

Community of Practice Call

COVID-19 Emergency Food Service

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SY 20-21 Professional Development
and The Collective



agenda

- district spotlights
- funding + policy
- reopening + safety
- plant-forward meal kits
- grants, events, + resources
- leadership
- discussion

usda professional standards

1110, 1130, 2430, 3240, 3450, 4130,

1 hour of professional development



**CENTERS FOR DISEASE
CONTROL AND PREVENTION**

SY 20-21 call schedule

April

1

[join us...](#)

[9:00-10:15 a.m. PST / 12:00-1:15 p.m. EST](#)

district spotlights

san diego , ca



We'll begin at 2:30pm

SDUSD FOOD & NUTRITION
FARM TO SCHOOL

Harvest of the Month VIRTUAL Tasting

Since we can't bring taste tests to our students in the school cafeterias, we're doing them VIRTUALLY. We'll talk about the benefits of this month's special fruit, the local farmers who grow it, and an at-home activity or recipe!

Grab a golden kiwi from your nearest meal site on Wednesday then, TUNE IN on **Wednesday, Jan 20 at 2:30pm**
We'll be on Facebook LIVE
or Zoom (Meeting ID: 987 2797 3870)



Healthy food.
Successful students.
Food & Nutrition Services



Harvest
of the
Month™



zoom

6:55 / 29:32



san diego , ca



calistoga , ca



policy + funding

waiver updates | national

urge congress to:

- make school meals free for all students
- give school nutrition operators \$\$ to continue feeding kids
- extend increased assistance benefits

<https://p2a.co/MiBanGs>



waiver updates | cacfp

- **USDA Q&A #4** - january 6, 2021
 - **at-risk after school meals:** allowed states to issue flexibility so sponsors did not have to take attendance or keep sign-in sheets
- **california update** - february 18, 2021
 - flexibility finally granted!
 - **open sites:** **enrollment rosters may be used in lieu of attendance** 🎉
 - **closed sites:** attendance/sign-in sheets still required (*no change*)

policy reminders | CEP

- **community eligibility provision**

- **april 1:** extract **data**
- **april-june:** determine ISP
- **june 30:** deadline to apply

Getting ready to apply for CEP SY20-21

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS JUNE 30, 2021

Data needed must be as of April 1, 2021

CALPADS DIRECT CERTIFICATION

List for all students who are:
S - SNAP/CalFresh
T - TANF
M - MediCal-free

⊗ Don't include:
R - MediCal reduced
N - Not certified

ENROLLMENT

List of all children enrolled as of April 1:
• Original list from Student Information System
• Enrollment for Head Start students if not on SIS list (if applicable)

OTHER

ELIGIBLE STUDENT LISTS FOR CHILDREN ON THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS AS OF APRIL 1
(OR AS OF THE DATE OF THE CALPADS LIST IF AFTER JUNE 1)

Migrant
Homeless
Runaway
Foster

Head Start (if applicable)

Direct Certification from the County (if applicable)

TIP! Save all lists in excel format if possible

CALCULATE
YOUR ISP

GROUP SCHOOLS TO
MAXIMIZE
REIMBURSEMENT
(if applicable)

CONDUCT
FINANCIAL
ANALYSIS

policy reminders | procurement

“federal regulations allow [us to] use a non-competitive proposal to negotiate one-year contracts... given the public health emergency”

3 easy steps:

1. specify the goods or services needed
2. request pricing from at least one vendor
3. enter into a new, one-year contract (ie: july 1, 2021 - june 30, 2022)

references:

- Waiver #71 - January 6 (**extension**)
- Q&A SP-21, see Q #5

funding updates | national

emergency operational costs reimbursement program
additional **federal** reimbursement for **march-june 2020**
(55% of the difference between 2019 and 2020 revenue)

can you show me an example?

