

Emergency Feeding and Traditional Summer Food Service Program Explained



Sponsors have the option to operate the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) when schools are closed.

The SFSP operates under two types of school closures:

- **Unanticipated school closures** or “Emergency Feeding” –this is the current situation as the COVID-19 outbreak caused schools to close.
- **Anticipated school closures** or “Traditional SFSP” – this is when school is closed for summer break.

Sponsors who wish to continue operating the SFSP after the school year officially ends can operate the program with all existing flexibilities until June 30, 2020.

What is the *same* between Emergency Feeding and Traditional SFSP?

- Same reimbursement rates and meal pattern.
- All COVID-19 statewide waivers apply to both, including:
 - Non-congregate feeding (allowed through June 30 or extended if pandemic continues).
 - Children aren’t required to be present to receive meals (allowed through June 30 or extended if pandemic continues).
 - Eligibility flexibility for sites (allowed through June 30 or extended if pandemic continues).
 - Multiple meals allowed to be served at one time (allowed through June 30 or extended if pandemic continues).
- CDE School Nutrition has requested that USDA extend the waivers beyond these deadlines to cover the entire summer.

What is *different* between Emergency Feeding and Traditional SFSP?

- [Sponsors](#) and [site staff](#) must complete SFSP training
- Some of the application requirements are different. CDE School Nutrition has submitted a waiver to USDA requesting application flexibilities.
- Sponsors participating in Emergency Feeding **will not** have to reapply to participate in Traditional SFSP

For more information visit the [Emergency Feeding webpage](#) and check out the [No Kid Hungry comparison chart](#).

CDE School Nutrition is committed to making this transition as seamless as possible and will keep you updated regularly. For questions, contact EmergencyFeeding@cde.state.co.us.

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