

Community of Practice Call

COVID-19 Emergency Food Service

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for

School Nutrition Professionals

recap of last call

- HEROES act
- waiver updates
- P-EBT
- USDA & CDE tip sheets
- leadership corner: how to lean in!

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.



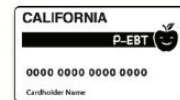
P-EBT benefits coming soon in May 2020

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.



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 12, 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.**

agenda

- district spotlights
- cdfa update
- cdc guidance for schools
- policy updates
- no kid hungry
- resources
- leadership corner
- discussion

usda professional standards

2450, 3220, 3220, 3410, 4150



New Schedule!



Join us on 6/4 and 6/18

9-10 a.m. PST

school food innovators





FOOD DISTRIBUTION



**TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020 | 11AM
FOUR LOCATIONS**

GLEN EDWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Parking lot on the corner of L and 1st Street

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

Parking lot on Sixth St. next to the old gym

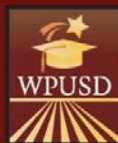
MCBEAN PARK

Enter at McBean Pool on McBean Park Dr

SHERIDAN ELEMENTARY

In front of the school

To limit interaction and proximity to other participants, and therefore decrease the risk of COVID-19 exposure, please follow instructions of personnel on site upon arrival and there will be no onsite eating.



Students will be given 5 breakfast meals and 5 lunch meals.
STUDENTS MUST BE PRESENT IN ORDER TO RECEIVE MEALS.
We are only distributing meals to WPUSD area students.

4 Needs Students Face During School Closures

WE BELIEVE
MADERA UNIFIED

Madera Unified School District serves over 20,000 students and their families.

Week 4 Check-in Results: Updated as of May 20, 2020, at 7:00 a.m.



Student Care Check-in

As a school district, our job is to educate students, but we understand that children cannot learn virtually until we meet some basic needs.

12,708 students have been contacted this week

Teachers and support staff have personally reached out to

63%

of all MUSD students



over phone or video conference to find out how each student is doing during the pandemic



1 Meals



6,282 students are requesting school meals

2 Social-emotional support



401 students need social-emotional support

3 Technology



463 students have no access to internet



208 students have no device

4 Learning content



114 students need support obtaining learning content



1,054 students need additional academic support

Student Care Check-in System

Who follows up with students' needs?

Social-emotional support - Counselor

Internet - Call Center

Device - Technology Department

Support obtaining learning content - Office Support Staff

Academic support - Vice Principal & Principal

School lunch site pick-up - Child Nutrition Department

Call attempted, no contact - Office Support Staff



**california department of
food and agriculture (CDFA)**

CDFA updates

- \$10M in CA governor's may budget revision to CDFA office of farm to fork
 - 3 farm to school positions to support programming statewide
 - \$8.5M for farm to school grants
 - Interagency working group to institutionalize resources
 - June 15 final budget -- stay tuned!

[silo technologies](#)

- cloud-based wholesale marketplace for protein, dairy, produce, and more
- no cost to use!
- connects food system pieces that are normally separate...
 - producers, distributors, retailers, and food banks
- manages inventory, accounting, routing, logistics, and real time reporting
- clarity on where your food is coming from, what's coming, and when
- www.usesilo.com

silos technologies

- 13,000 monthly transactions
- new features coming out soon— transportation bids and open marketplace
- adding producers and partners to continue to expand availability
- to learn more, put your info in the comments or reach out to me!