april 2020 payment = (april 2019 reimb. - april 2020 reimb.) x 0.55

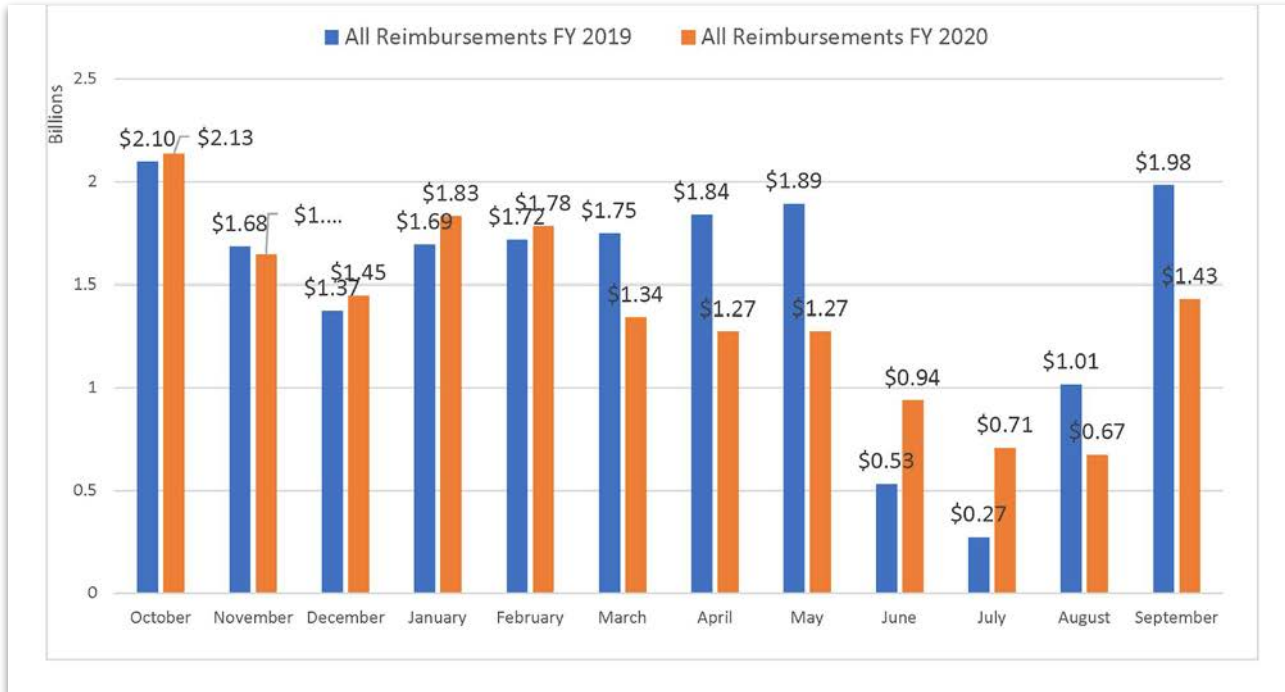
more info:

USDA policy memo SP 06-2021 + Q&A

released january 26, 2021

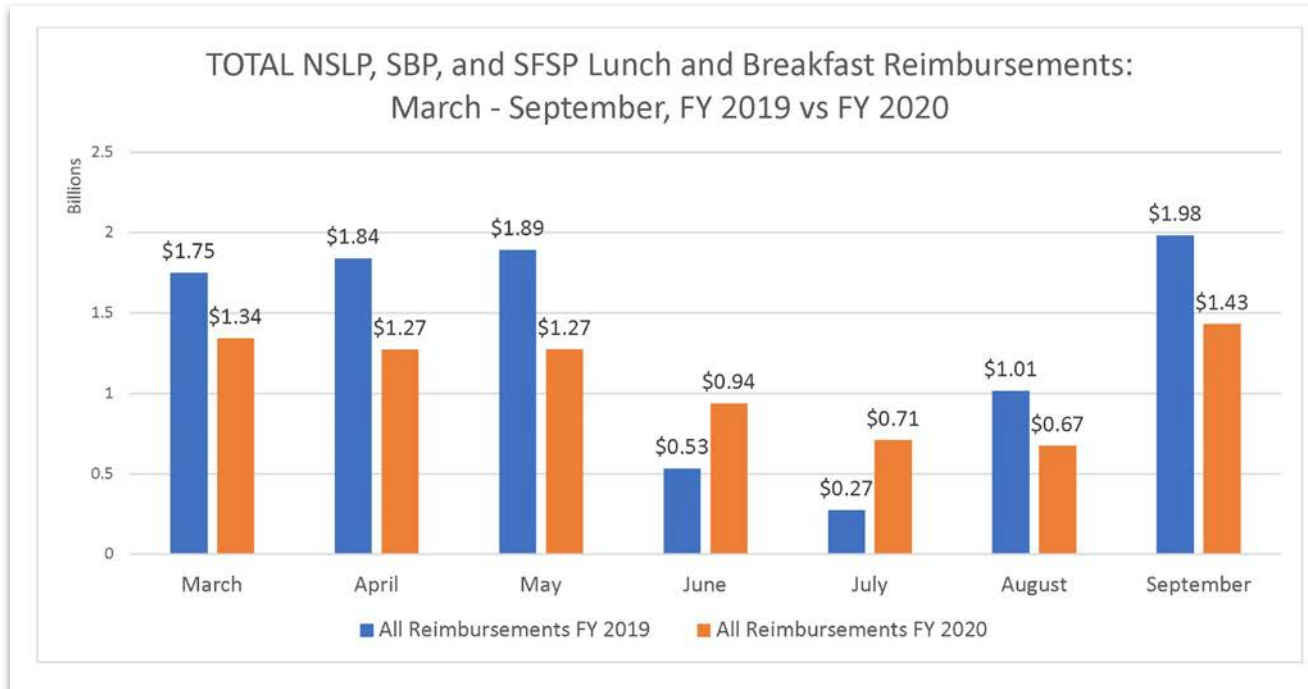
funding updates | national

in FY 2020, reimbursement dropped by \$1.4 B



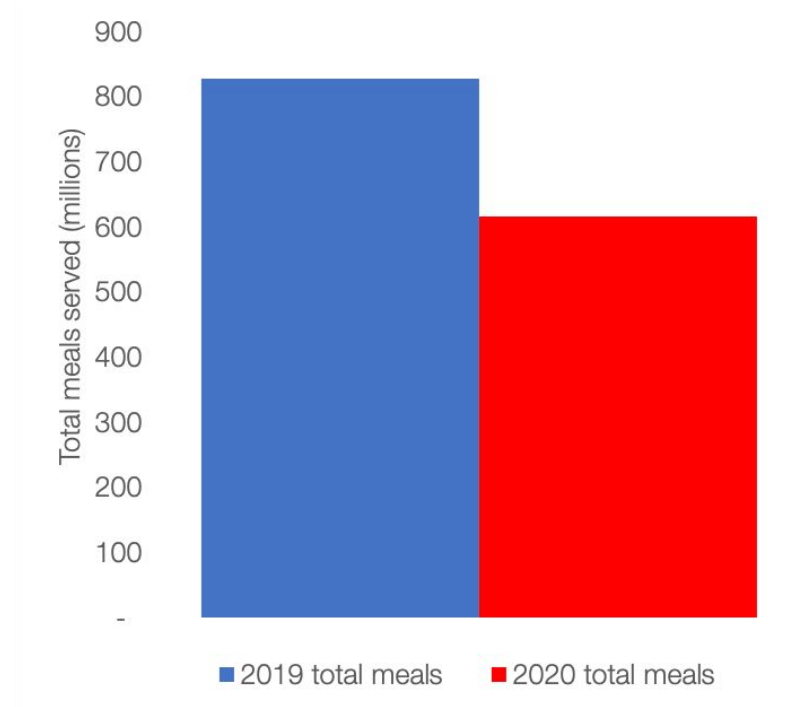
funding updates | national

during mar-sept 2020, reimbursement dropped by \$1.6 B



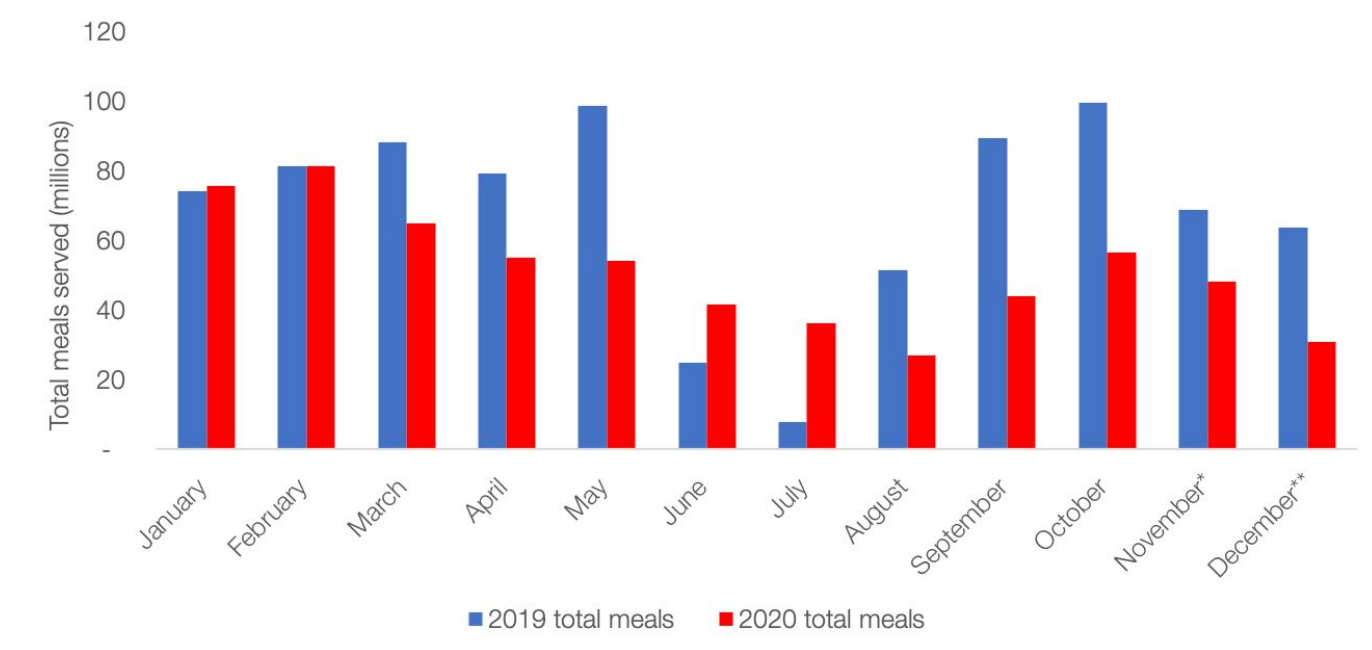
policy updates | CA

- 2019 vs. 2020
- CA meal participation drops 30%



policy updates | CA

CA summer meal participation



*still have one month to submit claims; **still have two months to submit claims

policy updates | CA

REPORT: COVID-19 Increases School Meal Budget Deficits in California

Schools Face Increased Costs, Lower Revenues

When schools physically closed in March 2020, school nutrition professionals rose to the challenge of feeding millions of students in a time of massive economic crisis. However, providing emergency school meals has increased costs and complicated logistics at a time when revenue has dropped—causing budget deficits that could amount to **over half a billion dollars**. A vast majority of surveyed school food service directors warn that without additional funding, they will be forced to use school districts' general funds, setting off a cascade of deficits.



