COLORADO
Department of Education

Feeding Kids All Summer Long

Wednesday, May 6

2:00 – 3:00pm

Welcome!
Thank you, heroes!

Fort Morgan RE-3

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Canon City Schools – Canon Strong

Alamosa School Lunch Heroes

What's next for Child Nutrition Programs?

- Where we started
  - Schools were ordered closed statewide on March 23
  - Sponsors started emergency feeding when schools closed
  - CDE submitted waivers for flexibilities
  - CDE implemented streamlined emergency feeding application and claim process via SmartSheet
- Where we are currently
  - Schools remain closed through the end of the school year
  - Sponsors continue emergency feeding and plan for the summer and next school year
  - Various statewide waivers have been issued and implemented
  - CDE looking to implement streamlined and sustainable application and claiming processes

What's next for Child Nutrition Programs?

- Where we are going
  - Sponsors can continue operations as they currently are until June 30, 2020 without re-applying
  - Most waivers extend through June 30, 2020
  - Planning for entire summer
    - What happens after June 30?
  - Planning for next school year
    - School buildings will remain closed
    - School buildings will open at the beginning of the school year with the chance of closure again if outbreak occurs
    - School buildings will be open with plans in place for social distancing (e.g. avoid mixing in common areas, students attend in person on varied schedules, etc.)

Waivers

Newest Nationwide Waivers

- **Nationwide Waiver of Local School Wellness Assessments** – Sponsors required to complete a triennial assessment by June 30, 2020, may choose to instead complete first assessment by June 30, 2021.
  - Contact Kristi Brennan with questions
- **Nationwide Waiver of Food Management Company Contract Duration Requirements** – FSMC contracts that may expire by or around June 30, may be extended through June 30, 2021. To ensure program integrity during this time, this is limited to one year only.
  - Contact Megan Johnson with questions
- **Nationwide Waiver to Extend Unanticipated School Closure Operations Until June 30 –** Waives certain program requirements; SA develops new application deadline (June 30)

Additional Colorado Waivers

- **Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up produce for Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program**: allows a parent/guardian to pick up FFVP produce for their children, as long as accountability and integrity of the program are protected. *Expires June 30, 2020.*
  - Contact Erica Boyd with questions

- **Flexibility for CEP Data Reporting Requirements:** requesting to use data from 2018-2019 school year to fulfill 2019-2020 reporting requirement. All identified student percentages (ISP) from 2018-2019 school year would remain unchanged for the 2020-2021 school year and School Nutrition will fulfill the CEP notification of eligibility requirements using those ISPs. SFAs will still reserve the right to report 2019-20 data upon request. *Pending approval.*
  - Contact Benjamin Wetherbee with questions

Operating the SFSP Until June 30

Operations may continue exactly as they are until June 30

- Waivers:
  - Non-congregate feeding – expires June 30, 2020
  - Parent pickup – expires June 30, 2020
  - Area eligibility – expires June 30, 2020
  - Meals for multiple days – expires June 30, 2020
- Other SFSP waivers:
  - Offer versus Serve – expires April 30, 2022
  - First week site visits – expires September 30, 2020
  - Area eligibility for closed-enrolled - expires September 30, 2020
  - Meal Service Times - expires September 30, 2020
- Sponsor level claiming

Waivers Explained

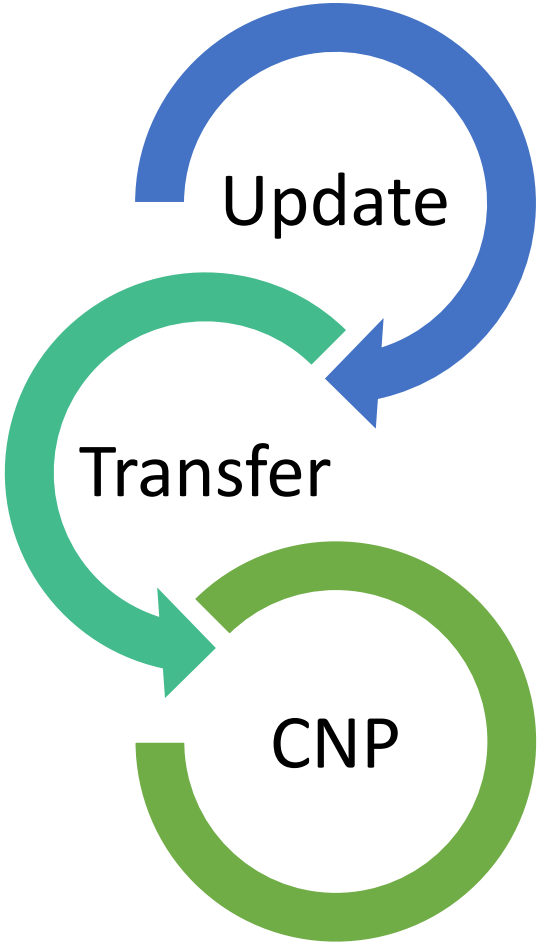
- **Nationwide waivers:**
  - Non-congregate feeding
    - i.e. grab-n-go meals
  - Parent pickup
    - Parent/guardian can pick up meals for children
    - Sponsor must have method to ensure integrity
  - Meal Service Time Flexibility
    - Can distribute meals for multiple days at a time
    - Sponsor must have method to ensure integrity
- **Colorado Statewide waiver:**
  - Area eligibility
    - Allows sites to operate in locations that do not meet traditional eligibility requirements
- All expire June 30, 2020

