

# Child Nutrition Program Meal Service During School Closings Due to COVID-19

Schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and/or School Breakfast Program (SBP) may apply to the State Agency for a waiver to serve meals to children in a non-congregate setting through the NSLP Seamless Summer Option (SSO) or Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in the event of a dismissal or closing due to COVID-19. The most expeditious process for NSLP schools may be SSO.

Here is what you need to know for operating the SSO or SFSP during a COVID-19 closing:

## Types of Meals

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Snack (AM or PM)
- Supper

Sites may serve:

- 2 meals (breakfast and lunch or breakfast and supper); or
- 1 meal and 1 snack.

Sites may NOT serve:

- Lunch and supper on the same day.

## Meal Pattern

Meals must:

- Meet regular SBP, NSLP, or SFSP menu planning requirements depending on program option selected (SSO vs SFSP); and
- Be a complete, unitized reimbursable meal, including milk.

Additional information:

- Offer versus Serve (OVS) does not apply.
- USDA commodity foods may be used.

## Who can receive meals and/or snacks?

Children who are 18 years of age or younger are eligible to receive meals and/or snacks at no cost.

## Commodities

Sites will receive the same allocation per meal as the NSLP.  
Sites may also receive bonus commodities.

## Reimbursement Rates

Separate meal counts and records must be maintained for meals served under a COVID-19 waiver. For those opting to do SSO, all eligible meals will be reimbursed at the current free NSLP/SBP rates. For those opting to do SFSP, all meals are reimbursed at the free SFSP rate according to site type (self-prep, rural, urban, etc.).

## Communication

Schools must create a method for communicating the availability of meals to families.

## Contact Information

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