The Center for Ecological Literacy and the School Nutrition Association surveyed more than **140 school districts** across California in the fall of 2020. Findings from these surveys show that budget deficits for school nutrition programs are worsening:

THE FACTS

	2019–2020 School Year (Last Year)	2020–2021 School Year (This Year)
School districts reporting or projecting a net loss	64%	84%
School districts with a net loss that have enough in reserve to cover the loss	54%	18%
Estimated statewide deficit	-\$355 million	-\$558 million

Note: Current relief funding will not cover these deficits. The \$192 million of state relief funding expires in August 2020, doing little to cover the deficits in the 2020–21 school year. Federal funding relief is restricted to March–June 2020, with no funding currently available for the 2020–21 school year.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS: Food Service Directors Speak to the Importance of Additional Relief Funding

Supporting Communities, Preventing Hunger



"If our budget collapses, so will our department. Our community is very low income and relies on school meals! If our department is cut, the quality of school meals will suffer and so will the children who rely on them."

Protecting School Budgets



"If funding has to be diverted from the General Fund to Food Services — jobs, student enrichment programs, and other community services supported by the General Fund will be lost."

Keeping Frontline Staff Employed



"Additional funding to make us whole would mean no layoffs next year for the school nutrition employees who stayed through this entire crisis and worked with the public. Please take care of them."

REFERENCES

Results about the percentage of school districts reporting net losses and whether their reserves would be enough to cover these losses are California specific data extracted from the [School Nutrition Association's larger nationwide survey](#).

Key findings on estimated statewide budget deficits are from the [Center for Ecological Literacy's survey from December 2020](#).

policy updates | CA

- CDFA farm to school incubator grant
 - \$10M for F2S in Jan. budget
 - program extended 1 year



policy updates | CA

“School meals for all” bill introduced in CA

3/1/2021 Bill Text - SB-364 Pupil meals: End Child Hunger Act of 2021.

 **California.**
LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

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SB-364 Pupil meals: End Child Hunger Act of 2021. (2021-2022)

SHARE THIS:   Date Published: 02/10/2021 09:00 PM

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2021-2022 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL **NO. 364**

Introduced by Senator Skinner
(Principal coauthors: Senators Eggman, Hertzberg, Laird, Limón, and McGuire)
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Berman)
(Coauthors: Senators Hueso, Newman, Wiewickowski, and Wiener)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Carrillo, Chiu, Cooley, Cooper, Cristina Garcia, Eduardo Garcia, Levine, Nazarian, Quirk-Silva, Reyes, Robert Rivas, Rodriguez, Santiago, Stone, and Villapudua)

February 10, 2021

An act relating to pupil meals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 364, as introduced, Skinner. Pupil meals: End Child Hunger Act of 2021.

Bill Could Make California First in Nation to Provide School Meals to All Kids

Legislation would recognize that nutritious food is fundamental to learning, increase access to freshly prepared school meals for six million students, and promote California-grown food during the pandemic and beyond

February 10, 2021 - (Sacramento, CA) - At a time when food insecurity has increased dramatically due to the ongoing global pandemic, proposed legislation to provide free school meals for all with increased access to freshly prepared, California-grown items would help to address health and wealth inequities among students, according to a coalition of school nutrition, anti-hunger, and child poverty advocates as well as California ranchers and growers.

Introduced by Senate Budget Committee Chair Nancy Skinner (D-Oakland), [SB 364, "School Meals for All,"](#) could make California the first state in the nation to ensure all kids have access to nutritious, locally grown food without creating additional administrative barriers for schools. It would also make California the first state in the nation to extend the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program indefinitely, ensuring that children have access to food during holiday breaks or emergencies. "School Meals for All" has more than 20 co-authors from across California.

plant-forward meal kits

san luis coastal, ca



4 tips

for implementing a plant-forward menu

from

Erin Primer

plant-forward
tip #1


“Food should be delicious,
whether it has meat or not.”

BROCCOLI PASTA
with Roasted Vegetables



plant-forward
tip #2

“Use taste-focused labels.”



Thai Basil Lentil Burger
Made with red lentils from Kandarian Organic Farm
in Los Osos and buns from Edna's Bakery!

FOOD MATTERS! Friends of the Earth

Lentil Burgers are 15 times less carbon intensive than beef burgers!

- Less Water
- Fewer Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Healthier For Us

plant-forward
tip #3

“Share what you’re doing with
the families you serve.”