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farm to school program lead

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reopening schools

updated CDC guidance

Home Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Symptoms

Testing + Updated May 19, 2020

Prevent Getting Sick +

If You Are Sick +

Daily Life & Coping +

People Who Need Extra Precautions +

Pets & Other Animals +

Travel +

Frequently Asked Questions

Cases, Data, & Surveillance +

Communities, Schools & Workplaces -

Cleaning & Disinfecting +

Worker Safety & Support +

Schools & Child Care -

Considerations for Schools

Other Languages ▾ Print Page

Updated May 19, 2020

As some communities in the United States open K-12 schools, CDC offers the following considerations for ways in which schools can help protect students, teachers, administrators, and staff and slow the spread of COVID-19. Schools can determine, in collaboration with [state and local health officials](#) to the extent possible, whether and how to implement these considerations while adjusting to meet the unique needs and circumstances of the local community. Implementation should be guided by what is feasible, practical, acceptable, and tailored to the needs of each community. School-based health facilities may refer to CDC's [Guidance for U.S. Healthcare Facilities](#) and may find it helpful to reference the [Ten Ways Healthcare Systems Can Operate Effectively During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). These considerations are meant to supplement—not replace—any state, local, territorial, or tribal health and safety laws, rules, and regulations with which schools must comply.

Guiding Principles to Keep in Mind

The more people a student or staff member interacts with, and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread. The risk of COVID-19 spread increases in school settings as follows:

- **Lowest Risk:** Students and teachers engage in virtual-only classes, activities, and events.
- **More Risk:** Small, in-person classes, activities, and events. Groups of students stay together and with the same teacher throughout/across school days and groups do not mix. Students remain at least 6 feet apart and do not share objects (e.g., hybrid virtual and in-person class structures, or staggered/rotated scheduling to accommodate smaller class sizes).

On This Page

- Guiding Principles
- Reduce Spread
- Healthy Environments
- Healthy Operations
- When Someone Gets Sick
- Other Resources

CDC guidance - nutrition services

- **supporting your staff**
 - food service retail workers
 - safety & support
 - coping with work and stress
- **cleaning and disinfecting**
 - shared spaces and objects
 - school vehicles
 - ventilation & water systems
- **planning with your district**
 - social distancing plan
 - supplies & resources needed
 - “healthy operations”
 - faq for administrators

SCHOOLS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



The purpose of this tool is to assist administrators in making (re)opening decisions regarding K-12 schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to check with state and local health officials and other partners to determine the most appropriate actions while adjusting to meet the unique needs and circumstances of the local community.

Should you consider opening?

- ✓ Will reopening be consistent with applicable state and local orders?
- ✓ Is the school ready to protect children and employees at **higher risk** for severe illness?
- ✓ Are you able to screen students and employees upon arrival for symptoms and history of exposure?

ANY NO



Are recommended health and safety actions in place?

- ✓ Promote **healthy hygiene practices** such as **hand washing** and **employees wearing a cloth face covering**, as feasible
- ✓ Intensify **cleaning, disinfection**, and ventilation
- ✓ Encourage **social distancing** through increased spacing, small groups and limited mixing between groups, if feasible
- ✓ Train all employees on health and safety protocols

ALL YES

ANY NO



Is ongoing monitoring in place?

- ✓ Develop and implement procedures to check for **signs and symptoms** of students and employees daily upon arrival, as feasible
- ✓ Encourage anyone who is sick to **stay home**
- ✓ Plan for if students or employees get sick
- ✓ Regularly communicate and monitor developments with local authorities, employees, and families regarding cases, exposures, and updates to policies and procedures
- ✓ Monitor student and employee absences and have flexible leave policies and practices
- ✓ Be ready to consult with the local health authorities if there are cases in the facility or an increase in cases in the local area

ALL YES

ANY NO



ALL YES

OPEN AND MONITOR



SY 20-21 meal service models

- **classroom**
 - breakfast-in-the classroom model
 - opportunity for higher participation
- **cafeteria**
 - smaller groups
 - more lunch periods
 - longer service times
- **outdoor dining**
 - more points-of-service outside
 - tables spaced far apart
 - better ventilation and more sun exposure
- **grab n' go**
 - sending home meals for days when students are learning from home

policy updates


USDA waiver extensions

- extended thru june 30
 - meal pattern waiver
 - FFVP parent pick up (CA)
- extended thru august 31
 - non-congregate
 - meal times
 - parent/guardian meal pick up
- still ends 6/30
 - CACFP at-risk
 - area eligibility (state-by-state) !


