



# 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

# Families First Act

“(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





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