Menu 1/12-1/15

**Tuesday- **Monterey chicken sandwich,
**green bean salad, **turkey/egg/cheese
breakfast sandwich**

**Wednesday- **cheesy chicken+broccoli bake,
**CA spinach+cranberry salad, buttery
maple Snack'n waffle**

**Thursday- chicken hot dog, **tajin corn,
Dave's muffin & yogurt cup**

**Friday- pizza, **zesty chickpeas, **overnight
oats**

**all meals served with fresh CA fruit and optional milk. **
made from scratch in our central kitchen in Seaside**

plant-forward
tip #4

“Start with one thing.”



chef ann foundation

plant-based recipes + videos

- portobello fajitas
- broccoli pesto
- butternut soup



center for ecoliteracy

coming soon!

- plant-forward virtual culinary professional development



D.o.D. organic

coming soon!

- organic apples
- organic pears





Earth Day/22 April

**reopening + safety
updates**

vaccine updates | national

march is school and child care staff COVID-19 vaccination month



vaccine updates | CA

- **school nutrition staff are now eligible!**
- **how to I sign up?**
 - check with your school district to determine when & where to access your vaccine
- **vaccine roll out varies by county/ district**



reopening updates | **national**

miguel cadrona, new US secretary of education

5 point plan for safe reopening:

1. host a national summit on safe reopening
2. share best practices
3. update the COVID-19 handbook for educators
4. track progress through a national survey
5. funding: \$130 B

reopening updates | CA

california schools must reopen by april 1

- students must be back to in-person learning:
 - homeless and foster youth
 - english learners
 - chronically absent students
 - students without access to the internet
 - students with disabilities
 - grades K-2
- \$2 B in incentives + \$4.6 B in additional funding

reopening considerations

- feed children:
 - learning in-person
 - learning online
 - who are part of the community*

*if operating an open site



sample meal service plan

scenario 1:

- students on-campus 5 days per week for half-days (8 am - noon)
- distance learners and the community also need meals

solution:

- during in-person learning, students receive meals on campus
- weekend meals sent home with in-person learners on fridays
- distance learners/community pick up 7-day meal kit
- no more than 7-days worth of meals are served each week

sample meal service plan

scenario 2:

- students on-campus 2 days per week for full days (A/B cohorts)
- distance learners and the community also need meals

solution:

- during in-person learning, students receive meals on campus
- all children eligible to pick up a 5-day meal kit
- no more than 7-days worth of meals are served each week

program integrity

- **remember:** does not need to be 100% “bullet-proof”.
- make a *reasonable* effort to prevent duplicate meals
 - signage
 - flow of service lines
 - verbal reminders
 - staff training
- **sample template** provided in Tools + Resources, coming up next!



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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



resources · events · grants

CDC resources

[Safely Distributing School Meals during COVID-19](#)

- ★ **NEW!** Meals Eaten at School (In-Person Learning)
 - [Meals in the Classroom](#)
 - [Meals in the Cafeteria](#)
- Meals Eaten Away from School (Virtual/Hybrid)
 - [Drive-Through or Walk-Up Models](#)
 - [Delivery Models](#)
 - Home Delivery
 - Mobile Route Delivery
 - Bus Route Delivery
- ★ **NEW!** [Checklist for School Nutrition Professionals Serving Meals Eaten at School](#)

Checklist for School Nutrition Professionals Serving Meals Eaten at School

Accessible version: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-foods-0204.html#checklist>

- Stay home if you are sick, have tested positive for COVID-19, are showing symptoms of COVID-19, or have recently had close contact (less than 6 feet for 15 minutes or more) with a person with COVID-19.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol before, after, and during shift, before and after eating, after using the toilet, and after handling garbage, dirty dishes, or removing gloves.
- Wear a mask during your shift.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces. Surfaces that come in contact with food should be washed, rinsed, and sanitized.
- Encourage students and staff to remain at least 6 feet apart in areas that can easily become crowded (for example, waiting in food service lines or trash disposal area) and while eating by providing physical guides, such as tape or graphics on floors or sidewalks and signs on walls.
- Reduce crowding by arranging food service lines and seating in ways that encourage physical distancing (at least 6 feet).
- Increase ventilation by offering meals outside or opening windows and doors.
- Maintain low occupancy in areas where outdoor ventilation cannot be increased.
- Avoid offering any self-serve food or drink options, such as hot and cold food bars, salad or condiment bars, and drink stations. Instead, serve grab-and-go items or individually plated meals. Clearly label or set aside meals for students with food allergies or dietary restrictions.
- Ensure students are not sharing food or utensils.
- Install physical barriers in areas where it is difficult for people to remain at least 6 feet apart (for example, cash registers, tables).
- Encourage students and staff to wear masks when not eating or drinking.
- Hang posters that encourage staying home when sick and good hand hygiene practices. Place posters in highly visible locations, for example, around the school and kitchen.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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the policy pulse with
LunchAssist

new article!