COVID-19 WAIVERS & FLEXIBILITIES

USDA Waivers #22-25


RELEASED MAY 2020




Waiver #22: Non-congregate Feeding - EXTENSION
Existing Non-congregate Feeding Waiver #2 expiration date has been extended through August 31, 2020.
TO DO:
Check if your state has elected to use this waiver.




Waiver #23: Meal Times - EXTENSION
Existing Meal Service Time Waiver #1 expiration date has been extended through August 31, 2020.
TO DO:
Check if your state has elected to use this waiver.



Waiver #24: Meal Pattern - EXTENSION
Existing Meal Pattern Waiver #4 expiration date has been extended to June 30, 2020.
TO DO:
Check if your state has elected to use this waiver.
California: If you haven't done so already, complete the CDE Meal Pattern Flexibility Waiver Request Survey. If you completed this for Waiver #4, you do not need to re-submit.



Waiver #25: Parent/Guardian Meal Pick Up - EXTENSION
Existing Parent/Guardian Meal Pick Up Waiver #5 expiration date has been extended through August 31, 2020.
TO DO:
Check if your state has elected to use this waiver.

 LunchAssist

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Go to www.lunchassist.org/covid-19 for more

waiver recordkeeping - “to do list”

waiver no.	title	program	how to apply (california)
#1, #2, #17, #22, #23	meal service times non-congregate feeding	SSO, SNP	snpinfo@cde.ca.gov & update CNIPS
#1, #2, #17, #22, #23	meal service times non-congregate feeding	CACFP	http://surveys2.cde.ca.gov/s.asp?k=158526719023 & update CNIPS
#3	afterschool enrichment activities	CACFP, SNP	http://surveys2.cde.ca.gov/s.asp?k=158526719023
#4, #13, #24	meal pattern waiver	CACFP, SNP	https://surveys2.cde.ca.gov/go/mealpatterncovidwaivers.asp
#7, #9, #10	monitoring waivers (<i>site monitoring & facility reviews</i>)	SSO, SNP, SFSP, CACFP	http://surveys2.cde.ca.gov/s.asp?k=158592489871
#18	triennial assessment of LSWP	SNP	https://surveys2.cde.ca.gov/go/lswptriennialwaiver.asp
n/a	area eligibility for schools <50% free/reduced	SSO, SFSP	https://surveys2.cde.ca.gov/go/cnpareaeligibilitywaiver.asp

parent meal pick up

- policy/procedure
 - written
 - prevent duplicate meals
 - support program integrity



Child Nutrition Program Meal Service During Coronavirus (COVID-19)



Best Practices for Parent Pick-Up of Meals and Snacks

It is a Federal requirement that Child Nutrition Program operators provide meals and snacks directly to eligible children. However, given the current health crisis, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) issued a nationwide waiver that allows local Program operators to distribute meals and snacks to parents and guardians to give to their eligible child. USDA does not have the legal authority to reimburse Program operators for meals provided to eligible adults. Learn more: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/covid-19/parents-and-guardians-waiver>

State agencies are working with local Program operators to ensure that meals and snacks are distributed to parents or guardians of children eligible to participate in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, Summer Food Service Program, and Child and Adult Care Food Program. The nationwide waiver allowing parents to pick-up meals for children at non-congregate sites does not apply to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP). However, States may submit individual waivers to FNS requesting permission to allow parent pick-up under the FFVP.



