

Community of Practice Call

COVID-19 Emergency Food Service

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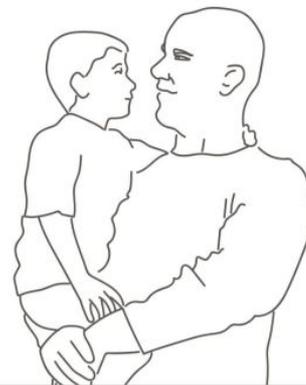
recap of last call

- SDCOE pandemic plan
- CSPI guest speaker
- pandemic ebt
- waiver updates
- dealing with uncertainty
- emergency meal service toolkit 2.0

Pandemic EBT

Get help buying food while schools are closed

Because schools are closed due to COVID-19, children who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals can get up to \$365 in food benefits in addition to their pick up meals from school. These food benefits are called Pandemic EBT or P-EBT.



P-EBT benefits coming soon in **May 2020**

How will families get their P-EBT benefits?

Most families with children who applied for CalFresh or Medi-Cal benefits do not need to apply. They will get their P-EBT card in the mail during the month of May. P-EBT cards will begin arriving around May 7, 2020 through May 22, 2020.

Families with children who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals and who do not get their P-EBT card in the mail by May 22, 2020 must apply online before June 30, 2020.

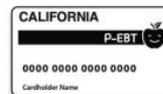
*Students can still pick up to-go meals if they have P-EBT benefits.

Where can families apply?

Families should look out for a message from their school district or local community based organization about how to apply in mid to late May.

Use it like a debit card.

Families will get up to \$365 per eligible child on their P-EBT card to use on food and groceries. If you already have this card, you do not need to apply online.



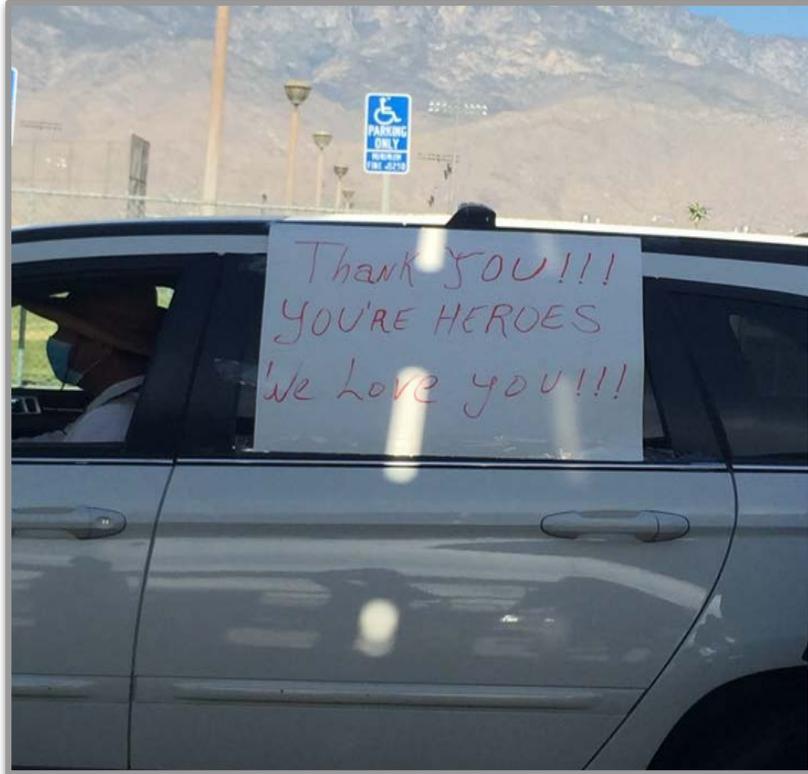
agenda

- district spotlights
- planning ahead
- ca library association
- resource updates
- leadership corner
- discussion

usda professional standards

3110, 3240, 3260, 3220, 3420, 4150





school food innovators



SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY



WCCUSD Food Services Department









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**NO KID
HUNGRY**

Antomas Unified School District
Nutrition Services



reopening schools



Resilience Roadmap Stages

STAGE 1: Safety and Preparedness

Making essential workforce environment as safe as possible.

STAGE 2: Lower Risk Workplaces

Creating opportunities for lower risk sectors to adapt and re-open.

Modified school programs and childcare re-open.

STAGE 3: Higher Risk Workplaces

Creating opportunities for higher risk sectors to adapt and re-open.

STAGE 4: End of Stay-At-Home Order

Return to expanded workforce in highest risk workplaces.