Truth Time 

the Policy Pulse with LunchAssist

You can expect to get paid before January 2022. To learn more about the Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program, check out this [summary](#) from FRAC or read [this](#) from USDA. And yes, efforts are already underway to help secure similar funding beyond June 2020. Fingers crossed!

COVID Waivers:
Our friends at No Kid Hungry have the very best summary of our friends at No Kid Hungry. At the time of writing, many [current waivers](#) and Q&A documents are scheduled to expire on June 30, 2021. You can urge Congress to offer meals at no cost permanently available by signing on to this [action alert](#) from FoodCorps.

What's next?
Child Nutrition Reauthorization (CNR) is the process by which Congress updates laws that govern all Child Nutrition Programs. Keep an eye out for opportunities to advocate for changes to our rule book during the upcoming CNR, which is expected to begin soon.

Don't Miss a Beat:
Each month, The Center for Ec Literacy and LunchAssist host the Community of Practice call where hundreds of our colleagues from across the field come together to share inspiring stories, best practices from the field, and catch up on the latest policy changes. [Register](#) for the next call - they're on the first Thursday of each month. ●

Here's what you need to know right now:

Money, Money, Money:
Funds are on the way! School nutrition programs and CACFP sponsors will be able to recover 55% of the federal reimbursement dollars lost during March-June 2020. Here is an example:

April 2020 Payment = (April 2019 Reimbursement-April 2020 Reimbursement) x 0.55

Jennifer McNeil, RDN, SNS
Director and the Four Seasons Farm-to-Fork capital for local produce. She engages in the administrative red tape so that through the administrative red tape so they serving the healthiest, freshest meals possible.

LunchAssist PRO is the newest community in school nutrition where members have exclusive access to hundreds of school nutrition resources and over 12 hours of fun and empowering professional development specifically designed for this school year. See what all the buzz is all about by visiting [www.lunchassist.org](#).



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program integrity plan

PRO Tip: Download and edit this document to best fit your district's needs and file it away for your next audit. Reminder - you do not need to submit it to the State at this time. Just make sure to file it somewhere where your staff can easily access and review it!

Sample Program Integrity Plan
(Insert SFA Name)

Instructions: Utilize this sample program integrity plan as a jumping-off point for your own internal departmental policy and procedure. This sample plan lists the program integrity measures that can be taken to ensure compliance with the nationwide COVID-19 waivers during School Year 20-21.

To edit: Click "File" then "Download as" and select "Word Documents. Be sure to save to your computer before making edits.

Editor's Note: Hyperlinks (blue underlined text) indicate additional resources are available for LurchAssist PRO Members on The Collective. Click the hyperlinks below to view these exclusive resources!

Eligibility


- For sites with over 40-50% of children eligible for free or reduced-price meals, eligibility documents are maintained on file (direct certification documents, meal applications, evidence of approval for CEP or P2, etc.)
- For sites with less than 40-50% of children eligible for free or reduced-price meals, the area eligibility waiver has been filed and a copy is saved.

Meal Counting

- Meal counts are recorded using the following method:
 - Point of Sale Computer
 - [Tally sheet](#)
 - [Clicker form](#)
 - [other]
- Meal counts are taken on a daily basis, for each reimbursable meal served during each meal service, and each location.
- Meal count records are reviewed for accuracy on a regular basis.
- Meal count records are saved on file for a minimum of three years plus the current school year.
- More details are included in the [Meal Count and Collection Procedures](#).

Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup and Preventing Duplicate Meals

- Parents, guardians, or their designee(s) are permitted to pick up meals for their child(ren).
- When a parent/guardian arrives to pick up a meal(s), the program staff shall verbally confirm that meal(s) are being picked up for a child(ren) of age 18 or under.
- Optional:** Program staff may request the parents to say the first and last name of the child(ren) for whom meals are being picked up.
- For closed enrolled sites only:** Program staff shall verbally confirm that children are enrolled in the site.

 LurchAssist

cafeteria team checklist

- daily team questions
- daily meal prep tasks
- daily meal service tasks

PRO Tip: Download and edit this document to best fit your district's needs. Designate one staff member at each site to complete this checklist daily. Have them save the checklists in a binder for periodic review. Remember to check these occasionally and provide guidance if the checklists are incomplete!

SY 20-21 Cafeteria Team Checklist

Site Name: _____ Site Lead: _____

Day (circle one): M Tu W Th F Sa Su Date: ____/____/____

Instructions: This form is to be completed by the cafeteria team each day, and saved with other records. Child Nutrition Directors/Supervisors may review this form periodically and provide feedback to the team.


Daily Team Questions - Review these questions as a group, at the start of each day.

- How is everybody feeling (emotionally, physically, etc.)?
- COVID Check: Does anyone have any COVID symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, loss of taste, etc.), or has anybody been in contact with someone who has COVID-19? If yes, follow the school/district protocol.
- How did the last meal service go? What went well? What could be improved?
- Is there anything special that we should know for today's meal service?
- Is there anything we can do to better support each other or feel more safe today?