<https://www.fns.usda.gov/resource/covid-19-nationwide-waiver-allow-parents-and-guardians-pick-meals-children>

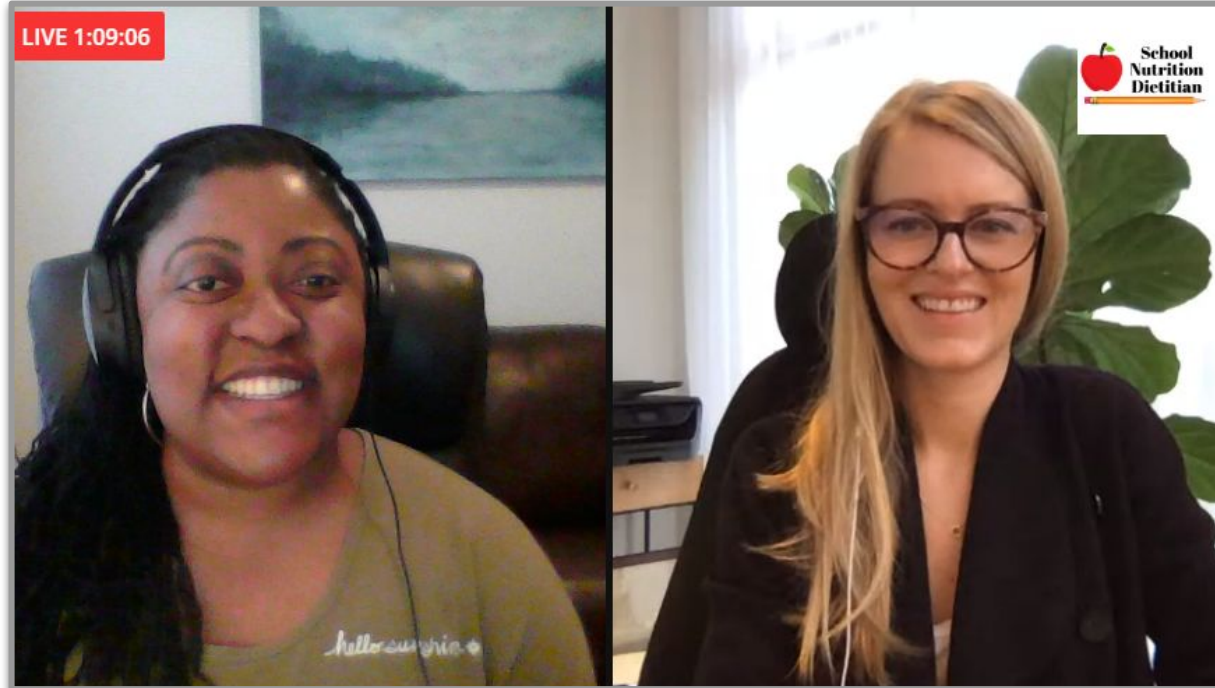
Questions To Consider

- Would an alternative method of meal distribution meet needs while ensuring program integrity (e.g., mail delivery or bus delivery along regular bus routes)?
- What is the plan for ensuring meals go to eligible children?
- What is the strategy for preventing the distribution of duplicate meals (e.g., a person claiming the same meals from multiple sites)?

Meals picked up by mom and dad for kids to eat and enjoy!



school nutrition dietitian podcast



<https://www.schoolnutritiondietitian.com/podcast/2020/5/15/usda-waivers-and-emergency-procurement-made-simple-with-jennifer-mcneil-rdn-sns-of-lunch-assist>

share our strength
no kid hungry campaign



COVID-19: Response & Recovery

- Immediate Response
 - Emergency Grants
 - Federal & State Advocacy
 - Awareness & Appreciation
- Ongoing Support
 - Technical Support & Resources
 - Alternate delivery models
 - Guidance and resources on operations/compliance under current/future waivers
 - Community Eligibility Provision outreach and support
 - Continued Advocacy

Emergency Granting

- More than 90 grants to school districts, food banks and community based organizations
- Nearly \$2.5 million awarded
- Grants have been distributed across all regions of the state

Sacramento City Schools



Palmdale School District



Oakland USD



Federal & State Advocacy

- Federal relief packages
 - Pandemic EBT
 - School nutrition debt relief
 - SNAP benefit increase
- USDA Waivers & Extensions
- Coordination and Collaboration with State Agencies

Awareness & Appreciation

- Social Media recognition
 - @NoKidHungryCA
 - #Thankahungerhero
- We would love to show your teams some love!
Please share pictures and stories and tag us.