Requires
Therapeutics.

reopening schools

national

- centers for disease control (CDC) guidance on schools and businesses not formally adopted
- **expect:** state taskforce recommendations and decisions

california

- varied local decision-making, august-september goal dates
- **expect:** LEAs will work with county health officials on reopening

nutrition services - CASBO

considerations

- expect a blended learning environment
- not all parents will be comfortable sending kids back to school
- new models may require more staff
- continued need for supply chain flexibilities

reminders

- use may/june to capture family eligibility
- let your legislators know about your needs

planning ahead

USDA waiver updates

new waiver **highlights**:

- **#18** - LSWP triennial assessment
- **#21** - continue status quo thru 6/30

still **missing** for july-sept:

- non-congregate
- parent meal pick up
- meal pattern
- area eligibility

[click to view updated waiver packet](#)

COVID-19 WAIVERS & FLEXIBILITIES

USDA Waivers #15-18

RELEASED APRIL 2020



Waiver #15: SFSP Site Visits

The requirement of SFSP sponsors to visit each site at least once during the first week of program operation has been waived.

TO DO:
If you operate an SFSP program, check if your state has elected to use this waiver.



Waiver #16: OVS Flexibilities in the SFSP

Offer Versus Serve flexibility is granted to SFSP programs, even in non-congregate settings. **Note:** This does not apply to SSO or CACFP.

TO DO:
If you operate an SFSP program, check if your state has elected to use this waiver. See waiver for the OVS rules unique to SFSP.



Waiver #17: Meal Times - EXTENSION

Existing Meal Service Time Flexibility Waiver #1 expiration date is extended to September 30, 2020 in all programs **except** CACFP.

TO DO:
Check if your state has elected to use this waiver.



Waiver #18: LSWP Triennial Assessments

The deadline to complete the first LSWP Triennial Assessment has been extended to June 30, 2021.

TO DO:
If your state has elected to use this waiver, and you wish to accept the new deadline, inform your State agency by June 30, 2020.



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local control accountability plan (LCAP)

- **california** LEAs must still submit LCAP by **july 1**
 - ...a description of how the LEA is meeting the needs of unduplicated pupils... during the period of school closures and the steps taken by the LEA, consistent with... the **executive order**... to support the following during the period of **school closures**:
 - continue delivering high-quality distance learning opportunities;
 - provide **school meals** in non-congregate settings; and
 - arrange for supervision of students during ordinary school hours.

[click here for more information on the LCAP](#)





food4thought_llc
Heritage Elementary



 Liked by [harvestly_co](#) and 22 others

food4thought_llc Here is a look at the FFVP BAGS at Heritage Elementary this morning ready for the students of @lodiUSD once they come get the "grab & go meals" they will get an FFVP bag too #healthyfoods4betterlearning #farmtoschool #californiagrown

1 DAY AGO

Add a comment...

Post

bulk & local foods

- increasing quality & decreasing prep time
- waste reduction
- peak season -- fresh & nutritious!
- support local farms
- produce boxes and bulk purchasing
 - FFVP servings for the week
 - breakfast/lunch/supper servings for the week
- need support?
 - Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF)
 - Yousef Buzayan
 - yousef@caff.org

communication

- **direct:**
 - all-call, text and email messages
 - banners, posters, marquees in front of feeding locations
 - printable flyers, coloring sheets, puzzles, notes, etc. with meals
- **media:**
 - social media posts 2-3 times per week
 - local english & spanish language media (newspaper, TV, radio)
- **partnerships:**
 - farms
 - WIC & health and human services
 - libraries
 - food banks

lunch at the library

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LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY



California's public library summer meal programs provide children and teens with continued access to free, healthy food and learning opportunities essential to their development while school is out.



289,587

meals served to children and teens by California public libraries



219

California public library meal sites



18.5%

increase in number of meals served over 2018 (244,475)



14%

increase in number of sites serving meals over 2018 (191)

Plus **39,737** snacks served

63 library jurisdictions

30 counties

Pop-up Libraries at Community Summer Meal Sites

35

Library jurisdictions took pop-up programming to community meal sites



634

Pop-up library programs at community meal sites

115

Community meal sites offered pop-up library programming

32,397

Attendance at pop-up library programs

Families who participate in Lunch at the Library report knowing they can get help and essential resources at the library:

92%

know they can find books and things to borrow at the library



77%

know they can find access to computers



67%

know they can find people to help them



13%

of families who participated in Lunch at the Library reported that they don't get lunch anywhere else but the library

The lunch program is perfect, on some days it's our only food.



- Lunch at the Library participant

For more information on the Lunch at the Library program please visit lunchatthelibrary.org

*Data is current as of 12/31/2019. During the summer of 2019, 6,444 people at 189 library meal sites completed surveys. There are 186 public library jurisdictions and 58 counties in California.

