

## **Appendix M**

### **SMO Option Period 1 Pre-test Findings Memo**

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is collecting this information in order to satisfy the congressionally mandated reporting requirements from State agencies on 21 COVID-19 nationwide waivers pursuant to section 2202 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127). This is a mandatory collection for both the States and the School Food Authorities. FNS will use the information to assess how the waivers improved services to children and to inform FNS's planning, policy, and guidance related to state and local meal service operations during future emergency situations and unanticipated school closures. Because the personally identifiable information (PII) requested under this collection will not be used to retrieve survey records or data, requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974 do not apply. Responses will be kept private to the extent provided by law and FNS regulations. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0584-0607. The time required to complete the pre-test and debrief for both the State CN Directors and the School Food Authority Directors is estimated to average 2 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Office of Policy Support, 1320 Braddock Place, 5th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314, ATTN: PRA (0584-0607). Do not return the completed form to this address.

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## A. Introduction

This memorandum describes key findings from the School Meals Operations (SMO) Study Option Period 1 pre-test of the surveys for State Agency Child Nutrition (CN) directors and School Food Authority (SFA) directors, and the revisions we made to these instruments based on pre-test findings.

Mathematica conducted the pre-test in June 2021 with three State CN directors in Colorado, Kansas, and Texas and six SFA directors in the same States. We selected the respondents based on their interest and availability to participate within the pre-test timeframe and, for SFA directors, we also selected respondents from SFAs that varied in size and urbanicity.

We emailed hard-copy versions of the surveys to confirmed respondents and instructed them to note any questions or instructions that were unclear or may be difficult to answer. For the State Agency CN Director Survey pre-test, we asked respondents to review, but not complete, the survey. This is because they had just completed the Base Period survey, which had similar content, and we expected that fully completing the Option Period 1 survey would be an unnecessary burden. For the SFA Director Survey pre-test, we asked respondents to complete the survey and track how long it took them. The revised versions of the State Agency CN Director and SFA Director Surveys used in the pre-test are provided in Appendices A and B, respectively. We conducted 30- to 60-minute debriefing interviews with each pre-test respondent to identify questions that were confusing or difficult to answer and recommendations for changes. State CN director and SFA director debrief protocols are in Appendices C and D, respectively.

## B. State Agency CN Director Survey

### 1. Burden

The focus of the pre-test of the State Agency CN Director Survey was to obtain feedback on the quality of the survey items, rather than precise timing estimates. However, we did ask respondents for estimates of how long it took them to complete the Base Period survey, and to provide estimates of how long it would take them to complete the Option Period 1 survey. One respondent estimated that it will take 2 to 3 hours to compile all of the data and complete the survey. Another respondent estimated that it will take more than three hours. The third

respondent estimated that the survey may take up to 20 hours to complete. All respondents said the Base Period survey took them substantially longer than the estimated three hours, but all expected the Option Period 1 survey to be much easier to complete than the Base Period survey. They also noted that they were relieved to see the Option Period 1 survey questions were very similar to the Base Period questions, as they have revised the data they are collecting from local program operators to better respond to the survey. Based on respondent feedback and other efforts to reduce burden described below, we estimate that this survey should take respondents about four hours to complete, on average.

## 2. Modifications to the State Agency CN Director Survey

We asked for feedback on the Option Period 1 survey, as well as the Base Period survey that respondents completed between March and May 2021. We used feedback on the Base Period survey to make improvements to the Option Period 1 survey and the draft option period 2 survey.

Respondents reported that the Option Period 1 survey is generally easy to understand, and they appreciated that the format and questions are similar to the Base Period survey. They said that including the CN response numbers, extension information, waiver expiration dates, and links to FNS guidance in the waiver list is helpful.

Respondents also said they will be able to answer the new questions in sections E and F about changes to use of local program operations waivers and monitoring waivers, respectively, since September 2020 for the nationwide waiver extensions that were applicable to SY 2020-2021 or summer 2020, and appreciated that those questions request yes/no responses instead of the proportion of local program operators. They provided feedback on ways to make the survey easier to complete and identified questions that were difficult to answer.

Table 1 provides more details on pre-test respondents’ feedback on the survey and the changes we made to address their comments. In response to their feedback, we added features to streamline coordination across State agency staff, such as by providing responses to the Base Period survey and both Word and PDF versions of the survey, inserted additional instructions, including reminding respondents that best estimates and selecting “don’t know” are acceptable, revised questions to clarify wording and intent, simplified response options, and reduced the number of questions about each waiver.

**Table 1. State Agency CN Director Survey: Respondent feedback and subsequent changes**

Question	Respondent feedback	Survey changes
Overall	Respondents commented that the ability to export or review their answers prior to submission would help them ensure that the survey is accurate and complete.	We will look into adding this functionality.

Question	Respondent feedback	Survey changes
Overall	Respondents said it would be helpful to have a copy of their responses to the Base Period survey to ensure consistent responses, assist with leadership changes, and provide baseline information for the comparison questions.	We will offer SAs a copy of their responses to the Base Period survey with the advance and invitation emails. It will consist of an export of their raw survey data with guidance on how to interpret it.
Overall	Respondents requested a copy of the survey in a Word document, in addition to the PDF already provided, to facilitate coordination across staff and ease survey completion.	We will offer copies of the survey as both a Word document and PDF.
Survey navigation	One respondent suggested changing the web navigation, so respondents are brought to the beginning of the section each time they enter it, rather than picking up at their last unanswered question in that section.	We will make this change.
Multiple questions	One respondent commented that one challenge in completing the survey is that they are hesitant to select the “don’t know” response. Respondents also said it was challenging to provide approximate answers since they did not have actual data to support their responses.	We added instructions to the questions that read, ‘Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select “Don’t know.”’
Multiple questions	One respondent commented that their LPOs changed which CN programs they used throughout the school year so providing numbers or estimates of proportions is challenging. They were not sure if the survey was asking about any LPO that used it during the time period.	Where appropriate, we clarified that we are asking about use of the waiver or specific implementation methods at <i>any time</i> in the timeframe specified.
Multiple questions	One respondent noted that it was time consuming to select a response for every item in the Base Period survey. They suggested that having an option to indicate an item applied to all programs would help ease burden.	We have simplified certain response options (from proportions to yes/no). For questions A8, V2, and V4, we added an “All” response option so respondents do not have to select each program separately. We also added the instruction, “If a factor contributed to operational challenges for all listed Child Nutrition Programs your State Agency administers, please select “All.”
Waiver list, E1, E2, E3, E4, E15, E16, E18, E19	One respondent noted that the closed enrolled area eligibility waivers are very different policy changes from the regular area eligibility waivers and suggested asking about them separately to avoid confusion.	We moved the questions about closed enrolled area eligibility waivers from E15-16 and E18-19 to questions E1-E4 and moved them to a separate grouping in the waivers list.
A2a, A2b, B2c, B2d, C1, D1	One respondent commented that response option 2, “Estimated number of SFAs, data not provided by all SFAs” was a limiting response and not entirely accurate for their situation. They suggested adding other reasons for providing an estimated number.	We removed the “data not provided by all SFAs/sponsors/institutions” from the “estimated number” response options throughout. We also removed “data provided by all SFAs” from the “accurate number” response options. It is not necessary to add other reasons; whether the number is actual or estimated is all that is needed.

Question	Respondent feedback	Survey changes
A3, A6a, A5b, B3, B4c, B5, C2, D2, E32, E36	One respondent suggested the response, “about half” may be confusing and a range of percentages to clarify what that should be interpreted as would be helpful.	No change. We recommend leaving the scale as is to maintain consistency with the Base Period survey. As noted above, we have added instructions to the questions that read, ‘Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select “Don’t know.”’ to aid respondents.
B4c item b	One respondent commented that the term “school buildings” is limiting since the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Program is not offered in school buildings in their State.	We added “or afterschool program” to the item so it reads, “Grab-and-go tables or kiosks in school or afterschool program buildings.”
C1, C2	One respondent commented that the decision to use this waiver is at the State level so all SFAs use it.	We changed question C1 to ask, “Did your State Agency waive the identified Child Nutrition Programs reporting requirements for all SFAs in your State?” If they respond yes, we will have the total number of SFAs from the administrative data. If respondents select no, they’ll be asked, “You indicated that you did not waive the identified Child Nutrition Programs reporting requirements for all SFAs in your State. For what types of SFAs were the reporting requirements waived?” We also deleted question C2.
C3	Respondents commented that the wording of this question was confusing because the waiver did not affect the information they reported, but rather it waived the requirement to report specific elements.	We changed the question to ask, “Did your State Agency use the <i>Child Nutrition Programs reporting requirements</i> waiver for any of the following in SY 2020-2021?”
Section E and F summer 2021 questions	One respondent suggested defining “summer” with example months.	We added the note, “By summer 2020, we generally mean the months of May through September 2020.”
E2, E4, E6, E12, E16, E19, E23, E25, F2, F7	One respondent expressed concerns about the “No change” response option as they would not be able to definitively say there was no change in the number of LPOs that used the waiver.	We changed the response option from “No change” to “About the same number of LPOs used the waiver in SY 2020-2021.”
E2, E4, E6, E16, E19, E23, F2	One respondent noted that they forgot the comparison time period when completing the grids.	We added a row that reads, “ <i>Compared to March through September 2020</i> ” to remind respondents of the question.
B5, E17, E17a, E20, E20a	One respondent explained that they thought these questions were about approaches used to identify area eligible sites, not about new approaches used because of the waiver.	We changed the questions to clarify that we are asking about “new meal sites made area eligible under the waiver.”

Question	Respondent feedback	Survey changes
G4	Respondents commented that they were unsure whether they would be able to answer this question because they may not have comprehensive information on how effective the CN Emergency Operational Costs reimbursement payments were in stabilizing the financial health of LPOs or making up for their lost revenues during the public health emergency in spring 2020.	We added a “don’t know” response option here.
V4	One respondent commented that their SA’s challenge was not insufficient funds but the rules around spending their SAE and SAF funds.	We split item d into two separate items: “d. Insufficient State administrative expense funds (SAE) or State administrative funds (SAF) e. Rules regarding use of State administrative expense funds (SAE) or State administrative funds (SAF)”

CACFP = Child and Adult Care Food Program; LPO= Local program operators; SAE=State administrative expense funds; SAF=State administrative funds; SFA= School Food Authority; SA=State Agency.

## C. SFA Director Survey

### 1. Burden

Five of the six respondents were able to complete the survey within the target burden estimate of 60 minutes. Table 2 shows each respondent’s completion time. Pre-test respondents completed the survey on hard copy. Several respondents noted that they expect the survey will be faster to complete in the web version due to automatic skip logic. We therefore do not recommend adjusting the estimated burden.

**Table 2. SFA Director Survey pre-test completion times (in minutes)**

Respondent	Overall	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4	Section 5
1	54	26	9	1	14	4
2	38	15	6	0	11	6
3	78	40	10	9	14	5
4	45	27	5	1	8	4
5	56	36	6	1	10	3
6	48	20	15	1	10	2

### 2. Modifications to the SFA Director Survey

Overall, respondents reported that the flow of the survey was straightforward, and the questions were clearly written. Respondents provided feedback on the wording of some questions and offered suggestions for additional response options. In response to their feedback, we inserted additional instructions, revised certain questions to clarify wording and intent, and added or

modified response options to specific questions. Table 3 provides more information on pre-test respondents' feedback on the survey and the changes we made to address their comments.

**Table 3. SFA Director Survey: Respondent feedback and subsequent changes**

Question	Respondent feedback	Survey changes
1.1	One respondent noted that there is a school in their district that serves special needs students beyond 12th grade. They were not sure based on our instructions whether that type of school meets the definition of "other."	We added a clarification to include any schools with grades K—12 and/or K—13 to the definition of "Other" school types.
1.2	<p>Respondents suggested it would be helpful to clarify the difference between CACFP at-risk afterschool and CACFP outside-school-hours components and between the USDA DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program and the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.</p> <p>One respondent found the NSLP acronym in the name for the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) confusing because the program also provides breakfasts.</p>	<p>We added definitions of the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals and CACFP Outside-School-Hours Care components, as well as the USDA DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program and the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.</p> <p>We removed the acronym, "NSLP" from the Seamless Summer Option to avoid potential confusion.</p>
1.3-1.5	Respondents suggested using acronyms for SFSP and SSO in this set of questions, because they are not used to seeing SFSP & SSO fully written out.	We replaced the full names for Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Options with SFSP and SSO in questions 1.3 and 1.4. The full names of both programs are introduced in question 1.2.
1.9	One respondent suggested providing clarification for the response option "Conduct outreach" because outreach could mean providing information on the website or brochures, which is a separate response option.	We changed "Conducted outreach" to "Conducted other outreach" and moved this option to the bottom of list.
1.11	Respondents suggested two new response options for this question, one to capture not having enough information to answer parent questions and another to capture that the P-EBT is a new program to learn and implement.	We added two new response options to this question: "Insufficient information or guidance from State about benefits" and "Quickly implementing a new program."
1.13-1.16	Respondents reported that the phrase "students attending full time in person (no virtual instruction was provided)" is unclear because some schools allowed students to attend in person (in the school building), but instruction was provided virtually, outside of the classroom. For example, a classroom teacher may provide instruction to a portion of the students in the classroom, while the remaining students attend virtually from another area of the building, such as the library, to allow for smaller classroom sizes and social distancing.	We changed the language in question 1.13 from "...did schools in your SFA have students attending full time in person (no virtual instruction was provided) for all or part of the year" to, "...did schools in your SFA provide instruction to all students in school buildings for all or part of the year?". We also revised questions 1.14 through 1.16 to reflect this change to the language in 1.13.