No Kid Hungry California @NoKidHungryCA · May 8

Congrats to @RedlandsUSD Child Nutrition Director Betty Crocker for your recognition as a Nutrition Superhero by @SBCountyPH! Thank you Betty & the school nutrition team for all you do for kids and families in your community! #ThankAHungerHero #thisisRUSD



Nutrition Superhero Betty Crocker
Not all superheroes wear capes. Meet Nutrition Superhero Betty Crocker, Director, Redlands Unified ...
[youtube.com](#)



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No Kid Hungry @nokidhungry · May 16

A HUGE round of applause to all of the teachers and principals still working hard to get their students the meals they need to thrive (and learning new ways to feed their minds too)! Thank you! #ThankAHungerHero



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No Kid Hungry California @NoKidHungryCA · 9h

1 in 4 children in the United States could face hunger this year because of the coronavirus. We are thankful for the Hunger Heroes on the frontlines feeding kids and families at @NVUSD #ThankAHungerHero



Bill Dodd @BillDoddCA · May 15

Many kids in our area rely on school meals – but with school out for the year, @NVUSD is standing in the gap to make sure these kids can still get healthy meals. Thanks to @NoKidHungryCA for supporting their work with an emergency grant. [twitter.com/NVUSD/status/1...](#)



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No Kid Hungry @nokidhungry · May 10

Schools across the country are shutting down in response to #COVID19, but that isn't stopping schools' staff from making sure their students have the meals they need. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to everyone working to ensure no kid goes hungry. #ThankAHungerHero



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Technical Support & Resources

CEP Financial Considerations for School Business Officials: This No Kid Hungry [resource](#) highlights financial considerations that can help guide your decision-making in adopting or expanding the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Strategies for Finding Success with CEP: This No Kid Hungry [resource](#) explores strategies that maximize the benefits of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) by improving meal participation rates, increasing your ISP and generating revenue with savvy business practices.

Resources aimed specifically at helping districts, program sponsors and community partners provide meals to children during school closures related to the coronavirus can be found here:

<http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/coronavirus>

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A young boy with a bright smile is the central focus of the image. He is wearing a blue baseball cap with a red brim and an orange hoodie. He is seated at a table, eating from a yellow tray that contains a sandwich, a drink, and some vegetables. The background is a brightly lit room with blue and white walls, suggesting a school or community center setting. Other people are partially visible in the background, but they are out of focus.

QUESTIONS?

Please type any questions
into the chat box.

Contact Info:
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resource updates

NFSN federal policy platform




Sign-On to Endorse National Farm to School Network's COVID-19 Federal Policy Platform

In the turbulence caused by the COVID-19 global pandemic, National Farm to School Network's Partners, Advisors, and members across the country are working harder than ever to care for those most impacted by the COVID-19 health crisis. This crisis has shone a light on the inequities built into our food system on multiple fronts. We are pleased to see that the HEROES Act (H.R. 6800) contains some key measures we support; the Senate should build on these items while addressing further necessary priorities:

CDE PPE survey

- due **tomorrow**, friday, may 22
- assessing LEA needs for PPE
- not a supply order

[Accessible Version](#)



CDE Survey

COVID-19 Health and Safety Supplies Needs Assessment Survey

Nutrition Services Division

In order to assist our sponsoring agencies who are serving their community during this health crisis, the California Department of Education (CDE) Nutrition Services Division (NSD) is assessing the emergency supply needs for program operators who have been providing meals during the COVID-19 unanticipated school closures.

The CDE wants to provide every opportunity for you to receive the health and safety supplies you need as soon as possible, so please complete the survey by Friday, May 22, 2020. You are required to answer all questions in this survey unless they are noted as optional.

Once we receive all the information, the CDE will use the survey responses to communicate local needs at the state level, and to work in partnership with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to identify effective strategies for meeting those needs. Your survey response does not constitute an equipment or supply order, rather, it provides the CDE with information to ensure local provider needs are part of state considerations when deploying and purchasing emergency supplies.

