Child and Adult Care Food Program: New USDA Waivers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has issued a series of child nutrition program waivers, based on authorities granted in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. These waivers will support Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) providers and programs in maintaining access to nutritious meals for children in the current COVID-19 public health emergency. The waivers will do the following:

- allow state, sponsoring organizations, and programs to waive onsite monitoring requirements to maintain program integrity and support social distancing. ([https://www.fns.usda.gov/resource/CN/nationwide-waivers-child-nutrition-monitoring](https://www.fns.usda.gov/resource/CN/nationwide-waivers-child-nutrition-monitoring))

Take Action

- Providers, programs, sponsors, advocates, and State agency staff can work in partnership to implement these waivers to provide meals to all participants in a safe and accessible manner.

These waivers are effective immediately, and remain in effect through June 30, 2020, or upon expiration of the federally declared public health emergency, whichever is earlier.

For updates and additional information on COVID-19, please see FRAC’s website. ([https://frac.org/COVID-19-updates](https://frac.org/COVID-19-updates)).