Question	Respondent feedback	Survey changes
1.17	One respondent asked if “full time in-person” also included hybrid, since some students were full-time in person during the hybrid approach described above for question 1.13.	We revised the language in the question from “...did some or all students attend school in person...” to “did some all or all students receive instruction in school buildings (including full-time in person and hybrid).”
1.18-1.19	Several respondents requested clarification of the definition for bulk foods and were unsure if methods used by the schools in their SFA met this definition if only one component of the meal (such as milk) is delivered in bulk.	We clarified the hover text definition for bulk food packages by adding “one or more items” to the definition.
1.20	One respondent suggested it would be helpful to have a link to the FNS waiver guidance.	We added a link to FNS’s webpage for the Child Nutrition COVID-19 Waivers.
1.24	Two respondents suggested adding a response option to capture items offered in bulk food packages that do not require preparation.	We added a response option for, “No preparation required” to the response options.
1.25	One respondent suggested “circle sheets” as another meal counting method used by their SFA.	We added “Circle sheets, or other form for meal counting” to the list of response options for this question, and for the comparable question in section 4 (4.4).
1.29	One respondent wasn’t sure if the question was about access to food from a school garden for taste-testing purposes or using food from a garden as part of a reimbursable meal.	We added “reimbursable” meals to the question to clarify.
1.31	<p>One respondent suggested including response options for unclear and untimely guidance from FNS or the State as separate options.</p> <p>Another respondent suggested removing or separating, “and using alternative meal delivery methods” from response option g, which was “staffing meal sites and using alternate meal delivery method.” They clarified that they had staffing issues, but not related to alternative meal sites.</p>	<p>We split out separate response options for unclear guidance from FNS and the State and untimely guidance from FNS and the State (four options total).</p> <p>We removed “...and using alternative meal delivery methods” from response option g to allow respondents to select this option if staffing any meal site was a factor that contributed to operational challenges. We also added the text “and using” to response option d to allow SFAs to report that using alternative meal sites was a factor that contributed to operational challenges.</p> <p>We made the same revisions to the comparable question in section 4 (4.12).</p>
Section 2 overall	Respondents found this section easy to answer overall. One respondent referred to their financial records to answer questions in this section.	None.



Question	Respondent feedback	Survey changes
2.5	One respondent suggested adding “CN General Fund” as a response option for additional funding sources.	We revised the “District general fund” option to “District or Child Nutrition general fund.”
2.6 through 2.11	Several respondents were not sure what the “Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs reimbursement payments” were and if they applied to them. One respondent suggested changing the terminology to “lost revenue reimbursements” or providing a link for more information.	We added link to the guidance document on FNS’s website.
Section 3 overall	None of the respondents who participated in the pre-test currently have FSMC contracts. One respondent with prior experience working at an FSMC said the questions in this section should be straightforward for SFA Directors with an FSMC contract to answer.	None.
Section 4 overall	Overall, respondents felt this section would be easy to answer in early 2022 and reflect the timeframe of October through December 2021.	None.
4.5	One respondent suggested adding an option to reflect operational changes that increased use of prepackaged or heat and serve meals and decreased meals prepared from scratch.	We added an option for “Increased use of heat and serve meals (versus prepared from scratch)” to this question.

CACFP = Child and Adult Care Food Program; CN = Child Nutrition; FSMC = Food service management company; NSLP = National School Lunch Program; P-EBT = Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer; USDA DoD Fresh = USDA Department of Defense Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

**Appendix A**  
**State Agency Director Survey - Revised**



# **State Agency Child Nutrition Director COVID-19 Waiver Collection: Waivers used in School Year 2020-2021 and Summer 2021**

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## Introduction

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), has contracted with Mathematica to conduct the School Meals Operations (SMO) Study. This survey is collecting information on the statutory reporting requirements for the nationwide Child Nutrition COVID-19 waivers that FNS first authorized during school year (SY) 2020-2021 and changes in use of nationwide Child Nutrition COVID-19 waivers that were extended through SY 2020-2021.

The nationwide COVID-19 waivers apply to the following Child Nutrition Programs:

- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- School Breakfast Program (SBP)
- Seamless Summer Option (SSO)
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)\*

Federal statute requires each State Agency that oversees these programs to report on:

1. The use of each waiver by the State Agency and local program operators, and
2. A description of whether and how each waiver resulted in improved services to children.

*\* This study is focused on Child Nutrition Programs and is not collecting information on use of the waivers for CACFP operations in adult day care centers.*

**Full participation in the SMO Study will satisfy your State Agency's reporting requirements for the nationwide Child Nutrition COVID-19 waivers used during SY 2020-2021.**

The information you provide will be kept private to the full extent allowed by law. This means that your personal information will be kept private and not associated with any of your responses about your agencies' operations. The responses you provide about operations may be tabulated separately for each State so that the public will be able to determine how your agency operates the Child Nutrition Programs.

We thank you in advance for your time and cooperation in this important study. If you have any questions about the study, please email [STUDY EMAIL] or call Mathematica toll-free at [STUDY PHONE LINE].

## Waivers

### Waiver list

The fall 2021 School Meals Operations (SMO) Study survey will focus on the reporting requirements associated with the nationwide waivers that were first authorized during SY 2020-2021. In addition, to ensure that reporting requirements are satisfied for extensions of the nationwide waivers covered in the first SMO survey (conducted in spring 2021), this survey will collect information on changes in waiver use since September 2020 for the nationwide waiver extensions that were applicable to SY 2020-2021 or summer 2021.

Note that this survey does not focus on the reporting requirements associated with the nationwide waivers used during SY 2021-2022. The summer 2022 School Meals Operations (SMO) Study survey will collect that information.

Below is the waiver list that includes the full, formal name of the waiver with a link to the FNS guidance and, underneath, the shortened waiver name that will be used in the survey for simplicity. The shortened names include the waiver number, a short description, the extension number, and the waiver end date.

### **Waivers First Authorized in SY 2020-2021:**

#### **A. Seamless Summer Option (SSO) and Summer Food Service Operations**

- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #59: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option Operations through School Year 2020-2021 – Extension](#) (through June 30, 2021)
  - #59: SFSP/SSO adoption during SY 2020-2021- extension, June 30, 2021

#### **B. At-Risk Afterschool Area Eligibility Waivers**

- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #58: At-Risk Afterschool Area Eligibility Waiver](#) (through December 31, 2020)
  - #58: At-Risk area eligibility, Dec. 31, 2020
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #68: At-Risk Afterschool Area Eligibility Waiver- Extension](#) (through June 30, 2021)
  - #68: At-Risk area eligibility- extension, June 30, 2021

#### **C. Reporting Requirements**

- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #72: Nationwide Waiver for Selected Child Nutrition Programs Reporting Requirements](#)
  - #72: Child Nutrition Programs reporting requirements

#### **D. Community Eligibility Provision Data Waiver**

- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #82: Nationwide Waiver of Community Eligibility Provision Deadlines in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs](#)
  - #82: CEP deadlines in NSLP/SBP, Dec. 31, 2020

## **SY 2020-2021 and Summer 2021 Waiver Extensions:**

### **E. Non-Congregate Waivers**

- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #33: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-congregate Feeding in the Child Nutrition Programs \(SBP, NSLP, and CACFP\)- Extension 2](#)
  - #33: NSLP/SBP/CACFP non-congregate- extension 2, June 30, 2021
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #54: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-congregate Feeding in the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option- Extension 4](#)
  - #54: SFSP/SSO non-congregate- extension 4, Dec. 30, 2021
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #61: Nationwide Waivers to Allow Non-congregate Feeding in the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option- Extension 5](#)
  - #61: SFSP/SSO non-congregate- extension 5, June 30, 2021
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #75: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-Congregate Feeding for Summer 2021 Operations- Extension 6](#)
  - #75: SFSP/SSO non-congregate feeding- extension 6, Sept. 30, 2021

### **F. Meal Service Time Waivers**

- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #34: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Service Time Flexibility in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Child and Adult Care Food Program- Extension 2](#)
  - #34: NSLP/SBP/CACFP meal service time flexibility- extension 2, June 30, 2021
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #66: Nationwide Waiver of Meal Service Time Restrictions in the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option- Extension 2](#)
  - #66: SFSP/SSO meal service time - extension 2, June 30, 2021
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #78: Nationwide Waiver of Meal Service Time Restrictions for Summer 2021 Operations- Extension 3](#)
  - #78: SFSP/SSO meal service time flexibility- extension 3, Sept. 30, 2021

### **G. Other Program Operations Waivers**

- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #67: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibilities in the Summer Food Service Program- Extension 2](#)
  - #67: SFSP offer vs. serve flexibilities- extension 2, June 30, 2021
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #79: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibilities in the Summer Food Service Program for Summer 2021 Operations- Extension 3](#)
  - #79: SFSP/SSO offer vs. serve- extension 3, Sept. 30, 2021
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #69: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Reimbursement for Meals Served Prior to Notification of Approval and Provide Flexibility for Pre-Approval Visits in the Summer Food Service Program- Extension](#)
  - #69: SFSP pre-approval visits and reimbursements- extension, June 30, 2021

## H. Parent and Guardian Pick-up Waivers

- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #35: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children \(SBP, NSLP, and CACFP\)- Extension 2](#)
  - #35: NSLP/SBP/CACFP parent pick-up- extension 2, June 30, 2021
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #55: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children \(SSO and SFSP\)- Extension 4](#)
  - #55: SFSP/SSO parent pick-up- extension 4, Dec. 31, 2020
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #62: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children \(SSO and SFSP\)- Extension 5](#)
  - #62: SFSP/SSO parent pick-up- extension 5, June 30, 2021
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #76: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children for Summer 2021 Operations- Extension 6](#)
  - #76: SFSP/SSO parent pick-up- extension 6, June 30, 2021

## I. Area Eligibility Waivers

- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #48: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites in SFSP and the NSLP Seamless Summer Option- Extension](#)
  - #48: SFSP/SSO area eligibility for closed enrolled sites - extension, Dec. 31, 2020
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #52: Nationwide Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility Waivers- Extension 2](#)
  - #52: SFSP/SSO area eligibility- extension 2, June 30, 2021
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #60: Nationwide Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility Waivers- Extension 3](#)
  - #60: SFSP/SSO area eligibility - extension 3, Dec. 31, 2020
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #64: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites in SFSP and the NSLP Seamless Summer Option- Extension 2](#)
  - #64: SFSP/SSO area eligibility for closed enrolled sites - extension 2, June 30, 2021
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #77: Nationwide Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility Waivers for Summer 2021 Operations- Extension 4](#)
  - #77: SFSP/SSO area eligibility- extension 4, Sept. 30, 2021
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #80: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites for Summer 2021 Operations- Extension 3](#)
  - #80: SFSP/SSO area eligibility for closed enrolled sites - extension 3, Sept. 30, 2021

## **J. Meal Pattern Flexibility Waivers**

- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #53: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option- Extension 7](#)
  - #53: SFSP/SSO meal pattern flexibility - extension 7, Dec. 31, 2020
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #63: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option- Extension 8](#)
  - #63: SFSP/SSO meal pattern flexibility - extension 8, June 30, 2021
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #70: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs \(NSLP, SBP, and CACFP\)- Extension 5](#)
  - #70: NSLP/SBP/CACFP meal pattern flexibility - extension 5, June 30, 2021
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #74: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibilities for Summer 2021 Operations- Extension 9](#)
  - #74: SSO meal pattern flexibilities- extension 9, Sept. 30, 2021 waiver extension in summer 2021

## **K. Monitoring Waivers**

- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #39: Nationwide Waiver of Monitoring Requirements for Sponsors in the Child and Adult Care Food Program- Extension](#)
  - #39: CACFP onsite monitoring for sponsors- extension, Sept. 30, 2021
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #40: Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies in the Child and Adult Care Food Program- Extension 2](#)
  - #40: CACFP onsite monitoring requirements for State Agencies- extension 2, Sept. 30, 2021
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #41: Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements in the School Meals Programs- Extension 2](#)
  - #41: School meals onsite monitoring- extension 2, June 30, 2021
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #42: Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for Sponsoring Organizations in the Summer Food Service Program- Extension 2](#)
  - #42: SFSP onsite monitoring for sponsoring orgs - extension 2, Sept. 30, 2021
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #43: Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies in the Summer Food Service Program- Extension 2](#)
  - #43: SFSP onsite monitoring requirements for State Agencies- extension 2, Sept. 30, 2021
- [COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #81: Nationwide Waiver to Waive First Week Site Visits in the Summer Food Service Program for Summer 2021 Operations- Extension 3](#)
  - #81 - SFSP first week site visits- extension 3, Sept. 30, 2021



## Contact information

- CI1.** Before starting the survey, please fill in the requested contact information below. If the information below is prefilled, please review and update the information as necessary.

