Child & Adult Care Food Program

Washington Update: Families First Act

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CACFP
Advocacy
Goal:

Facilitate the success of CACFP in continuing to support child care during the COVID 19 pandemic
“Daycares feel the crunch in wake of school closures”
Ohio Preparing For Possible Day Care Center Closures
The Families First Coronavirus Response Act

Three Key CACFP Provisions
Gives USDA the authority to issue nationwide child nutrition - CACFP waivers in order to eliminate paperwork for states and help child care, afterschool programs, and community organizations quickly adopt and implement flexibilities during this crisis.
“(b) Child And Adult Care Food Program Waiver.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may grant a waiver under section 12(l) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(l)) to allow non-congregate feeding under a child and adult care food program under section 17 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766) if such waiver is for the purposes of—

(1) providing meals and meal supplements under such child and adult care food program; and

(2) carrying out paragraph (1) with appropriate safety measures with respect to COVID–19, as determined by the Secretary.”
Waivers to allow CACFP to operate as non-congregate sites: offering meals off-site, “grab and go” and delivered
Families First Act

CACFP non-congregate feeding must be consistent: 
“(1) with appropriate safety measures with respect to COVID–19, as determined by the Secretary.”

Closed schools have been using non-congregate summer food service waivers to serve meals through distribution mechanisms designed to be consistent with safety.
Waivers to adapt meal pattern requirements in response to a disruption to the food supply as a result of COVID-19
Center will close at 5pm until further notice. No dinner will be served.