Additional Waivers Explained

- **School Nutrition submitted these waivers in December**
  - Offer versus Serve
    - All sponsors can implement OVS
    - *Expires April 30, 2022*
  - Waive first week site visits in SFSP
    - Site that operated last year, sites that operate other Child Nutrition Programs
    - *Expires September 30, 2020*
  - Closed-enrolled Site Area Eligibility
    - Allows closed-enrolled sites to use area eligibility
    - *Expires September 30, 2020*
  - Meal Service Time Restrictions
    - Waives time that must elapse between meal service and duration of meal service
    - *Expires September 30, 2020*

Application Process

Feeding Kids During Summer Break



Step 1: Submit site application update through Smartsheet by **May 8**

Step 2: School Nutrition transfers information

Step 3: Start using the **Colorado Nutrition Portal** in June

Step 1: Update

- Complete site update request from Smartsheet by May 8
- Indicate which sites will operate into summer
- DO NOT submit applications in the Colorado Nutrition Portal

Step 2: Transfer

- School Nutrition will transfer:
  - Sponsor application
  - All active sites
  - Emergency feeding claim data from March, April, May
- All information transferred to the Colorado Nutrition Portal

Step 2: Transfer, continued

- What if my organization doesn't normally operate the SFSP? Can we keep serving meals after the school year ends?

YES!

Any sponsor who wants to continue operating this summer may do so.

Step 3: Colorado Nutrition Portal

- Starting June 1
  - Add new sites
  - Update applications
  - Submit claims
  - Checklist summary
    - Health inspection, contracts
- All through the Colorado Nutrition Portal

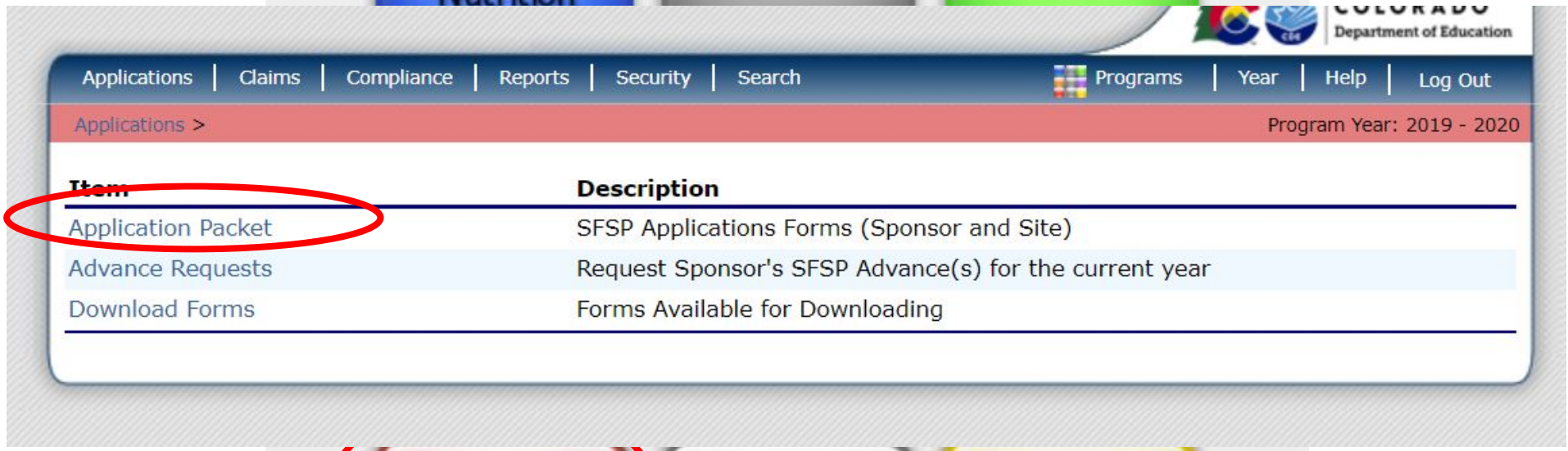
What will be different in the Colorado Nutrition Portal?