Meal Prep Tasks	Meal Service Tasks
<input type="checkbox"/> Record refrigerator temperatures.	<input type="checkbox"/> Record food items prepared, served, and leftover on the Menu Production Record or Transport Record.
<input type="checkbox"/> Record freezer temperatures.	<input type="checkbox"/> Take meal counts at the time of service (using a POS, tally, clicker, or other approved method).
<input type="checkbox"/> Record storage area temperatures.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is the "And Justice for All" poster visible at all points of service (except for home delivery)?
<input type="checkbox"/> Record hot food temperatures.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is hand sanitizer easily available?
<input type="checkbox"/> Record cold food temperatures.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is a sanitizing spray/bucket easily available?
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Are extra face masks available?
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Is a box of gloves available?

Miscellaneous Tasks

<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> CACFP At-Risk Only - Record names of each student receiving a meal or snack.
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____


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HACCP plan supplement

- hand washing & sanitizing
- employee health & hygiene
- glove & mask use
- home delivered meals
- food safety
- allergens
- and more!

PRO Tip: Download and edit this document to best fit your district's needs and file it away for your next audit. Reminder - make sure to file it somewhere where your staff can easily access and review it!

How to Use this Tool: Download and save this file to your computer. Open in Word and edit for your district. Insert updated addendum into your current HACCP Plan and make available to staff at all sites.

Sample Summary HACCP Plan for Emergency Meal Service during the COVID-19 Outbreak

(insert district name)

Hand Washing & Sanitizing

Wash hands as often as necessary during food preparation and service. This includes before starting work, when changing tasks, and/or when changing gloves and face coverings. Use hand sanitizer in combination with handwashing or where hand washing is not available. Use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Employee Health

Food service workers are required to report information about their health as they relate to COVID-19 or diseases that are transmissible through food.

Personal Cleanliness & Hygienic Practices

According to this policy, each person who handles or serves food is required to:

- Report to work in clean clothing and closed-toe shoes.
- Wear a clean or disposable apron. Remove before leaving the kitchen.
- Wear hair restraints. No fake eyelashes, beanie, clip-on hair extensions, or excessive makeup.
- Keep fingernails trimmed, filed, and maintained. No acrylic nails.
- Limit jewelry to a plain bandied ring only. Medical alert identification tags are permitted.
- Cover cuts or open sores on hands with a waterproof bandage and gloves.
- Store personal items in designated locations.
- Eat, drink, or chew gum in designated areas.
- Refrain from use of any tobacco products.

Glove & Mask Use

Wear gloves and a mask or cloth face covering at all times when receiving deliveries, during food preparation or service, and during cleaning and sanitizing tasks. Change gloves and masks in between tasks, when returning to work from a break, when gloves become dirty or torn, or any other time when gloves/masks may have become contaminated.

- Use appropriately sized gloves and masks to ensure proper fit;
- Ensure gloves and masks are intact, without tears or imperfections;
- Dispose of gloves after they have been removed;
- Cloth face masks may be reused if washed with soap and hot water after each use, or stored in a paper bag for 3-4 days before reusing.

Washing and Handling Fresh Fruits & Vegetables

Wash all raw fruits and vegetables thoroughly, even if sending in bulk.

Cleaning and Sanitizing Food Contact Surfaces

All food contact surfaces are washed, rinsed, and properly sanitized. Food contact surfaces include but are not limited to: cutting boards, cutting blades on can openers, immersion type thermometers and probes, and cooking and serving utensils.

CACFP | 2021 national conference

- virtual
- april 19-23
- registration rates & deadlines
 - **standard registration:** march 1-31
 - \$169 member | \$299 non-member
 - **late registration:** april 1-15
 - \$199 member | \$349 non-member



The poster features a blue and white color scheme with a background image of a modern building. At the top right, it includes logos for USDA, NO KID HUNGRY, and the text 'Thank You to Our Sponsors and Partners!'. The main title is '2021 Virtual National Child Nutrition Conference'. Below the title is a 'Schedule of Events' section with a dark blue header. The schedule is organized by day from Monday, April 19, to Friday, April 23, 2021. Each day's schedule lists times and event titles. To the right of the schedule, there are three registration callouts: 'Registration Opens March 1, 2021', 'Standard Registration March 1 - March 31, 2021' (with rates \$169 for members and \$299 for non-members), and 'Late Registration April 1 - April 15, 2021' (with rates \$199 for members and \$349 for non-members). Below these is a call to action: 'Can't attend all the sessions you want live?' with a note that registration fees include access to on-demand recordings of all sessions through May 31. At the bottom right, it says 'Earn over 30 hours of Continuing Education Units!' and 'Schedule is subject to change.' The footer contains the National CACFP Sponsors Association logo and the text 'CACFP • Afterschool Meals • Summer Food cacfp.org'.