Lunch at the Library was developed by the California Library Association and California Summer Meal Coalition with support from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

Lunch at the Library is a project of the California State Library supported with funds from the State of California.



resource updates



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We believe school nutrition programs should be able to put all of their attention on feeding our children well. With so many rules and regulations, that task has never been more difficult.

The LunchAssist Community is here to help you succeed.

COVID-19 SCHOOL MEALS Q&A #2

Can I pick up COVID-19 school meals at other sites if my child does not attend those schools?

Yes! You can visit any location distributing school meals. Visit up to one location a day.

Children 18 & under eat free.
No paperwork required.
See website for times & locations



COVID-19 SCHOOL MEALS Q&A #4

Will I be taking COVID-19 school meals away from others who have greater need?

No, the school meal program is funded to serve ALL families!

Children 18 & under eat free.
No paperwork required.
See website for times & location



Everyone must wear a face covering...

Covering your face is now mandatory and helps prevent the spread of COVID-19.



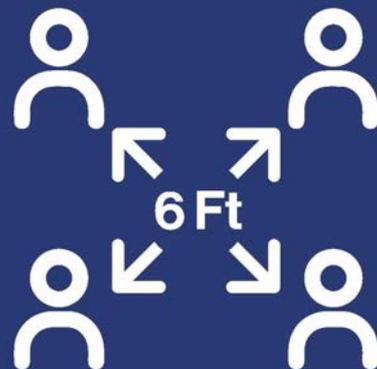
Masks, bandanas, scarves, and cloth can be used.

...and stay 6 feet apart

Businesses are required to refuse service to anyone who does not comply.



Department of Public Health
sf.gov/coronavirus



Stay 6 feet apart

請與他人保持6呎距離

Manténgase a un mínimo de seis (6) pies de los demás

Magbigay ng 6 na talampakang distansya mula sa isa't isa



[SF.gov/coronavirus](https://sf.gov/coronavirus)

face coverings

We kindly ask that all families picking up meals consider covering their face with a cloth face covering or face mask.

Let's help keep everyone as safe as possible during these challenging times.

Looking for tips on how to make a mask at home? Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for ideas!



Communication and Outreach During COVID-19

Thursday, May 7, 2020

3:00 PM EDT



Communication and Outreach During COVID-19

Thursday, May 7, 3:00 p.m. Eastern (2:00 p.m. Central, 1:00 p.m. Mountain, 12:00 p.m. Pacific)

As schools remain closed due to COVID-19 -- and with many states announcing that they will stay closed for the rest of the school year -- it is important that schools, sponsors, and advocates maintain communication with families about the availability of meals through the child nutrition programs. This webinar will highlight strategies and best practices for getting the word out as things continue to evolve.

[Register here](#)

[Add to Calendar](#)

CDE webinar & checklist

- waivers
- state guidance
- funding
- p-EBT
- meal service transition
- resources
- FAQ

monday, may 11 at 2 p.m. pacific

<https://zoom.us/j/98370780601>

password: 181676

School Nutrition Checklist for COVID-19

School food authorities (SFA) can use this checklist to ensure additional requirements are taking place during COVID-19 pandemic. Make sure applicable COVID19 waivers are in place in Child Nutrition Information and Payment System (CNIPS).

Meal Access and Reimbursement

Meal Counting and Claiming (month and day of review)

- Written meal count and collection procedures in place for COVID19 sites
- Meal Service Flexibilities: USDA granted waiver to CDE to allow eligible SFSP and SSO program operators to apply for noncongregate meal service during COVID-19 pandemic. Notify the CDE and receive approval prior to serving noncongregate meals.
- Record all meal counts at all sites at the time the meals or snacks are served
- If serving multiple meals and snacks together at the same time, meal counts must be recorded for each meal typed
- Meals are recorded only for eligible children ages 1—18 or for participants with disabilities 19 years and older who are enrolled in school programs.
- Claim only meal types allowed by regulations or through waivers and approved in CNIPS
- Names of students in the free and reduced category are confidential and are unable to be sent by the district to companies in order for students to receive a particular benefit (such as free internet). Households can send a copy of the official letter from the school district stating the student's name and reimbursement category and provide this letter to the business.

Meal Components and Quantities

- Serve meals at the location and time entered in CNIPS and approved by CDE
- Serve meals that meet the requirements for the meal pattern selected or through waivers and approved by CDE
- Train staff on meal pattern and meal service requirements prior to the start of the meal service
- Maintain menu production records, product formulation statements, Child Nutrition labels, standardized recipes, US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Foods Information Sheets for sites served

leadership:
managing yourself

on the verge of
burnout?

...take a “vacation”
this weekend



discussion

thank you!