- Submit in the Colorado Nutrition Portal (starting June 1):
  - New site applications
  - Claims

- Streamlined application:
  - Budget
  - Food Production Facility List
  - Field Trips

- Active (submit by June 30):
  - Checklist summary
    - Health inspection letter
    - Vended contracts
    - Other documents as applicable (i.e. permanent agreement)

Overview of the Colorado Nutrition Portal



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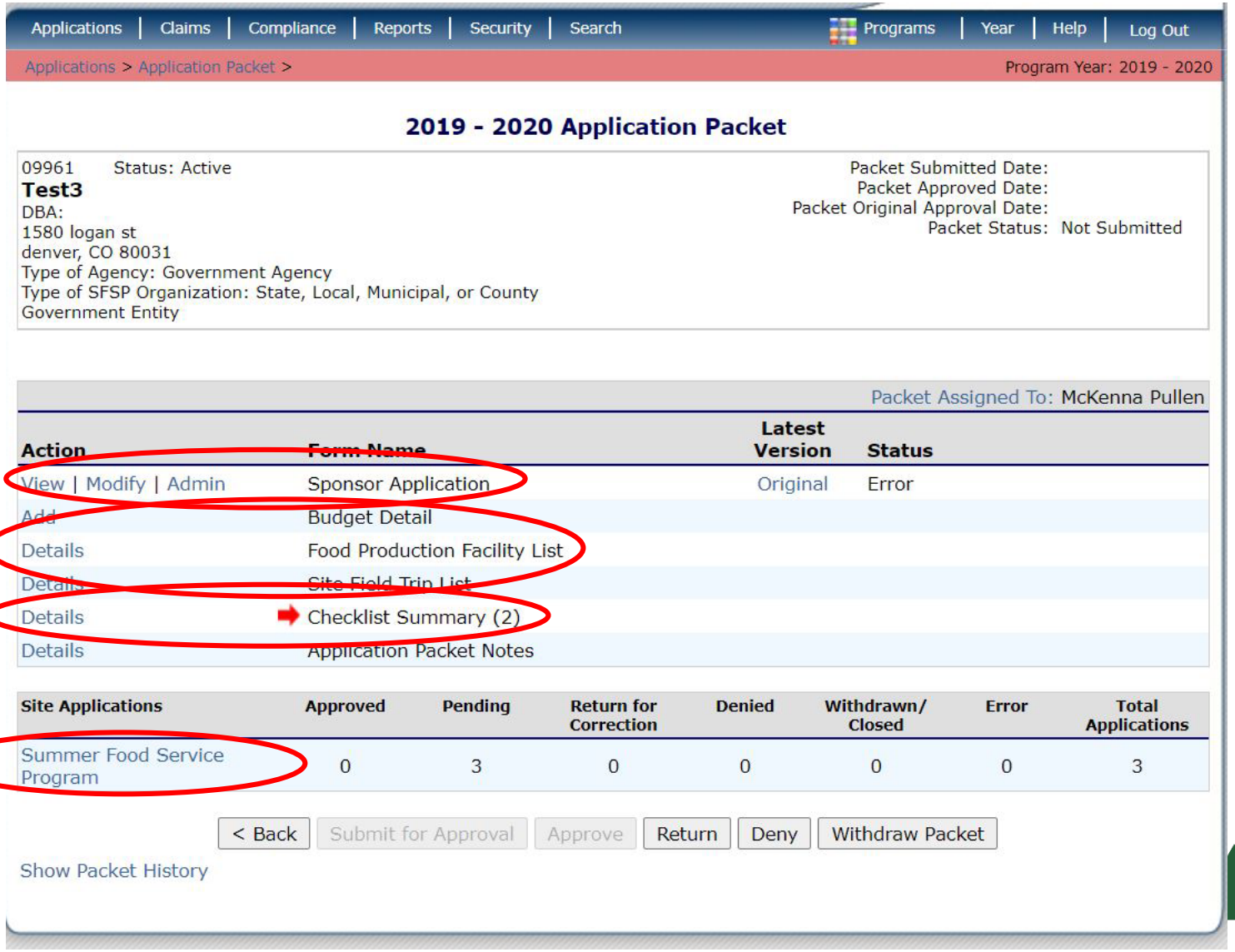

What do sponsors need to do?