Please fill in the contact information for the *State Child Nutrition Director* below: (*Update where necessary*)

First Name:

Last Name:

Street Address 1:

Street Address 2:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone Number: (Please do not use parentheses or dashes)

Ext.

Email:

- CI2.** If you are *not* the State Child Nutrition Director, please fill in the name and contact information of the primary contact:

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

Street Address 1:

Street Address 2:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone Number: (Please do not use parentheses or dashes)

Ext.

**Email:**

## **Glossary**

PROGRAMMER NOTE: INCLUDE A LINK FOR THE GLOSSARY IN LOWER LEFT CORNER OF EVERY PAGE.

**Bulk food packages:** Food packages that contain items that could be used for multiple meals or portion sizes.

**Institutions:** Any independent center or sponsoring organization of child care centers that enters into an agreement with the State Agency to assume responsibility for CACFP operations.

**Local program operators:** SFAs, sponsors, or institutions that operate NSLP, SBP, SSO, SFSP, or CACFP.

**School food authority (SFA):** The governing body that has the legal authority to operate a lunch or breakfast program in one or more public or private schools.

**Sponsors:** A public or private non-profit SFA or another public or private non-profit organization that is approved by the State Agency to participate in the SFSP.

## X. Waivers First Authorized in SY 2020-2021

ALL

**X1.** FNS first authorized certain nationwide Child Nutrition COVID-19 waivers during SY 2020-2021. The next few sections of this survey focus on the reporting requirements associated these waivers. Which of these nationwide waivers did your State Agency use in SY 2020-2021?

We understand that you reported to FNS which waivers your State used in SY 2020-2021. However, questions in this information collection will be based on your answers to this question. Your answers ensure this effort gathers the information needed for your State Agency to meet the statutory reporting requirements for each waiver.

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [[link to Waivers List page](#)].

	Yes	No
a. #59: SFSP/SSO adoption during SY 2020-2021- extension, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
b. #58: At-Risk area eligibility, Dec. 31, 2020 and/or #68: At-Risk area eligibility-extension, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
c. #72: Child Nutrition Programs reporting requirements	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
d. #82: CEP deadlines in NSLP/SBP, Dec. 31, 2020	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>

**HARD CHECK: IF ANY ROW= MISSING:** You will be asked survey questions about each waiver you used based on your response to this question, so it is essential that you provide a response before moving on.

**A. COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #59: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option Operations through School Year 2020-2021**

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER A  
X1A=1

**A\_intro.** This section asks about use of the *SFSP/SSO adoption during SY 2020-2021* waiver. Please answer the following questions focusing on use of the waiver during SY 2020-2021.

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER A  
X1A=1

**A1.** For which Child Nutrition Programs did local program operators use the *SFSP/SSO adoption during SY 2020-2021* waiver?

Local program operators include School Food Authorities (SFAs) for SSO and all types of SFSP.

[DISPLAY AS HOVER TEXT OVER "SFAs": The governing body that has the legal authority to operate a lunch program in one or more public or private schools.]

[DISPLAY AS HOVER TEXT OVER "Sponsors": A public or private non-profit SFA or another public or private non-profit organization that is approved by the State Agency to participate in the SFSP.]

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

- [IF SSO=1] Seamless Summer Option..... 1
- [IF SFSP=1] Summer Food Service Program ..... 2
- No local program operators used this waiver ..... 0
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER A  
X1A=1, A1=1

**A2a.** How many **SFAs** used the *SFSP/SSO adoption during SY 2020-2021* waiver for **SSO**?

Please enter the number of SFAs that used the waiver during SY 2020-2021. Then select an option to indicate whether this is the actual number or your best estimate. If you do not have enough information to provide a reasonably close estimate, please select "Don't know."

NUMBER OF SFAS  
(RANGE: 1-2000)

- Actual number of SFAs, data provided by all SFAs ..... 3
- Estimated number of SFAs, data not provided by all SFAs ..... 2
- Don't know- data not collected ..... d
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER A

X1A=1, A1=2

**A2b.** How many **sponsors** (including SFAs) used the *SFSP/SSO adoption during SY 2020-2021* waiver for **SFSP**?

Please enter the number of sponsors (including SFAs) that used the waiver during SY 2020-2021. Then select an option to indicate whether this is the actual number or your best estimate. If you do not have enough information to provide a reasonably close estimate, please select "Don't know."

NUMBER OF SPONSORS

(RANGE: 1-2000)

- Actual number of sponsors, data provided by all sponsors..... 3
- Estimated number of sponsors, data not provided by all sponsors..... 2
- Don't know- data not collected ..... d
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

DISPLAY FOR WAIVERS A, B

X1A=1, X1B=1 AND IF A2 A, C, D, OR E=D

**A3.** In the previous question(s), you indicated that you did not know how many local program operators used the waiver for the following program(s). Approximately what proportion of local program operators that provided meal service during SY 2020-2021 used the *SFSP/SSO adoption during SY 2020-2021* waiver?

ONLY DISPLAY PROGRAM IF CORRESPONDING A2 QUESTION=D.

Select one per row

Proportion of local program operators

	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't know
c. [A2a = d AND (X1A=1)] Seamless Summer Option	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
d. [A2b = d AND (X1A=1)] Summer Food Service Program	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER A

X1A=1, A1= 1

**A6a.** For **SFAs** that used the *SFSP/SSO adoption during SY 2020-2021* waiver, approximately what proportion implemented the following meal delivery methods, meal options, and meal counting methods for **SSO**?

PROGRAMMER: PLEASE BREAK THIS GRID OUT TO A-H, J-N, AND O-S.

Select one per row

Proportion of local program operators

None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't know
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**Meal delivery methods**

a. Cafeteria service	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. Grab-and-go tables or kiosks in school buildings	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
c. Meals in the classroom	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
d. Walk-up sites outside of schools, centers, or other buildings	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
e. Curbside pick-up/ drive through service	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
f. Mobile sites at which a bus or van delivers meals at pre-set times	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
g. Delivery with stops at individual homes	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
h. Other home delivery methods	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>

**Meal options**

i. Full week (5 days) of meals at one time	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
j. 2–3 days of meals at one time	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
k. Weekend meals	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
l. Bulk food packages*	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
m. Frozen meals	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
n. Shelf-stable meals	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>

**Meal counting methods**

o. Standard point of service system	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
p. Mobile technology (for example, laptop, tablet, or cell phone apps)	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
q. Paper rosters	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
r. Clickers	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
s. Other meal delivery method, option, or counting method (specify)	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
<input style="width: 150px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>						

NO RESPONSE..... M

\*Bulk food packages: Food packages that contain items that could be used for multiple meals or portion sizes.

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER A  
X1A=1 AND A1= 2

**A6b.** For **sponsors** (including SFAs) that used the *SFSP/SSO adoption during SY 2020-2021* waiver, approximately what proportion implemented the following meal delivery methods, meal options, and meal counting methods for **SFSP**?

PROGRAMMER: PLEASE BREAK THIS GRID OUT TO A-H, J-N, AND O-S.

Select one per row

Proportion of local program operators

None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't know
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**Meal delivery methods**

a. Cafeteria service	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. Grab-and-go tables or kiosks in school buildings	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
c. Meals in the classroom	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
d. Walk-up sites outside of schools, centers, or other buildings	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
e. Curbside pick-up/ drive through service	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
f. Mobile sites at which a bus or van delivers meals at pre-set times	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
g. Delivery with stops at individual homes	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
h. Other home delivery methods	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>

**Meal options**

i. Full week (5 days) of meals at one time	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
j. 2–3 days of meals at one time	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
k. Weekend meals	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
l. Bulk food packages*	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
m. Frozen meals	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
n. Shelf-stable meals	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>

**Meal counting methods**

o. Standard point of service system	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
p. Mobile technology (for example, laptop, tablet, or cell phone apps)	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
q. Paper rosters	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
r. Clickers	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>

s. Other meal delivery method, option, or counting method (specify)

0  1  2  3  4  d

NO RESPONSE..... M

\*Bulk food packages: Food packages that contain items that could be used for multiple meals or portion sizes.

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER A  
X1A=1

**A8.** Please select the ways in which use of the *SFSP/SSO adoption during SY 2020-2021* waiver improved services to children.

PROGRAMMER: ITEMS J AND K SHOULD BE EXCLUSIVE RESPONSES FOR THAT COLUMN.

SSO	SFSP
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**Site Options**

- a. Greater geographic distribution of sites 3  4
- b. Increased number of sites 3  4
- c. Increased alternative meal delivery methods 3  4

**Meal Options**

- d. Allowed pick up of multiple meals at one time 3  4
- e. Allowed distribution of bulk food packages 3  4
- f. Allowed service of available foods when supply issues occurred 3  4

**Other**

- g. Improved safety for children by not requiring congregate feeding or meal pick-up 3  4
- h. Reduced barriers to receiving meals 3  4
- i. Increased participation 3  4
- j. Don't know how this waiver improved services to children. 3  4
- k. This waiver did not improve services to children. 3  4

l. Other way services to children improved in SSO as a result of this waiver  
(specify)

m. Other way services to children improved in SFSP as a result of this waiver  
(specify)

NO RESPONSE..... M



**B. COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #58: At-Risk Afterschool Area Eligibility Waiver**

**COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #68: At-Risk Afterschool Area Eligibility Waiver- Extension**

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER B  
X1B=1

**B\_intro.** This section asks about use of the *At-Risk area eligibility* waiver, which was initially authorized through December 2020 and then extended through June 2021. Please answer the following questions focusing on use of the waiver during SY 2020-2021.

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER B  
X1B=1

**B2c.** How many **SFAs** used the *At-Risk area eligibility* waiver for the **CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Care Component** anytime during SY 2020-2021?

Please enter the number of SFAs that used the waiver during SY 2020-2021. Then select an option to indicate whether this is the actual number or your best estimate. If you do not have enough information to provide a reasonably close estimate, please select "Don't know."

NUMBER OF SFAS

(RANGE: 1-2000)

- Actual number of SFAs, data provided by all SFAs ..... 3
- Estimated number of SFAs, data not provided by all SFAs ..... 2
- Don't know- data not collected ..... d
- No SFAs used this waiver ..... 0
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER B  
X1B=1

**B2d.** How many **institutions** (not including SFAs) used the *At-Risk area eligibility* waiver for the **CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Care Component** anytime during SY 2020-2021?

Please enter the number of institutions that used the waiver during SY 2020-2021. Then select an option to indicate whether this is the actual number or your best estimate. If you do not have enough information to provide a reasonably close estimate, please select "Don't know."

[DISPLAY AS HOVER TEXT OVER FIRST INSTANCE OF "institutions": Any independent center or sponsoring organization of child care centers that enters into an agreement with the State Agency to assume responsibility for CACFP operations.]

NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS

(RANGE: 0-2000)

- Actual number of institutions, data provided by all ..... 3
- Estimated number of institutions, data not provided by all ..... 2
- Don't know- data not collected ..... d
- No institutions used this waiver ..... 0
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER B  
X1B=1 AND (B2C OR B2D=D)

**B3.** In the previous question(s), you indicated that you did not know how many local program operators used the waiver for the following program(s). Approximately what proportion of local program operators that provided meal service during SY 2020-2021 used the *At-Risk area eligibility* waiver?

ONLY DISPLAY PROGRAM IF CORRESPONDING B2 QUESTION=D.

Select one per row

Proportion of local program operators

Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't know
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e. Child and Adult Care Food Program At-Risk Afterschool Care Component

- 1       2       3       4       d

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER B

X1B=1

- B4.** Did your State Agency provide technical assistance to any SFAs or institutions operating the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Care Component to support compliance with program requirements prior to their implementation of the *At-Risk area eligibility waiver* in SY 2020-2021?
- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 0
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER B

X1B=1 AND B4=1

- B5.** Please briefly describe the technical assistance your State Agency provided to SFAs or institutions operating the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Care Component *prior to their implementation of the At-Risk area eligibility waiver* in SY 2020-2021.

NO RESPONSE ..... M

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER B  
X1B=1

**B6c.** For **SFAs and institutions** that used the *At-Risk area eligibility* waiver in SY 2020-2021, approximately what proportion implemented the following meal delivery methods, meal options, and meal counting methods for the **CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Care Component**?

PROGRAMMER: PLEASE BREAK THIS GRID OUT TO A-H, J-N, AND O-S.