2021 Virtual National
Child Nutrition Conference

Thank You to Our Sponsors and Partners!
USDA NO KID HUNGRY

Schedule of Events

Monday, April 19, 2021

11:00 am - 12:00 pm	National CACFP Sponsors Association Annual Meeting *by invitation
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Navigating the National Conference & Online Learning Institutes
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Join the Virtual Scavenger Hunt & Learn About Program Operation Resources
1:40 pm - 2:40 pm	Learning Exursions
2:50 pm - 3:50 pm	Industry Resources for Child Nutrition Professionals
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Handing Out Capes: Getting to Know You Networking Forum
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Exhibitor Meet & Greet

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

10:20 am - 10:50 am	Ask Me About Meal Patterns: Coffee & Conversation Open House
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	National Conference Welcome Session
12:10 pm - 1:10 pm	Breakout Workshops
1:20 pm - 1:35 pm	Solutions Spotlight
1:40 pm - 2:40 pm	Breakout Workshops
2:50 pm - 3:50 pm	Breakout Workshops
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Breakout Workshops
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	CACFP Professionals Certification Overview

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

10:20 am - 10:50 am	Ask Me About Food Start: Coffee & Conversation Open House
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	USDA CACFP Update & Breakout Workshop
12:10 pm - 1:10 pm	Breakout Workshops
1:20 pm - 1:35 pm	Solutions Spotlight
1:40 pm - 2:40 pm	Breakout Workshops
2:50 pm - 3:50 pm	Breakout Workshops
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Breakout Workshops
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	CACFP Credential Resources

Thursday, April 22, 2021

10:20 am - 10:50 am	Ask Me About COVID Initiatives: Coffee & Conversation Open House
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	USDA SFSP Update & Breakout Workshop
12:10 pm - 1:10 pm	Breakout Workshops
1:20 pm - 1:35 pm	Solutions Spotlight
1:40 pm - 2:40 pm	Breakout Workshops
2:50 pm - 3:50 pm	Breakout Workshops
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Breakout Workshops
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Ask Me About Anything National Conference Wrap-up

Friday, April 23, 2021

11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Ask USDA
12:15 pm - 12:45 pm	Benefits of NCA Membership
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	State Agency Afterschool & Summer Meals Symposium
3:15 pm - 3:45 pm	Virtual Scavenger Hunt Door Prize Drawings - Live!

*All events listed in Eastern Standard Time

Registration Opens March 1, 2021

Standard Registration March 1 - March 31, 2021

\$169 | Member
\$299 | Non-member

Late Registration April 1 - April 15, 2021

\$199 | Member
\$349 | Non-member

Can't attend all the sessions you want live?

Your registration fee includes access to on-demand recordings of all sessions through May 31.

Earn over 30 hours of Continuing Education Units!

Schedule is subject to change.

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culinary institute of america | global plant forward culinary summit

mar. 30-apr 1.



Global Plant-Forward
Culinary Summit Snapshot

cdfa | CA F2S network conference

mar. 10-12



CA FARM TO SCHOOL
NETWORK CONFERENCE



REGISTRATION *now* OPEN

MARCH 10 - 12, 2021

wednesday - Friday

9 AM to 1 PM

SPACE IS
LIMITED!



national nutrition month

2021 weekly key messaging

- **week 1:** eat a variety of nutritious foods every day
- **week 2:** plan your meals each week
- **week 3:** learn skills to create tasty meals
- **week 4:** consult a registered dietitian nutritionist

additional resources:

- [NNM campaign toolkit](#)
- [40 ideas to get involved in NNM](#)



grants | national

- **whole kids foundation: garden grant**
 - k-12 schools or nonprofits that serve k-12 students
 - awards: \$3,000 edible education gardens
 - [application](#) due **march 31**



grants | CA

- CDE: FFVP
 - july 1, 2021 - june 30, 2022
 - eligible elementary schools
 - use enrollment data from oct. 2019
 - [application](#) due **march 5th**

FRESH
FRUIT &
VEGETABLE
PROGRAM



leadership



WHEN
IS IT GOING TO
STOP.?

leading through COVID-fatigue

1. empathy

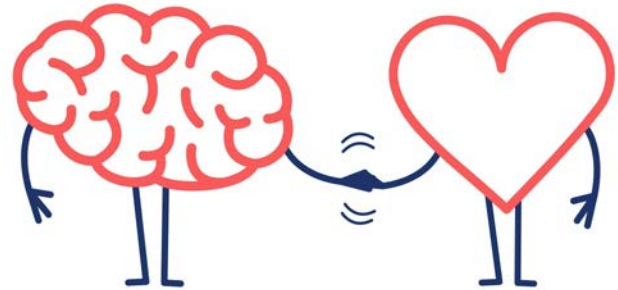
- “Requires stepping outside of your own needs, assessing and removing bias and privilege, actively listening to people, and then taking action.” - HBR

2. building psychological stamina



leading with empathy

- examples
 - human moments remind people they're **not alone**
 - positive reinforcement of **personal contributions** and **human qualities** may provide a sense of stability
 - analyze voiced issues and address priorities
 - reinforce self-care
 - schedule “thinking time” at work
 - energize your team... regularly
- respond to...
 - *cynicism* with **progress & achievement**
 - *unpredictability* with **stability**



discussion