- Submit checklist summary documents **by June 30**

- If you will continue operating after June 30:
  - Complete online training **by June 30**
  - Train all site staff (even volunteers!) **by June 30**
    - Including Civil Rights
- Complete desk audits
- Adhere to all other program requirements
- Track and document everything as usual
  - Maintain records for 3 years + current

Claiming Process

Claiming – Current Process

- Emergency Feeding meals for March, April and May must be claimed within the Smartsheet claim submission form
  - Continue to use the Emergency Feeding Claim Resource

Average Daily Attendance (ADA)	
A way to determine the attendance at a site on an average day during the claim period	
How many days did you serve meals during the claim month? (use intended serving days)	
How many meals were served? (use highest meal type served for the month)	
Average Daily Attendance	

Claiming – Future Process

- Starting June 1st all activities (applications and claims) will move to the Child Nutrition Portal
  - Claims submitted into the Child Nutrition Portal will continue to be consolidated sponsor level claiming
  - Training resources for submitting claims in the Child Nutrition Portal forthcoming

CARES Act Funding & Grant Codes

- CDE received CARES Act* funding - $143,151,717.00 for **all** meal claims March 2020 - September 2020
- New grant codes, different from previous guidance

Federal Child Nutrition Programs	Code (optional)	CFDA#	Grant/Project	Source Code
COVID19 Emergency- CARES Act funds	SRE 94	10.555	4555	4000

**Coronavirus Aid, Relief, Economic Security (CARES) Act*

- If March claims have already been received and coded differently than above, please change accordingly

Training and Resources

Polling Question

School Nutrition wants to ensure that all sponsors have the training needed to successfully operate under SFSP. If you are new to operating SFSP due to school closures, or need additional training, **please indicate your preferred method of training:**

A. Live webinar
B. One on one technical assistance
C. Using existing online training
D. Modified training that covers operations with waivers
E. Don't need additional training

Resources

- School Nutrition Emergency Feeding webpage
  - http://www.cde.state.co.us/nutrition/nutriemergencyfeeding
- School Nutrition Waivers webpage
  - https://www.cde.state.co.us/nutrition/schoolnutritionwaivers
- Local Emergency Managers
  - https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dhsem/local-emergency-managers
- No Kid Hungry Grant
  - Emergency grants to support local school districts and nonprofit organizations in their efforts to ensure kids get the nutritious food they need
  - https://www.nokidhungry.org/coronavirus-grant-request
- Hunger Free Colorado Food Resources
  - https://www.hungerfreecolorado.org/covid-19/
- FNS Response to COVID-19
  - https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19

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Questions & Answers

Submitted Questions

- Will the waivers be extended past June 30?
  - School Nutrition has communicated the need to USDA for all waivers to be extended until September 30, which is the longest they can be extended under current waiver authority.
- What will the next school year look like for School Nutrition Programs?
  - School Nutrition is exploring options for the upcoming school year and will communicate information to sponsors as we have it.
- Do we need to print a copy of each waiver? Do we need to do anything to be approved to use the waivers?
  - Sponsors do not need to maintain copies of waivers, or request approval. School Nutrition has already been approved for all waivers, meaning sponsors can operate under those parameters without further application.

Submitted Questions, Continued

- Has Colorado applied and received approval for P- EBT?
  - The Colorado Department of Human Service's SNAP team is leading this process and has not received approval yet.
- Will CARES Act funding be directed specifically to School Nutrition programs to help cover losses from payroll costs?
  - CARES Act funding may only be used for meal reimbursement.
- Can we use 4th quarter inventory on hand for current operations?
  - Yes, it can be a combined inventory.
- Can adults purchase a meal?
  - Yes. Sponsors may charge for non-program adult meals. The price of the meal must cover all food and labor costs and must be recorded as program income. Sponsors may also serve meals for free to non-program adults if the cost of those meals is covered by non-program funds.

Questions?