Select one per row

Proportion of local program operators

None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't know
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**Meal delivery methods**

a. Cafeteria service	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. Grab-and-go tables or kiosks in school buildings	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
c. Meals in the classroom	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
d. Walk-up sites outside of schools, centers, or other buildings	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
e. Curbside pick-up/ drive through service	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
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h. Other home delivery methods	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>

**Meal options**

i. Full week (5 days) of meals at one time	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
j. 2–3 days of meals at one time	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
k. Weekend meals	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
l. Bulk food packages*	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
m. Frozen meals	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
n. Shelf-stable meals	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>

**Meal counting methods**

o. Standard point of service system	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
p. Mobile technology (for example, laptop, tablet, or cell phone apps)	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
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r. Clickers	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
s. Other meal delivery method, option, or counting method (specify)	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
<input style="width: 150px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>						

NO RESPONSE ..... M

\*Bulk food packages: Food packages that contain items that could be used for multiple meals or portion sizes.

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER B  
X1B=1

**B7.** FNS's *At-Risk area eligibility* waiver policy memo indicates that new area eligible meal sites should target benefits to children in need, such as children who may be eligible for benefits due to the economic impacts of COVID-19. For **SFAs and institutions** that used the *At-Risk area eligibility* waiver for the **CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Care Component** in SY 2020-2021, approximately what proportion used the following methods to target meal sites?

Select one per row

Proportion of local program operators

	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't know
a. No methods used- all sites approved as area eligible	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. Analyzed unemployment data	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
c. Analyzed prior year school meals eligibility data	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
d. Identified site(s) that were area eligible in prior years	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
e. Targeted near-eligible sites, such as sites where 40% of children were eligible for free or reduced-price meals	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
f. Other approach to select meal sites (specify) <input type="text"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
g. Did not use any methods to target new meal sites	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>

NO RESPONSE ..... M

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER B  
X1B=1

**B8.** Please select the ways in which use of the *At-Risk area eligibility* waiver improved services to children during SY 2020-2021.

PROGRAMMER: ITEMS J AND K SHOULD BE EXCLUSIVE RESPONSES FOR THAT COLUMN.

CACFP At-Risk  
Afterschool  
Care  
Component

**Site Options**

- a. Greater geographic distribution of sites 5
- b. Increased number of sites 5
- c. Increased alternative meal delivery methods 5

**Meal Options**

- d. Allowed pick up of multiple meals at one time 5
- e. Allowed distribution of bulk food packages 5
- f. Allowed service of available foods when supply issues occurred 5

**Other**

- g. Improved safety for children by not requiring congregate feeding or meal pick-up 5
- h. Reduced barriers to receiving meals 5
- i. Increased participation 5
- j. Don't know how this waiver improved services to children. 5
- k. This waiver did not improve services to children. 5
- n. Other way services to children improved in *CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Care*

Component as a result of this waiver (specify)

NO RESPONSE ..... M

**C. COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #72: Nationwide Waiver for Selected Child Nutrition Programs Reporting Requirements**

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER C  
X1C=1

**C\_intro.** This section asks about use of the *Child Nutrition Programs reporting requirements* waiver. Please answer the following questions focusing on use of the waiver during SY 2020-2021.

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER C  
X1C=1

**C1.** How many **SFAs** used the *Child Nutrition Programs reporting requirements* waiver?

Please enter the number of SFAs that used the waiver during SY 2020-2021. Then select an option to indicate whether this is the actual number or your best estimate. If you do not have enough information to provide a reasonably close estimate, please select "Don't know."

	NUMBER OF SFAS
(RANGE: 1-2000)	
<input type="radio"/> Actual number of SFAs, data provided by all SFAs .....	3
<input type="radio"/> Estimated number of SFAs, data not provided by all SFAs .....	2
<input type="radio"/> Don't know- data not collected .....	d
<input type="radio"/> No SFAs used this waiver .....	0
NO RESPONSE .....	M

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER C  
X1C=1

**C2.** In the previous question, you indicated that you did not know how many SFAs used the waiver. Approximately what proportion of SFAs used the *Child Nutrition Programs reporting requirements* waiver?

<input type="radio"/> Less than half .....	1
<input type="radio"/> About half.....	2
<input type="radio"/> More than half.....	3
<input type="radio"/> All.....	4
<input type="radio"/> Don't know .....	d
NO RESPONSE .....	M

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER C  
X1C=1

**C3.** Did your State Agency's use of the *Child Nutrition Programs reporting requirements* waiver affect the information your State reported in any of the following reports in SY 2020-2021?

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. FNS-10 Report of School Program Operations – Part B (October Annual Reporting)	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. FNS-640 Administrative Review Report Form	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
c. FNS-828 Paid Lunch Price Report	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
d. FNS-834 State Agency (NSLP/SNAP) Direct Certification Rate Data Element Report	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
e. FNS-874 Second (Independent) Review of Applications	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
f. Ameliorative Action Report	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
g. State Agency Food Safety Inspections Report	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
h. Performance-Based Reimbursement (7 Cents) Quarterly Report	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
NO RESPONSE .....			M

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER C  
X1C=1

**C4.** Why did your State Agency use the *Child Nutrition Programs reporting requirements* waiver in SY 2020-2021?

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

- Reduce administrative burden ..... 1
- Focus State administrative resources on approving meal sites ..... 2
- Focus State and local administrative resources on identifying meal sites ..... 3
- Focus State administrative resources on other priority areas ..... 4
- Provide technical assistance to local program operators ..... 5
- Modified Child Nutrition program operations impacted data availability ..... 4
- Use of other waivers impacted data availability ..... 5
- School closures impacted data availability ..... 4
- Other concerns about data completeness ..... 5
- Concerns about data quality ..... 5
- Other (*Specify*) ..... 10

NO RESPONSE ..... M



DISPLAY FOR WAIVER C  
X1C=1

**C5.** Did use of the [WAIVER] improve services to children in the following ways during SY 2020-2021?

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Increased State Agency administrative resources for approving meal sites	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. Increased State and local administrative resources for identifying meal sites	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
c. Increased local resources for providing meals			
d. Increased State and local administrative resources available for other priority areas to improve services to children	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
e. Increased State Agency ability to provide technical assistance to local program operators	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
f. Other way services to children improved as a result of this waiver (specify)	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
<input type="text"/>			

NO RESPONSE..... M

**D. COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #82: Nationwide Waiver of Community Eligibility Provision Deadlines in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs**

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER D  
X1D=1

**D\_intro.** This section asks about use of the *CEP deadlines in NSLP/SBP* waiver. Please answer the following questions focusing on use of the waiver during SY 2020-2021.

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER D  
X1D=1

**D1.** How many **SFAs** used the *CEP deadlines in NSLP/SBP* waiver?

Please enter the number of SFAs that used the waiver during SY 2020-2021. Then select an option to indicate whether this is the actual number or your best estimate. If you do not have enough information to provide a reasonably close estimate, please select "Don't know."

	NUMBER OF SFAS
(RANGE: 1-2000)	
<input type="radio"/> Actual number of SFAs, data provided by all SFAs .....	3
<input type="radio"/> Estimated number of SFAs, data not provided by all SFAs .....	2
<input type="radio"/> Don't know- data not collected .....	d
<input type="radio"/> No SFAs used this waiver .....	0
NO RESPONSE .....	M

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER D  
X1D=1

**D2.** In the previous question, you indicated that you did not know how many SFAs used the waiver. Approximately what proportion of SFAs used the *CEP deadlines in NSLP/SBP* waiver?

<input type="radio"/> Less than half .....	1
<input type="radio"/> About half.....	2
<input type="radio"/> More than half.....	3
<input type="radio"/> All.....	4
<input type="radio"/> Don't know .....	d
NO RESPONSE .....	M

DISPLAY FOR WAIVER D  
X1D=1

**D5.** Did use of the *CEP deadlines in NSLP/SBP* waiver improve services to children in the following ways during SY 2020-2021?

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Increased State Agency administrative resources for approving meal sites	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. Increased State Agency administrative resources for identifying meal sites	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
c. Increased State Agency administrative resources available for other priority areas to improve services to children	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
d. Increased State Agency ability to provide technical assistance to local program operators	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
e. Increased local program operators' administrative resources for identifying meal sites	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
f. Increased local program operators' administrative resources for addressing food supply issues and other challenges in preparing meals	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
g. Increased local program operators' administrative resources for providing meals	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
h. Increased local program operators' ability to focus administrative resources on other priority areas to improve services to children	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
i. This waiver did not improve services to children	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
j. Other way services to children improved as a result of this waiver (specify)	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
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NO RESPONSE..... M

**E. Changes to use of program operations waivers since September 2020**

ALL

**E\_intro** This section is about changes in use of nationwide waivers related to Child Nutrition Program operations since September 2020. Responding to these questions will ensure that your State agency's reporting requirements for SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021 extensions of the nationwide waivers covered in the first SMO survey (conducted in spring 2021) are satisfied.

ALL

**E1.** Did local program operators (LPOs) use the following waiver extension(s) in **SY 2020-2021**?  
 FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [link to Waiver List page].

Yes	No
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**Non-congregate waivers**

- a. #33: NSLP/SBP/CACFP non-congregate- extension 2, June 30, 2021 1  0
- b. #54: SFSP/SSO non-congregate - extension 4, Dec. 30, 2020 1  0
- c. #61: SFSP/SSO non-congregate- extension 5, June 30, 2021 1  0

**Meal service time waivers**

- d. #34: NSLP/SBP/CACFP meal service time flexibility- extension 2, June 30, 2021 1  0
- e. #66: SFSP/SSO meal service time - extension 2, June 30, 2021 1  0

**Other program operations waivers**

- f. #67: SFSP offer vs. serve flexibilities- extension 2, June 30, 2021 1  0
- g. #69: SFSP pre-approval visits and reimbursements- extension, June 30, 2021 1  0

NO RESPONSE ..... M

IF ANY ITEM IN E1=1

**E2.** Compared to the period from March through September 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the following waiver extension(s) in **SY 2020-2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same?

- If local program operators did not use the earlier version of the waiver in March through September 2020, but are using the extension in SY 2020-2021, please select, "More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021."
- If there were no changes to the number of local program operators using the waiver, please select "No change."
- If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [link to Waiver List page].

PROGRAMMER: DISPLAY ONLY ITEMS WHERE E1=1.

More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	Fewer LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	No change	Don't know
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**Non-congregate waivers**

a. #33: NSLP/SBP/CACFP non-congregate- extension 2, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. #54: SFSP/SSO non-congregate - extension 4, Dec. 30, 2020 and/or #61: SFSP/SSO non-congregate- extension 5, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>

**Meal service time waivers**

c. #34: NSLP/SBP/CACFP meal service time flexibility- extension 2, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
d. #66: SFSP/SSO meal service time - extension 2, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>

**Other program operations waivers**

e. #67: SFSP offer vs. serve flexibilities- extension 2, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
f. #69: SFSP pre-approval visits and reimbursements- extension, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL

**E3.** Did local program operators use the following waiver extension(s) in **summer 2021**?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [link to Waivers List page].

	Yes	No
a. #75: SFSP/SSO non-congregate feeding- extension 6, Sept. 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
b. #78: SFSP/SSO meal service time flexibility- extension 3, Sept. 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
c. #79: SFSP/SSO offer vs. serve- extension 3, Sept. 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>

NO RESPONSE ..... M

IF ANY ITEM IN E3=1

**E4.** Compared to summer 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the following waiver extension(s) in **summer 2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same?

- If local program operators did not use the earlier version of the waiver in summer 2020, but are using the extension in summer 2021, please select, "More LPOs used waiver in summer 2020-2021."
- If there were no changes to the number of local program operators using the waiver, please select "No change."
- If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [link to Waiver List page].

PROGRAMMER: DISPLAY ONLY ITEMS WHERE E3=1.

	More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021	Fewer LPOs used waiver in summer 2021	No change	Don't know
a. #75: SFSP/SSO non-congregate feeding- extension 6, Sept. 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. #78: SFSP/SSO meal service time flexibility- extension 3, Sept. 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
c. #79: SFSP/SSO offer vs. serve- extension 3, Sept. 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL

**E5\_intro.** The next set of questions is about changes in use of **parent and guardian pick-up waivers** since September 2020.

ALL

**E5.** Did local program operators (LPOs) use the following waiver extension(s) in **SY 2020-2021**?  
FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [link to Waiver List page].

	Yes	No
a. #35: NSLP/SBP/CACFP parent pick-up- extension 2, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
b. #55: SFSP/SSO parent pick-up- extension 4, Dec. 31, 2020	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
c. #62: SFSP/SSO parent pick-up- extension 5, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>

NO RESPONSE ..... M

IF ANY ITEM IN E5=1

**E6.** Compared to the period from March through September 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the following waiver extension(s) in **SY 2020-2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same?

- If local program operators did not use the earlier version of the waiver in March through September 2020, but are using the extension in SY 2020-2021, please select, "More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021."
- If there were no changes to the number of local program operators using the waiver, please select "No change."
- If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [link to Waiver List page].

PROGRAMMER: DISPLAY ONLY ITEMS WHERE E5=1.

