>• SSO</li> </ul>
<p>National Waiver – Seamless Summer Option                      Allows LEA to operate the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO) during the school year.</p>	<p>July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSLP/SBP</li> <li>• SSO</li> </ul>

## Expiring June 30, 2022

Waiver Summary	Effective Dates	Programs Included
National Waiver – Seamless Summer Option Reimbursement Rates Meals and snacks claimed in the SSO will be paid at SFSP reimbursement rates.	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SSO</li></ul>

## Expiring 30 Days After the End of the Federal Public Health Emergency

Waiver Summary	Effective Date	Programs Included
National waiver – Monitoring (National School Lunch Program and Child and Adult Care Food Program) Waives on-site monitoring requirements, allowing sponsoring organizations to conduct reviews off site.	March 25, 2020 through June 30, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NSLP/SBP</li><li>• SSO</li><li>• CACFP (all)</li><li>• FCC</li></ul>
National Waiver – MSDE Monitoring (National School Lunch Program and Child and Adult Care Food Program) Waives on-site monitoring requirements, allowing MSDE to conduct reviews off site.	March 25, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NSLP/SBP</li><li>• SSO</li><li>• CACFP (all)</li><li>• FCC</li></ul>

For information about MSDE waiver requests, please see our website at:

<http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/programs/SchoolandCommunityNutrition/Pages/COVID19.aspx>