

PUBLIC NOTICE OF:

**CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM
STATE WAIVER REQUESTS**

Child Nutrition Program Meal Service during Novel Coronavirus Outbreaks

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 flexibilities:

- (1) Duration of meal service times to be extended;
- (2) Required time between meal services eliminated;
- (3) Sponsor monitoring responsibilities to be altered due to the emergency nature of the implementation of the program.

The goal of the waivers is to minimize the loss of meals for low-income children affected by school closures related to the coronavirus. Allowing more time for meal services and allowing multiple meals to be served at once (such as picking up a lunch, along with a breakfast for the next day) gives sponsors the flexibility to serve more meals and more children, as well as increasing efficiency. Allowing sponsors additional time to complete monitoring responsibilities during this time of crisis allows sponsors to focus first on the basics of getting food prepared and to the children, safely.

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

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