	More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	Fewer LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	No change	Don't know
a. #35: NSLP/SBP/CACFP parent pick-up- extension 2, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. #55: SFSP/SSO parent pick-up- extension 4, Dec. 31, 2020 and/or #62: SFSP/SSO parent pick-up- extension 5, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>

NO RESPONSE ..... M

E5A=1

**E7\_intro.** The next two questions are about use of the parent and guardian pick-up waiver for **NSLP, SBP, or CACFP** in **SY 2020-2021**.

E5A=1

**E7.** FNS's Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-up Nationwide Waiver policy memos indicate that processes should be put in place to ensure that meals are distributed only to parents or guardians of eligible children. Did local program operators use the following methods to ensure that **NSLP, SBP, or CACFP meals were distributed only to parents or guardians of eligible children** in **SY 2020-2021**?

If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Scanned children's meal cards or asked for children's personal identification numbers used for meal service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Requested children's names, ages or dates of birth, or grade levels when meals were picked up	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Requested children's school names or a copy of school correspondence when meals were picked up	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Requested the number of children for which the parent/guardian was picking up meals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Provided parents/guardians with rear view mirror hangers, placards, or QR codes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Posted signage to indicate who is eligible to pick up and receive meals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Other method to ensure meals distributed only to parent/guardians of eligible children (specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="text"/>			

NO RESPONSE..... M



E5A=1

**E8.** FNS's Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-up Nationwide Waiver policy memos indicate that processes should be put in place to ensure that duplicate meals are not distributed to any child. Did local program operators use the following methods to ensure that **duplicate NSLP, SBP, or CACFP meals were not distributed to any child** in **SY 2020-2021**?

If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Told parents/guardians picking up meals that children are not eligible to receive duplicate meals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Asked parents/guardians to self-attest that they were not picking up duplicate meals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Requested children's names or other identifying information when meals were picked up	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Used the same staff at multiple delivery sites (that provided meals at different times) located in a geographic area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Other method to ensure duplicate meals were not distributed (specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="text"/>			

NO RESPONSE..... M

E5B=1

**E9\_intro.** The next two questions are about use of the parent and guardian pick-up waiver for **SFSP or SSO** in **SY 2020-2021**.

E5B=1

**E9.** FNS's Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-up Nationwide Waiver policy memos indicate that processes should be put in place to ensure that meals are distributed only to parents or guardians of eligible children. Did local program operators use the following methods to ensure that **SFSP or SSO meals were distributed only to parents or guardians of eligible children** in **SY 2020-2021**?

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Scanned children's meal cards or asked for children's personal identification numbers used for meal service	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. Requested children's names, ages or dates of birth, or grade levels when meals were picked up	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
c. Requested children's school names or a copy of school correspondence when meals were picked up	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
d. Requested the number of children for which the parent/guardian was picking up meals	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
e. Provided parents/guardians with rear view mirror hangers, placards, or QR codes	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
f. Posted signage to indicate who is eligible to pick up and receive meals	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
g. Other method to ensure meals distributed only to parent/guardians of eligible children (specify)	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
<input type="text"/>			

NO RESPONSE ..... M

E5B=1

**E10.** FNS’s Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-up Nationwide Waiver policy memos indicate that processes should be put in place to ensure that duplicate meals are not distributed to any child. Did local program operators use the following methods to ensure that **duplicate SFSP or SSO meals were not distributed to any child** in **SY 2020-2021**?

If you do not have this information, please select “Don’t know.”

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Told parents/guardians picking up meals that children are not eligible to receive duplicate meals	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. Asked parents/guardians to self-attest that they were not picking up duplicate meals	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
c. Requested children’s names or other identifying information when meals were picked up	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
d. Used the same staff at multiple delivery sites (that provided meals at different times) located in a geographic area	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
e. Other method to ensure duplicate meals were not distributed (specify)	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
<input type="text"/>			

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL

**E11\_intro.** The next few questions are about use of the parent and guardian pick-up waiver for **SFSP or SSO** in **summer 2021**.

ALL

**E11.** Did local program operators use the **#76: SFSP/SSO parent pick-up- extension 6, June 30, 2021** waiver extension in **summer 2021**?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [link to Waivers List page].

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 0
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

IF E11=1

- E12.** Compared to summer 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the **#76: SFSP/SSO parent pick-up- extension 6, June 30, 2021** waiver extension(s) in **summer 2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same?
- If local program operators did not use the earlier version of the waiver in summer 2020, but are using the extension in summer 2021, please select, "More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021."
  - If there were no changes to the number of local program operators using the waiver, please select "No change."
  - If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [link to Waiver List page].

- More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021 ..... 1
- Fewer LPOs used waiver in summer 2021..... 2
- No change ..... 0
- Don't know ..... d
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

E11=1

- E13.** FNS's Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-up Nationwide Waiver policy memos indicate that processes should be put in place to ensure that meals are distributed only to parents or guardians of eligible children. Did local program operators use the following methods to ensure that **SFSP or SSO meals were distributed only to parents or guardians of eligible children in summer 2021?**

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Scanned children's meal cards or asked for children's personal identification numbers used for meal service	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. Requested children's names, ages or dates of birth, or grade levels when meals were picked up	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
c. Requested children's school names or a copy of school correspondence when meals were picked up	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
d. Requested the number of children for which the parent/guardian was picking up meals	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
e. Provided parents/guardians with rear view mirror hangers, placards, or QR codes	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
f. Posted signage to indicate who is eligible to pick up and receive meals	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
g. Other method to ensure meals distributed only to parent/guardians of eligible children (specify)	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
<input style="width: 150px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>			
NO RESPONSE .....			M

E11=1

**E14.** FNS’s Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-up Nationwide Waiver policy memos indicate that processes should be put in place to ensure that duplicate meals are not distributed to any child. Did local program operators use the following methods to ensure that **duplicate SFSP or SSO meals were not distributed to any child** in **summer 2021**?

If you do not have this information, please select “Don’t know.”

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Told parents/guardians picking up meals that children are not eligible to receive duplicate meals	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. Asked parents/guardians to self-attest that they were not picking up duplicate meals	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
c. Requested children’s names or other identifying information when meals were picked up	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
d. Used the same staff at multiple delivery sites (that provided meals at different times) located in a geographic area	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
e. Other method to ensure duplicate meals were not distributed (specify)	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL

**E15\_intro.** The next set of questions is about changes in use of the **SFSP/SSO area eligibility waiver** since September 2020.

ALL

**E15.** Did local program operators (LPOs) use the following waiver extension(s) in **SY 2020-2021**?  
FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [link to Waiver List page].

	Yes	No
a. #48: SFSP/SSO area eligibility for closed enrolled sites - extension, Dec. 31, 2020	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
b. #52: SFSP/SSO area eligibility- extension 2, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
c. #60: SFSP/SSO area eligibility - extension 3, Dec. 31, 2020	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
d. #64: SFSP/SSO area eligibility for closed enrolled sites - extension 2, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>

NO RESPONSE ..... M

IF ANY ITEM IN E15=1

**E16.** Compared to the period from March through September 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the following waiver extension(s) in **SY 2020-2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same?

- If local program operators did not use the earlier version of the waiver in March through September 2020, but are using the extension in SY 2020-2021, please select, "More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021."
- If there were no changes to the number of local program operators using the waiver, please select "No change."
- If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [link to Waiver List page].

PROGRAMMER: DISPLAY ONLY ITEMS WHERE E15=1.

More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	Fewer LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	No change	Don't know
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a. #48: SFSP/SSO area eligibility for closed enrolled sites - extension, Dec. 31, 2020 and/or #64: SFSP/SSO area eligibility for closed enrolled sites - extension 2, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
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b. #52: SFSP/SSO area eligibility- extension 2, June 30, 2021 and/or #60: SFSP/SSO area eligibility - extension 3, Dec. 31, 2020	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
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NO RESPONSE ..... M

**E15B=1 (USED SFSP AREA ELIGIBILITY WAIVERS)**

**E17.** FNS’s Area Eligibility Nationwide Waiver policy memos indicate that new area eligible meal sites should target benefits to children in need, such as children who may be eligible for benefits due to the economic impacts of COVID-19.

Did local program operators use the following approaches to target new area eligible meal sites in **SY 2020-2021**?

If you do not have this information, please select “Don’t know.”

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Analyzed unemployment data	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. Analyzed prior year school meals eligibility data	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
c. Identified site(s) that were area eligible in prior years	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
d. Targeted near-eligible sites, such as sites where 40% of children were eligible for free or reduced-price meals	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
e. Other approach to select meal sites (specify) <input type="text"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>

- No methods used- all sites approved as area eligible ..... 0
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

**E15B=1 (USED SFSP AREA ELIGIBILITY WAIVERS)**

**E17a.** Which approaches to targeting new area eligible meal sites was most commonly used by local program operators in **SY 2020-2021**?

If you do not have this information, please select “Don’t know.”

PROGRAMMER: DISPLAY ONLY ITEMS WHERE N1=1.

- Analyzed unemployment data ..... 1
- Analyzed prior year school meals eligibility data ..... 2
- Identified site(s) that were area eligible in prior years ..... 3
- Targeted near-eligible sites, such as sites where 40% of children were eligible for free or reduced-price meals ..... 4
- [FILL OTHER TEXT] ..... 5
- Don't know ..... d
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL

**E18.** Did local program operators use the following waiver extension(s) in **summer 2021**?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [link to Waivers List page].

	Yes	No
a. #77: SFSP/SSO area eligibility- extension 4, Sept. 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
b. #80: SFSP/SSO area eligibility for closed enrolled sites - extension 3, Sept. 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
NO RESPONSE .....	M	

IF E18A OR B=1

**E19.** Compared to summer 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the following waiver extension(s) in **summer 2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same?

- If local program operators did not use the earlier version of the waiver in summer 2020, but are using the extension in summer 2021, please select, "More LPOs used waiver in summer 2020-2021."
- If there were no changes to the number of local program operators using the waiver, please select "No change."
- If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [link to Waiver List page].

PROGRAMMER: DISPLAY ONLY ITEMS WHERE E18=1.

	More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021	Fewer LPOs used waiver in summer 2021	No change	Don't know
a. #77: SFSP/SSO area eligibility- extension 4, Sept. 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. #80: SFSP/SSO area eligibility for closed enrolled sites - extension 3, Sept. 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
NO RESPONSE .....	M			



E18A =1 (USED SFSP/SSO AREA ELIGIBILITY WAIVER)

**E20.** FNS’s Area Eligibility Nationwide Waiver policy memos indicate that new area eligible meal sites should target benefits to children in need, such as children who may be eligible for benefits due to the economic impacts of COVID-19.

Did local program operators use the following approaches to target new area eligible meal sites in **summer 2021**?

If you do not have this information, please select “Don’t know.”

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Analyzed unemployment data	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. Analyzed prior year school meals eligibility data	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
c. Identified site(s) that were area eligible in prior years	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
d. Targeted near-eligible sites, such as sites where 40% of children were eligible for free or reduced-price meals	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
e. Other approach to select meal sites (specify) <input type="text"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>

- No methods used- all sites approved as area eligible ..... 0
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

E18A =1 (USED SFSP/SSO AREA ELIGIBILITY WAIVER)

**E20a.** Which approaches to targeting new area eligible meal sites was most commonly used by local program operators in **summer 2021**?

If you do not have this information, please select “Don’t know.”

PROGRAMMER: DISPLAY ONLY ITEMS WHERE N1=1.

- Analyzed unemployment data ..... 1
- Analyzed prior year school meals eligibility data ..... 2
- Identified site(s) that were area eligible in prior years ..... 3
- Targeted near-eligible sites, such as sites where 40% of children were eligible for free or reduced-price meals ..... 4
- [FILL OTHER TEXT] ..... 5
- Don't know ..... d
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL

**E21\_intro.** The next set of questions is about changes in use of **meal pattern flexibility waivers** since September 2020.

ALL

**E22.** Did local program operators (LPOs) use the following waiver extension(s) in **SY 2020-2021**?  
FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [link to Waiver List page].

	Yes	No
a. #53: SFSP/SSO meal pattern flexibility - extension 7, Dec. 31, 2020	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
b. #63: SFSP/SSO meal pattern flexibility - extension 8, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
c. #70: NSLP/SBP/CACFP meal pattern flexibility - extension 5, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
NO RESPONSE .....	M	

IF ANY ITEM IN E22=1

**E23.** Compared to the period from March through September 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the following waiver extension(s) in **SY 2020-2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same?

- If local program operators did not use the earlier version of the waiver in March through September 2020, but are using the extension in SY 2020-2021, please select, "More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021."
- If there were no changes to the number of local program operators using the waiver, please select "No change."
- If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [link to Waiver List page].

PROGRAMMER: DISPLAY ONLY ITEMS WHERE E22=1.