Navigation options are available at the bottom of each screen. If you have questions about completing this survey, please contact Sean Hardin by phone at 916-323-7175 or by email at shardin@cde.ca.gov. For additional COVID-19 guidance for Child Nutrition Program (CNP) operators, please visit the [CDE COVID-19 Guidance for K-12 Schools and Child and Adult Day Care Meals web page](#).

Agency Information

Select the CNP you are operating below:

- Seamless Summer Option (SSO)
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

Please provide one or both of the following identification numbers to submit this survey:

- Child Nutrition Information and Payment System (CNIPS) identification number
- Vendor number
- Both

tony thurmond town hall

this morning!
10 a.m.

facebook live

The image shows a Facebook event page for a webinar. At the top, a box labeled 'WEBINAR for local educational agencies' contains the title 'Fall 2020: A Discussion on the Safe Re-Opening of California Schools' and the date 'Thursday, May 21, at 10 a.m.'. Below this is a keyboard icon and the California Department of Education logo. A calendar icon shows the date '21'. The event title is 'Fall 2020: A Discussion on Safe Re-Opening of California Schools' by the California Department of Education. The page has tabs for 'About' and 'Discussion', and buttons for 'Interested', 'Going', 'Invite', and a share icon. A post from 'Mickinzie, Stay Up to Date on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information' is visible, with a 'Dismiss' button and a 'See Guidelines' button. A map shows the location of the California Department of Education in Sacramento. The event details section shows 29.6K people responded, the time 'Today at 10 AM - 11 AM' with '68°F Sunny' weather, and the host 'California Department of Education'. A description invites participants to join the CDE and State Superintendent Tony Thurmond for a webinar. At the bottom, there are tags for 'Other', 'Education policy', 'Public health policy', and 'Policy'. On the right, the 'Go With Friends' section shows 6.7K people going and 22.9K people interested.

WEBINAR
for local educational agencies

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Thursday, May 21, at 10 a.m.

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TODAY AT 10 AM - 11 AM

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California Department of Education

About Discussion Interested Going Invite

Mickinzie, Stay Up to Date on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

It's up to all of us to slow the spread of COVID-19. Everyone, including young and healthy people, should avoid large gatherings during this time. Stay up to date with public health guidelines from cdc.gov.

Dismiss See Guidelines

Details

29.6K people responded

Today at 10 AM - 11 AM
68°F Sunny

California Department of Education

Public · Hosted by California Department of Education

Join the CDE and State Superintendent Tony Thurmond for a webinar with updates on guidance for schools, presentations by districts that are developing plans on re-opening, and a Q-... See More

Other Education policy Public health policy Policy

California Department of Education
1430 N St, Sacramento

We are working to ensure California can provide a world-class education for all students, from early childhood to adult... See More

Go With Friends See All

6.7K GOING 22.9K INTERESTED

sna survey: impact of covid-19

- meal service types
 - **81%** use drive thrus
 - **65%** offer meals to be heated at home
 - **36%** offer hot meals
- participation
 - **80%** serving fewer meals than usual
- financial losses
 - **\$200,000** median loss per district nutrition program
 - **\$2.34** million largest losses due to COVID-19



IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS: PART 2

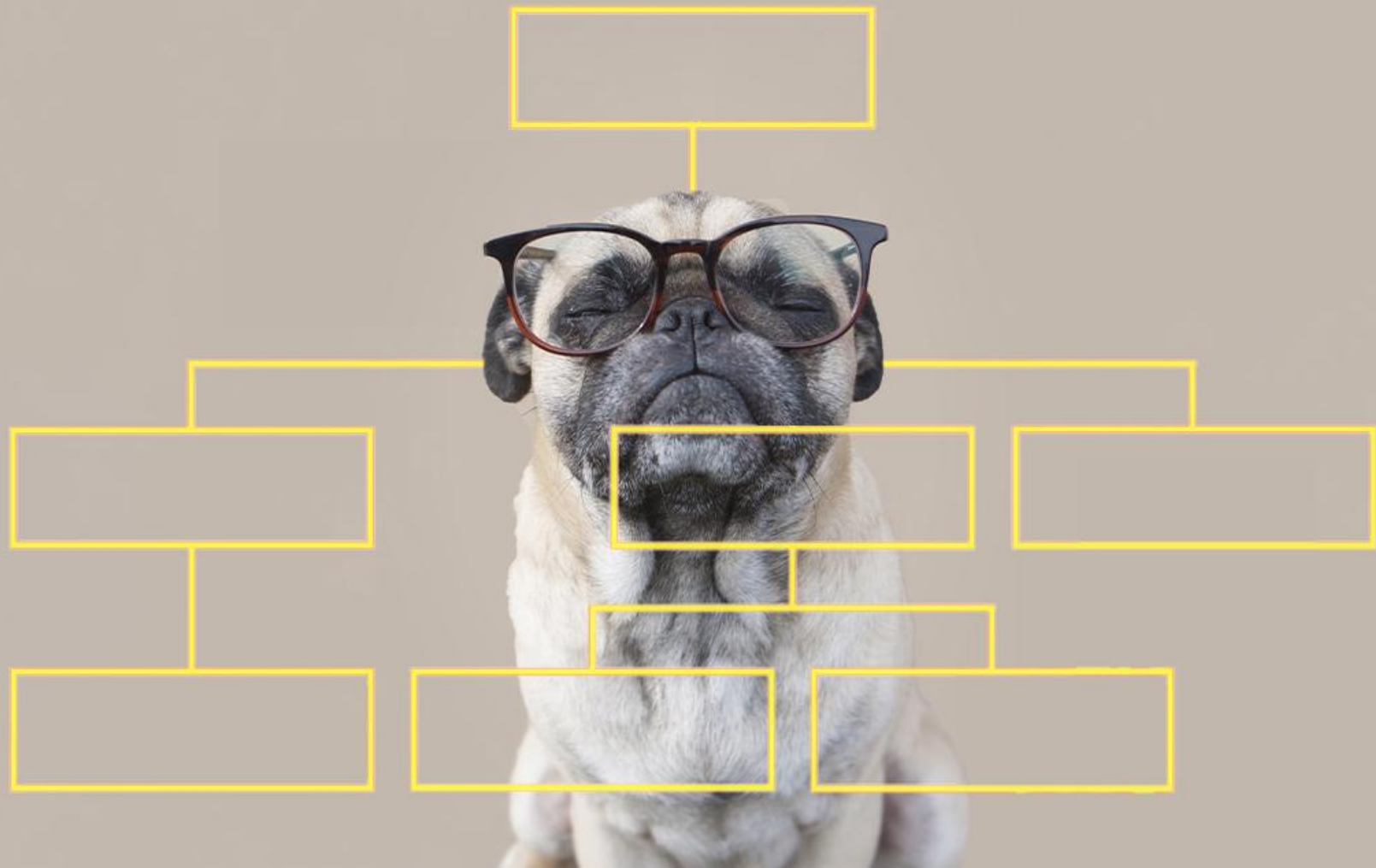
ABSTRACT

SNA surveyed its school nutrition director members in May 2020 to understand how programs are feeding students, participation trends, current member concerns and the financial impacts of COVID-19 closures.

School Nutrition Association



leadership



3 practices to help during a crisis

1. rise and shine!
meditation before coffee.
2. have a meeting coming up?
kick it off with a few minutes of meditation.
3. unproductive thought patterns
interrupting your flow?
take a step back.



meditation + leadership

- how can calm, intentional leadership transform your work life?
 - connected to your mission
 - intentional instead of reactive
 - relax into uncertainty
 - at peace in vulnerable situations
- meditation myths
 - “clearing your head”
 - yoga, vegan, silence
- free audio library
 - **nickanicich.com**

discussion

thank you!