	More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	Fewer LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	No change	Don't know
a. #53: SFSP/SSO meal pattern flexibility - extension 7, Dec. 31, 2020 and/or #63: SFSP/SSO meal pattern flexibility - extension 8, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. #70: NSLP/SBP/CACFP meal pattern flexibility - extension 5, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
NO RESPONSE .....	M			

ALL

**E24.** Did local program operators use the **#74: SSO meal pattern flexibilities- extension 9, Sept. 30, 2021** waiver extension in **summer 2021**?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [link to Waivers List page].

- Yes..... 1
- No ..... 0
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

IF E24=1

**E25.** Compared to summer 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the **#74: SSO meal pattern flexibilities- extension 9, Sept. 30, 2021** waiver extension in **summer 2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same?

- If local program operators did not use the earlier version of the waiver in summer 2020, but are using the extension in summer 2021, please select, “More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021.”
- If there were no changes to the number of local program operators using the waiver, please select “No change.”
- If you do not have this information, please select “Don’t know.”

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [link to Waiver List page].

- More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021 ..... 1
- Fewer LPOs used waiver in summer 2021..... 2
- No change ..... 0
- Don't know ..... d
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

E22A, E22B, E22C, OR E24=1

**E26.** States that implemented the *Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs* are required to report when and where the waiver was in effect and for what food components. Please follow the instructions provided for the administrative data request to submit a file that includes this information for [IF (E22A, E22B, OR E22C=1) AND E24=1: SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021; IF (E22A, E22B, OR E22C=1) AND E24=0: SY 2020-2021; IF (E22A, E22B, AND E22C=0) AND E24=1: summer 2021]] to the SMO secure file transfer site.

If you need assistance accessing the SMO secure file transfer site, please email SMOSTudy@mathematica-mpr.com or call toll-free at 833) 440-9475. If the file does not contain personally identifiable information, you may email it to SMOSTudy@mathematica-mpr.com.

- [IF E22A, E22B, OR E22C=1] File with SY 2020-2021 submitted ..... 1
- [IF E24=1] File with summer 2021 data submitted ..... 2
- [IF E22A, E22B, OR E22C=1] Unable to submit file- SY 2020-2021 data not available..... 3
- [IF E24=1] Unable to submit file- summer 2021 data not available..... 4
- Unable to submit file- need assistance accessing secure file transfer site .... 5

**HARD CHECK: IF E26= MISSING:** The survey questions you will be asked about are based on your response to this question so it is essential that you provide a response before moving on.

E26=1 OR 5

**E27.** Does the file include the following information on use of the *Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver* by local program operators during **SY 2020-2021**?

Select one per row

	No	Yes, for some LPOs	Yes, for all LPOs
a. When the waiver was used	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>
b. Where the waiver used	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>
c. Food components for which the waiver was used	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>

NO RESPONSE ..... M

E26=2 OR 5

**E28.** Does the file include the following information on use of the *Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver* by local program operators during **summer 2021**?

Select one per row

	No	Yes, for some LPOs	Yes, for all LPOs
a. When the waiver was used	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>
b. Where the waiver used	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>
c. Food components for which the waiver was used	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>

NO RESPONSE ..... M

E26=3

**E29.** Why are you not able to provide a file with **SY 2020-2021** information?

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

- Did not collect this information..... 1
- Other (*Specify*)..... 2

NO RESPONSE ..... M

E26=3

**E30.** Please indicate which, if any, food component requirements local program operators waived with the *Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver* during **SY 2020-2021**.

Select all that apply

	Grains	Fruits	Vegetables	Meats/ meat alternates	Milk	Waiver not used for this program	Don't know
a. [NSLP=1] National School Lunch Program	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	n <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. [SBP=1] School Breakfast Program	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	n <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
c. [SSO=1] Seamless Summer Option	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	n <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
d. [SFSP=1] Summer Food Service Program	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	n <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
e. [CACFP=1] Child and Adult Care Food Program	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	n <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>

NO RESPONSE ..... M

E30A OR E30C=2

**E31.** Please indicate which vegetable subgroup requirements local program operators waived with the *Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver* during **SY 2020-2021**.

DISPLAY EACH PROGRAM WHERE E30a OR E30c=2.

*Select all that apply*

	Dark Green	Red/Orange	Starchy	Legumes	Other	Don't know
a. [2 SELECTED FOR Q5a] National School Lunch Program	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. [2 SELECTED FOR Q5c] Seamless Summer Option	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
NO RESPONSE ..... M						

E26=3 AND MORE THAN ONE ITEM SELECTED FOR ROW E30A, B, C, D, OR E

**E32.** Approximately what proportion of local program operators waived requirements for two or more food components with the *Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver* during **SY 2020-2021**?

DISPLAY EACH PROGRAM WHERE MORE THAN ONE ITEM SELECTED IN ROW IN Q5.

*Select one per row*

*Proportion of local program operators*

	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't know
a. [MORE THAN ONE ITEM SELECTED IN ROW IN V30A] National School Lunch Program	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. [MORE THAN ONE ITEM SELECTED IN ROW IN V30B] School Breakfast Program	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
c. [MORE THAN ONE ITEM SELECTED IN ROW IN V30C] Seamless Summer Option	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
d. [MORE THAN ONE ITEM SELECTED IN ROW IN V30D] Summer Food Service Program	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
e. [MORE THAN ONE ITEM SELECTED IN ROW IN V30E] Child and Adult Care Food Program	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
NO RESPONSE ..... M						

E26=4

**E33.** Why are you not able to provide a file with **summer 2021** information?

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

Did not collect this information..... 1

Other (*Specify*)..... 2

NO RESPONSE ..... M

E26=4

**E34.** Please indicate which food component requirements local program operators waived with the *Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver* during **summer 2021**.

*Select all that apply*

Grains	Fruits	Vegetables	Meats/ meat alternates	Milk	Waiver not used for this program	Don't know
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a. [SSO=1] Seamless Summer Option

0

1

2

3

4

n

d

NO RESPONSE ..... M

E34A=2

**E35.** Please indicate which vegetable subgroup requirements local program operators waived with the *Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver* during **summer 2021**.

*Select all that apply*

Dark Green	Red/Orange	Starchy	Legumes	Other	Don't know
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b. [2 SELECTED FOR E34a] Seamless Summer Option

0

1

2

3

4

d

NO RESPONSE ..... M

E26=4 AND MORE THAN ONE ITEM SELECTED FOR ROW E34C

**E36.** Approximately what proportion of local program operators waived requirements for two or more food components with the *Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver* during **summer 2021**?

DISPLAY EACH PROGRAM WHERE MORE THAN ONE ITEM SELECTED IN ROW IN E34.

*Select one per row*

*Proportion of local program operators*

None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't know
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a. [MORE THAN ONE ITEM SELECTED IN ROW IN E34A] Seamless Summer Option

0  1  2  3  4  d

NO RESPONSE ..... M



**F. Changes to use of monitoring waivers since September 2020**

ALL

**F5\_intro.** The next set of questions is about changes in use of nationwide waivers related to Child Nutrition Program monitoring since September 2020. Responding to these questions will ensure that your State agency's reporting requirements for SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021 extensions of the nationwide waivers covered in the first SMO survey (conducted in spring 2021) are satisfied.

ALL

**F1.** Did local program operators (LPOs) use the following waiver extension(s) in **SY 2020-2021**?  
FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [link to Waiver List page].

	Yes	No
a. #39: CACFP onsite monitoring for sponsors- extension, Sept. 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
b. #41: School meals onsite monitoring- extension 2, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
c. #42: SFSP onsite monitoring for sponsoring orgs - extension 2, Sept. 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
NO RESPONSE .....	M	

IF ANY ITEM IN F1=1

**F2.** Compared to the period from March through September 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the following waiver extension(s) in **SY 2020-2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same?

- If local program operators did not use the earlier version of the waiver in March through September 2020, but are using the extension in SY 2020-2021, please select, "More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021."
- If there were no changes to the number of local program operators using the waiver, please select "No change."
- If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [link to Waiver List page].

PROGRAMMER: DISPLAY ONLY ITEMS WHERE F1=1.

	More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	Fewer LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	No change	Don't know
a. #39: CACFP onsite monitoring for sponsors- extension, Sept. 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>
b. #41: School meals onsite monitoring- extension 2, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>
c. #42: SFSP onsite monitoring for sponsoring orgs - extension 2, Sept. 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>
NO RESPONSE .....	M			

F1A=1, F1B=1, F1C=1  
 DISPLAY FOR EACH WAIVER WHERE F1=1

**F3.** Did local program operators conduct the following types of monitoring in **SY 2020-2021** under the [FILL WAIVER FROM F1]?

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Desk audit- paperwork review	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. Desk audit- interviews with site operators	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
c. Virtual observations conducted through live stream video	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
d. Virtual observations through review of site photos	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
e. On-site while assisting with or observing meal service	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
f. Other type of monitoring (specify)	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
<input type="text"/>			
g. No monitoring conducted	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
NO RESPONSE .....			M

ALL

**F4\_intro.** The next few questions are about changes in your State Agency's use of monitoring waivers in SY 2020-2021.

ALL

**F4.** Did your State Agency use the following waiver extension(s) in **SY 2020-2021**?  
 FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [link to Waiver List page].

	Yes	No
a. #40: CACFP onsite monitoring requirements for State Agencies- extension 2, Sept. 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
b. #41: School meals onsite monitoring- extension 2, June 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
c. #43: SFSP onsite monitoring requirements for State Agencies- extension 2, Sept. 30, 2021	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
NO RESPONSE .....		M

F4A=1, F4B=1, F4C=1  
 DISPLAY FOR EACH WAIVER WHERE F4=1

**F5.** Did your State Agency use the following types of monitoring in **SY 2020-2021** under the *[FILL WAIVER FROM F4]*?

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Desk audit- paperwork review	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. Desk audit- interviews with local program operators	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
c. Virtual observations conducted through live stream video	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
d. Virtual observations through review of site photos	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
e. On-site socially distanced observations	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
f. Other type of monitoring (specify)	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
<input type="text"/>			

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL

**F6\_intro.** The next few questions are about changes in use of monitoring waivers in **summer 2021**.

ALL

**F6.** Did local program operators use the **#81 - SFSP first week site visits- extension 3, Sept. 30, 2021** waiver extension in **summer 2021**?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [link to Waivers List page].

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 0
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

IF F6=1

**F7.** Compared to summer 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the **#81 - SFSP first week site visits- extension 3, Sept. 30, 2021** waiver extension in **summer 2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same?

- If local program operators did not use the earlier version of the waiver in summer 2020, but are using the extension in summer 2021, please select, "More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021."
- If there were no changes to the number of local program operators using the waiver, please select "No change."
- If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here [link to Waiver List page].

- More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021 ..... 1
- Fewer LPOs used waiver in summer 2021..... 2
- No change ..... 0
- Don't know ..... d
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

F6=1

**F8.** Did SFSP sponsors conduct the following types of monitoring in **summer 2021** under the **#81 - SFSP first week site visits- extension 3, Sept. 30, 2021**?

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Desk audit- paperwork review	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. Desk audit- interviews with site operators	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
c. Virtual observations conducted through live stream video	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
d. Virtual observations through review of site photos	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
e. On-site while assisting with or observing meal service	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
f. Other type of monitoring (specify)		0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
<input style="width: 150px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>		d <input type="radio"/>
g. No monitoring conducted	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
NO RESPONSE .....			M

## G. Emergency Funding

ALL

**G1\_intro.** This section is about use of the Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program(s).

ALL

**G1.** Which of the Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program(s) did your State agency elect to administer?

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

- [IF NSLP, SBP, OR SSO=1] School Programs ..... 1  
 [IF CACFP=1] CACFP ..... 2  
NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL

**G2.** Did you accept the 1% State administrative funds made available for Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program(s)?

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

- [IF NSLP, SBP, OR SSO=1] Yes, for School Programs ..... 1      SKIP TO G4  
 [IF CACFP=1] Yes, for CACFP ..... 2      SKIP TO G4  
 No, declined funds ..... 0      SKIP TO G3  
NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL

**G3.** Why did your State agency decline the 1% State administrative funds made available for the Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program(s)?

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

- Sufficient State administrative funds on-hand (ex. SAE)..... 1  
 Minimal or no expense associated with administering Program(s)..... 2  
 Concerns about possible reporting burden ..... 3  
 Other (*Specify*)..... 4

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL

**G4.** Based on your current knowledge, how effective were the Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs reimbursement payments received by your local program operators in stabilizing the financial health of their food service operations and/or making up for lost revenues during the public health emergency in spring 2020?

- Highly effective ..... 1
- Somewhat effective ..... 2
- Minimally effective ..... 3
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL

**G4a.** If you are able to provide further details on how Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs reimbursement payments received by your local program operators were [FILL G4 RESPONSE], please do so below:

(1500 character limit)

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL

**G5.** Did your State agency experience any of the following challenges during the process of calculating and disbursing Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program payments?

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

- Complexity of calculations and/or ..... 1
- Identifying eligible program operators ..... 2
- Timing associated with necessary systems upgrades ..... 3
- Costs associated with necessary systems upgrades ..... 4
- Communicating with local program operators ..... 5
- Obtaining assurance statements from local program operators..... 6
- Meeting statutory or programmatic deadlines ..... 7
- Other (*Specify*)..... 8

- None of the above ..... 0
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

G5=1, 2, 3, 4, 5, OR 6

**G5a.** If you wish to provide further details on the challenges you experienced during the process of calculating and disbursing Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program payments, please do so below:

(1500 character limit)

NO RESPONSE..... M

## V. Challenges

**V\_intro.** This section asks about challenges *your State Agency* experienced during SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021.

ALL

- V1.** Did your State Agency experience any operational challenges with administering Child Nutrition Programs during **SY 2020-2021 or summer 2021**? For example, managing multiple CN programs simultaneously, staffing shortages, or unclear or untimely guidance from FNS.
- Yes..... 1
  - No ..... 0 GO TO V3
  - NO RESPONSE ..... M GO TO V3



V1=1

**V2.** What factors contributed to operational challenges your State Agency experienced with administering Child Nutrition Programs during **SY 2020-2021 or summer 2021?**

PROGRAMMER: DISPLAY COLUMNS BASED ON SA PROGRAM OVERSIGHT (SAMPLE FILE VARIABLES LISTED BELOW).

*Select all that apply*

	[NSLP=1] NSLP	[SPB=1] SBP	[SSO=1] SSO	[SFSP=1] SFSP	[CACFP=1] CACFP
a. Resources needed to manage multiple CN programs simultaneously (for example, school meals and summer meals)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Resources needed to review and approve waiver requests from providers	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Resources needed to approve meal sites	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Resources needed to assist providers with identification of meal sites	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Resources needed to provide technical assistance to local program operators	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
f. Resources needed to administer USDA Foods	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
g. Managing staffing shortages (for example, due to illness or other reasons)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
h. Limitations on ability to hire new staff	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
i. Unexpected staff training needs	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
j. Redesigning monitoring approaches (for example, from onsite to virtual)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
k. Implementing IT system changes	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
l. Office closures	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
m. Unclear guidance from FNS	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
n. Untimely guidance from FNS	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
o. Insufficient technical assistance from FNS	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
p. No operational challenges with program administration.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>

NO RESPONSE ..... M

V1=1

**V2oth.** What other factors contributed to operational challenges your State Agency experienced administering Child Nutrition Programs during **SY 2020-2021 or summer 2021?**

[Empty box for response]

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL

**V3.** Did your State Agency experience any financial challenges with administering Child Nutrition Programs during **SY 2020-2021 or summer 2021?**

- Yes..... 1
- No ..... 0 GO TO V5
- NO RESPONSE ..... M GO TO V5

V3=1

**V4.** What factors contributed to financial challenges your State Agency experienced with administering Child Nutrition Programs during **SY 2020-2021 or summer 2021?**

*Select all that apply*

	[IF NSLP=1] NSLP	[IF SBP=1] SBP	[IF SSO=1] SSO	[IF SFSP=1] SFSP	[IF CACFP=1] CACFP
a. Added new staff	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Increased staff hours	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Staff overtime	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. State administrative expense funds (SAE) or State administrative funds (SAF)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
e. IT system changes	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
f. No financial challenges with program administration.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>

NO RESPONSE ..... M

V3=1

**V4oth.** What other factors contributed to financial challenges your State Agency experienced with administering Child Nutrition Programs during **SY 2020-2021 or summer 2021?**

[Empty box for response]

NO RESPONSE ..... M

V1 OR V3=1

**V5.** Of the challenges your State Agency experienced in implementing or using the COVID-19 Child Nutrition waivers during SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021, which were you unable to overcome?

NO RESPONSE..... M

ALL

**V6.** Is there anything else FNS should know about the waiver implementation process or State and local efforts to operate Child Nutrition Programs during SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021?

NO RESPONSE..... M

ALL

**VERIFICATION SCREEN.**

**You have just completed the Child Nutrition Director COVID-19 Waiver Collection Survey for School Year 2020–2021. Are you ready to submit your responses?**

**If you are ready, select "Yes" and press the "Next" button below and your survey will be submitted. If you need to double check an answer, click the "Survey Sections" link above and select the section you would like to review.**

Yes

**HARD CHECK: IF NO RESPONSE:** You are about to submit your survey. If you wish to submit the survey, please select "Yes" and press "Next" to continue.

ALL

**End. You have answered all the questions. Thank you for completing this survey!**

**Appendix B**  
**School Food Authority Director Survey - Revised**



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# **School Food Authority (SFA) Director Survey**

## **School Year 2021–2022**

*June 9, 2021*

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## Introduction

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has contracted with Mathematica to conduct the School Meals Operations (SMO) Study. Updated information about school-based Child Nutrition (CN) Programs will help FNS effectively oversee these programs and inform both policy decisions and future training and technical assistance.

Because the COVID-19 pandemic changed the way that school-based CN programs operated during school year (SY) 2020–2021, this survey includes questions about how the pandemic affected program operations and finances.

The survey topics include:

- Meal service and operations during SY 2020–2021
- Financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Program operations at the start of SY 2021–2022
- Food service management company (FSMC) contracts

Cooperation by States and districts is required under Section 28 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. At the same time, recognizing the administrative effort associated with participating in research studies, SMO has been designed to limit participant burden to the extent possible. **It should take about an hour to complete the survey.**

To avoid redundant information requests, the survey focuses only on questions that cannot be answered with administrative data you have already reported to your State agency on CN program participation. The study team will receive those data from your State agency. [DELETE IF “CERTAINTY SAMPLE SFA”: Also, although this study may continue for two more years, your SFA is only being asked to participate once during the three-year period. The responses of each SFA in the annually selected nationally representative sample will therefore speak for many SFAs.]

All information collected for this study is for research purposes only and will be kept private to the full extent allowed by law.

We thank you in advance for your time and cooperation in this important study. If you have any questions about the study, please email [STUDY EMAIL] or call Mathematica toll-free at [STUDY PHONE LINE].

## Glossary

PROGRAMMER NOTE: INCLUDE A LINK FOR THE GLOSSARY IN LOWER LEFT CORNER OF EVERY PAGE.

**Bulk food packages:** Food packages that contain items that could be used for multiple meals or portion sizes.

**School food authority (SFA):** The governing body that has the legal authority to operate a lunch or breakfast program in one or more public or private schools.

**Virtual model:** Schools providing no in-person learning to students, only off-site/at-home remote learning.

**Hybrid model:** Schools providing a combination of both in-person and virtual learning to students.

## 1. MEAL SERVICE AND OPERATIONS

This section focuses on the Child Nutrition Programs your school food authority (SFA) used to provide meal service during school year (SY) 2020–2021 and on program operations in SY 2020–2021.

**PRETEST RESPONDENT:** Please list the start time for the survey here: \_\_\_\_\_

ALL ANSWER:

The following are school levels that your SFA might have:

- Elementary schools with students in prekindergarten through grade 5
- Middle or junior high schools with students in grades 6 through 8
- High schools with students in grades 9 through 12
- Other schools that do not meet the elementary, middle, or high school definitions, such as 6–12, K–8, or K–12

### 1.1. Does your SFA have elementary, middle, high, or other schools?

Select all that apply:

- Elementary schools ..... 1
- Middle schools ..... 2
- High schools ..... 3
- Other schools: (Specify grade levels) ..... 4
- 
- NO RESPONSE ..... M



ALL ANSWER:

**1.2. During SY 2020–2021, for which school levels did your SFA use the following Child Nutrition Programs to provide meal service?**

[Show only the school levels selected in 1.1]

Select all that apply at any point during SY 2020-2021:	Elementary	Middle	High	Other	Did not use
a. National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. School Breakfast Program (SBP)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. NSLP Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) At-Risk Afterschool Meals component	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
f. CACFP Outside-School-Hours Care snacks or suppers	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
g. Special Milk Program	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
h. USDA Department of Defense Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (USDA DoD Fresh)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
i. Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

n.a. = not applicable

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER IF SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM IS USED (IF 1.2D = 1, 2, 3, OR 4):

**1.3 During SY 2020–2021, which factors on this list influenced your SFA’s decision to use the Summer Food Service Program to provide meals?**

Select all that apply:

- Program design made it easier to provide meal service ..... 1
- Available waivers made it easier to provide meal service ..... 2
- SFA operated the program in summer 2020 ..... 3
- SFA operated the program before COVID-19 ..... 4
- The program is easier to administer than other Child Nutrition Programs ..... 5
- The meal reimbursement amount..... 6
- No students were attending school in person when SFA decided to use the program ..... 7
- Only some students were attending school in person when SFA decided to use the program ..... 8
- Other factor(s): (Specify) ..... 99
- Don't know ..... d
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER IF NSLP SEAMLESS SUMMER OPTION IS USED (IF 1.2C = 1, 2, 3, OR 4):

**1.4. During SY 2020–2021, which factors influenced your SFA’s decision to use the NSLP’s Seamless Summer Option to provide meals?**

Select all that apply:

- Program design made it easier to provide meal service ..... 1
- Available waivers made it easier to provide meal service ..... 2
- SFA operated the program in summer 2020 ..... 3
- SFA operated the program before COVID-19 ..... 4
- The program is easier to administer than other Child Nutrition Programs ..... 5
- The meal reimbursement amount..... 6
- No students were attending school in person when SFA decided to use the program ..... 7
- Only some students were attending school in person when SFA decided to use the program ..... 8
- Other factor (Specify) ..... 99
- Don't know ..... d
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER IF NSLP OR SBP IS USED (IF 1.2A OR 1.2B = 1, 2, 3, OR 4):

**1.5. During SY 2020–2021, which factors influenced your SFA’s decision to use the NSLP or SBP to provide meals?**

Select all that apply:

- Familiar with the program ..... 1
- Available waivers made it easier to provide meal service ..... 2
- The program is easier to administer than other Child Nutrition Programs ..... 3
- The meal reimbursement amount..... 4
- No students were attending school in person when SFA decided to use the program ..... 5
- Only some students were attending school in person when SFA decided to use the program ..... 6
- One or more schools were approved under Provision 2 or 3, or the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) ..... 7
- Other factor (Specify) ..... 99
- .....
- Don't know ..... d
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER IF NO CN PROGRAMS USED (1.2 = 0 FOR ALL CN PROGRAMS):

**1.6. During SY 2020–2021, what were the reasons why your SFA chose not to provide meal service?**

- .....
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER IF NO CN PROGRAMS USED (1.2 = 0 FOR ALL CN PROGRAMS):

**1.7. During SY 2020–2021, how, if at all, was your SFA financially impacted by not providing meal service?**

- .....
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

**1.8. During SY 2020-2021, was Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) available in your State?**

- Yes..... 1
- No ..... 0 GO TO 1.13
- Don't know .....2 GO TO 1.13
- NO RESPONSE ..... M GO TO 1.13

ANSWER IF 1.8 = 1

**1.9. How did your SFA support the implementation of P-EBT?**

*Select all that apply*

- Did not support..... 1
- Assisted in determining student eligibility..... 2
- Obtained student address information ..... 3
- Mailed P-EBT cards ..... 4
- Conducted outreach ..... 5
- Answered questions from parents/guardians..... 6
- Provided information on SFA website or through brochures, etc..... 7
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER IF 1.8 = 1

**1.10. In your opinion, what are the primary benefits of the P-EBT Program?**

*Select up to 3*

- Ensures access to nutrition assistance during school closures ..... 1
- Benefits provided to all affected low-income children ..... 2
- Benefits can be used to purchase food at any authorized retailer ..... 3
- Families generally do not need to take action to receive P-EBT benefits..... 4
- Families receiving P-EBT benefits may continue to access free meals offered by SFAs or other organizations ..... 5
- Other factor (Specify) ..... 99
- 
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER IF 1.8 = 1

**1.11. In your opinion, what were the major challenges of the P-EBT Program?**

**Select up to 3**

- Identifying all eligible students ..... 1
- Obtaining accurate student address information ..... 2
- Conducting data matching ..... 3
- Coordinating with State agencies..... 4
- Answering questions from families who didn't receive benefits .....5
- Answering questions from families about use of the benefits ..... 6
- Other factor (Specify) ..... 99
- ..... M
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER IF 1.8 = 1

**1.12. Do you have any recommendations on how the P-EBT Program could be improved?**

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

**1.13. During SY 2020–2021, did schools in your SFA have students attending full time in person (no virtual instruction was provided) for all or part of the year?**

Select all that apply:

- Yes, all or some schools had students attending full time, in person all year ..... 1
- Yes, all or some schools had students attending full time, in person for part of the year ..... 2
- No schools had students attending full time, in person for any part of the year .. 0
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

**1.14. In SY 2020–2021, did schools in your SFA have students attending full time virtually for all or part of the year? In a virtual model, no students attended school in person.**

Select all that apply:

- Yes, all or some schools had students attending virtually full time all year ..... 1
- Yes, all or some schools had students attending virtually full time for part of the year  
2
- No schools used the virtual model ..... 0
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

**1.15. In SY 2020–2021, did schools in your SFA use a hybrid model for all or part of the year? In a hybrid model, some students attend school in person, while at the same time, others are attending virtually.**

Select all that apply:

- Yes, all or some schools used the hybrid model all year ..... 1
- Yes, all or some schools used the hybrid model for part of the year ..... 2
- No schools used the hybrid model ..... 0
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

**1.16. During SY 2020–2021, which instructional model was most commonly used by your SFA's schools?**

- Hybrid (some virtual, some in person)..... 1
- Virtual..... 2
- In person..... 3
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

**1.17. During which months of SY 2020–2021 did some or all students attend school in person in your SFA’s schools?**

Select all that apply:

- July 2020 ..... 1
- August 2020..... 2
- September 2020 ..... 3
- October 2020 ..... 4
- November 2020 ..... 5
- December 2020 ..... 6
- January 2021 ..... 7
- February 2021 ..... 8
- March 2021 ..... 9
- April 2021..... 10
- May 2021 ..... 11
- June 2021 ..... 12
  
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

SKIP TO SECTION 3 IF NO CN PROGRAMS USED (1.2 = 0 FOR ALL CN PROGRAMS)

ALL ANSWER:

**1.18. During SY 2020–2021, what methods did your SFA use to provide meals to children?**

[Programmer Note: Include the following hover text definitions for the underlined text:

**Bulk food packages:** Food packages that contain items that could be used for multiple meals or portion sizes. For example, a quart of milk provides four 1-cup servings.]

Select all that apply:

	Used for in-school meal service	Used for meal service outside of school building	Did not use	Don't know
a. Cafeteria service	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Grab-and-go tables or kiosks inside of school buildings	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Meals in the classroom	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Walk-up sites outside of school buildings or in other locations	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Curbside pickup/drive-through services	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
f. Mobile sites at which a bus or van delivered meals at preset times	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
g. Delivery with stops at individual homes	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other home delivery methods	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
i. Distribution of a full week (5 days) of meals at one time	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
j. Distribution of 2–3 days of meals at one time	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
k. Distribution of weekend meals	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
l. Distribution of <u>bulk food packages</u>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
m. Distribution of frozen meals	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
n. Distribution of shelf-stable meals	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
o. Allowing parents/guardians to pick up meals without children present	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
q. Other (Specify) <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 150px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>

NO RESPONSE ..... M



IF ANY ITEM IN 1.18 SELECTED:

**1.19. During SY 2020–2021, of all the methods your SFA used to provide meals to children, through which method(s) did your SFA serve the most meals?**

[Show only methods identified in Q.1.18]

[Programmer Note: Include the following hover text definitions for the underlined text:

**Bulk food packages:** Food packages that contain items that could be used for multiple meals or portion sizes.]

**SELECT UP TO THREE**

- Cafeteria service for in-school students ..... 1
  - Grab-and-go tables or kiosks for in-school students ..... 2
  - Meals in the classroom for in-school students ..... 3
  - Walk-up sites at schools, centers, or other buildings ..... 4
  - Curbside pickup/drive-through services ..... 5
  - Mobile sites at which a bus or van delivered meals at preset times ..... 6
  - Delivery with stops at individual homes ..... 7
  - Other home delivery methods ..... 8
  - Distribution of a full week (5 days) of meals at one time ..... 9
  - Distribution of 2–3 days of meals at one time ..... 10
  - Distribution of weekend meals ..... 11
  - Distribution of bulk food packages ..... 12
  - Distribution of frozen meals ..... 13
  - Distribution of shelf-stable meals ..... 14
  - Allowing parents/guardians to pick up meals without children present ..... 15
  - Other (Specify) ..... 99
- 
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

**1.20. During SY 2020–2021, which of the available nationwide COVID-19 Child Nutrition waivers did your SFA use?**

[Show only waivers associated with CN programs selected in 1.2 (responses =1, 2, 3 or 4)]

- [ALL] My SFA did not use any COVID-19 Child Nutrition Nationwide Waivers in SY 2020-2021 ..... 0
- [1.2 = a through f] #22, 33, 44, 54 or 61: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-congregate Feeding in the Child Nutrition Programs ..... 1
- [1.2 = a through f] #25, 35, 47, 55 or 62: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children ..... 2
- [1.2 = a through f] #26, 36, 38, 45, 53, 63 or 70: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs ..... 3
- [1.2= a through f] #37: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibility for Senior High Schools in the NSLP for SY 2020–2021 ..... 4
- [1.2 = d ] #16, 51 or 67: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibilities in the Summer Food Service Program ..... 5
- [1.2 = a through f] #17, # 23, 34, 50 or 66: Nationwide Waiver of Meal Service Time Restrictions in the Child Nutrition Programs..... 6
- [1.2 = c or d] #56 or 59: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option Operations through School Year 2020–2021 ..... 7
- [1.2 = d] #57 or 69: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Reimbursement for Meals Served Prior to Notification of Approval and Provide Flexibility for Pre-Approval Visits in the Summer Food Service Program ..... 8
- [1.2 = c, d or e ] #32, 46, 52 or 60: Nationwide Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility Waivers..... 9
- [1.2 = c or d] #14, 48 or 64: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites in SFSP and the NSLP Seamless Summer Option ..... 10
- [1.2 = e or f] #58 or 68: Nationwide Waiver of Area Eligibility in the Child and Adult Care Food Program At-Risk Afterschool Care Component ..... 11
- [1.2 = a, b or c] #29: Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements in the School Meals Programs ..... 12
- [1.2 = d] #30 or 42: Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for Sponsoring Organizations in the Summer Food Service Program ..... 13
- [1.2 = d ] #15, 49 or 65: Nationwide Waiver to Waive First Week Site Visits in the Summer Food Service Program ..... 14
- [1.2 = a or b] #72 Nationwide Waiver for Selected Child Nutrition Program Reporting Requirements..... 15
- [ALL] #6 or 82: Nationwide Waiver of Community Eligibility Provision Deadlines in the NSLP and SBP ..... 16
- [ALL] #18: Nationwide Waiver of Local School Wellness Policy Triennial Assessments in the NSLP and SBP ..... 17

- [1.2= a through d] #19 or 71: Nationwide Waiver of Food Service Management Contract Duration in the National School Lunch Program and Summer Food Service Program ..... 18
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER IF SELECTED ANY RESPONSE 1 THROUGH 18 IN 1.20

**1.21. During SY 2020–2021, which of the available nationwide COVID-19 Child Nutrition waivers were the most helpful to your SFA?**

[Show only waivers selected in 1.20]

**SELECT UP TO THREE:**

- [1.2 = a through f] #22, 33, 44, 54 or 61: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-congregate Feeding in the Child Nutrition Programs ..... 1
- [1.2 = a through f] #25, 35, 47, 55 or 62: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children ..... 2
- [1.2 = a through f] #26, 36, 38, 45, 53, 63 or 70: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs ..... 3
- [1.2= a through f] #37: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibility for Senior High Schools in the NSLP for SY 2020–2021 ..... 4
- [1.2 = d ] #16, 51 or 67: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibilities in the Summer Food Service Program ..... 5
- [1.2 = a through f] #17, # 23, 34, 50 or 66: Nationwide Waiver of Meal Service Time Restrictions in the Child Nutrition Programs..... 6
- [1.2 = c or d] #56 or 59: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option Operations through School Year 2020–2021 ..... 7
- [1.2 = d] #57 or 69: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Reimbursement for Meals Served Prior to Notification of Approval and Provide Flexibility for Pre-Approval Visits in the Summer Food Service Program ..... 8
- [1.2 = c, d or e ] #32, 46, 52 or 60: Nationwide Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility Waivers..... 9
- [1.2 = c or d] #14, 48 or 64: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites in SFSP and the NSLP Seamless Summer Option ..... 10
- [1.2 = e or f] #58 or 68: Nationwide Waiver of Area Eligibility in the Child and Adult Care Food Program At-Risk Afterschool Care Component ..... 11
- [1.2 = a, b or c] #29: Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements in the School Meals Programs ..... 12
- [1.2 = d] #30 or 42: Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for Sponsoring Organizations in the Summer Food Service Program ..... 13
- [1.2 = d ] #15, 49 or 65: Nationwide Waiver to Waive First Week Site Visits in the Summer Food Service Program ..... 14

- [1.2 = a or b] #72 Nationwide Waiver for Selected Child Nutrition Program Reporting Requirements..... 15
- [ALL] #6 or 82: Nationwide Waiver of Community Eligibility Provision Deadlines in the NSLP and SBP ..... 16
- [ALL] #18: Nationwide Waiver of Local School Wellness Policy Triennial Assessments in the NSLP and SBP ..... 17
- [1.2= a through d] #19 or 71: Nationwide Waiver of Food Service Management Contract Duration in the National School Lunch Program and Summer Food Service Program ..... 18
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER IF USED DISTRIBUTION OF A FULL WEEK (5 DAYS) OF MEALS AT ONE TIME (1.18I = 1 OR 2):

**1.22. During SY 2020–2021, many SFAs offered bulk food packages containing items that could be used for multiple meals or portion sizes. Which of the following meal components did your SFA offer in bulk?**

Select all that apply:

- Fruits ..... 1
- Vegetables ..... 2
- Meats/meat alternates ..... 3
- Grains ..... 4
- Milk ..... 5
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER IF USED DISTRIBUTION OF A FULL WEEK (5 DAYS) OF MEALS AT ONE TIME (1.18I = 1 OR 2):

**1.23. Did your SFA give families information to make sure they could clearly identify meals delivered as bulk food items? For example, did the bulk items have information on portion sizes?**

Select all that apply:

- No information was provided ..... 0
- Information included in the package ..... 2
- Information available online ..... 3
- Information distributed via email ..... 4
- Other (Specify)..... 99

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER IF USED DISTRIBUTION OF A FULL WEEK (5 DAYS) OF MEALS AT ONE TIME (1.181 = 1 OR 2):

**1.24. Did bulk food packages typically include foods that required the following types of preparation?**

Select all that apply:

- Reheating (such as frozen meals)..... 1
- Cooking or baking (such as uncooked meat or unbaked dough)..... 2
- Cutting (such as whole vegetables, fruits, or meats)..... 3
- Assembling (such as components of a sandwich)..... 4
- Other..... 99

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

**1.25. During SY 2020–2021, what meal counting methods did your SFA use?**

	Used for in-school meal service	Used for meal service outside of school building	Did not use	Don't know
a. Standard point-of-service system	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Mobile technology (for example, laptop, tablet, or cell phone apps)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Paper rosters	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Clickers	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other counting method (specify)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

**1.26. During SY 2020–2021, did your SFA experience challenges meeting any of the following meal pattern requirements (including meal component and nutritional requirements) while providing meals?**

[Show only CN programs from 1.2 if = 1, 2, 3, or 4]

[If j is selected for any column, no other option can be selected]

Select all that apply:	NSLP, including SSO	SBP, including SSO	SFSP	CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals component
a. Milk	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Fruits	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Vegetables	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	n.a.	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Meats/meat alternates	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	n.a.	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Grains	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
f. Whole grain-rich foods	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
g. Calories	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
h. Sodium	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
i. No challenges meeting meal pattern requirements	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
j. Other <input type="text"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>

n.a. = not applicable

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER IF 1.26 = A THROUGH H, OR J = 1, 2, 3, OR 4:

**1.27. During SY 2020–2021, did your SFA use the nationwide waivers to allow meal pattern flexibility for any meal components in the NSLP, SBP, SSO, SFSP, or CACFP At-Risk Afterschool meal patterns?**

Select all that apply:	NSLP, including SSO	SBP, including SSO	SFSP	CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals component
a. Milk	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Fruits	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Vegetables	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	n.a.	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Meats/meat alternates	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	n.a.	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Grains	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
f. Did not use waiver for any meal components	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>

n.a. = not applicable.

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER IF 1.26 = A THROUGH H, OR J = 1, 2, 3, OR 4:

**1.28. During SY 2020–2021, what other actions, if any, did your SFA take to address challenges with the meal pattern requirements?**

Select all that apply:

- Worked with current food vendors and suppliers to get the foods we needed ..... 1
- Worked with new food vendors and suppliers to get the foods we needed..... 2
- Obtained needed items through USDA Foods ..... 3
- Received technical assistance from State agency ..... 4
- No actions taken ..... 5
- Other ..... 99

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

1.29. During SY 2018–2019, SY 2019–2020, or SY 2020–2021, in which schools, if any, did your SFA serve produce from school gardens in meals?

	Elementary	Middle	High	Other	Did not serve produce from school gardens
a. SY 2018–2019	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. SY 2019–2020	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. SY 2020–2021	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

1.30. During SY 2020–2021, did your SFA experience any operational challenges providing meal service, such as challenges related to meal delivery methods, equipment, staffing, storage, food safety, or food availability and packaging?

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 0 GO TO 2.0
- NO RESPONSE ..... M GO TO 2.0



ANSWER IF 1.30 = 1:

**1.31. During SY 2020–2021, what factors contributed to operational challenges your SFA experienced providing meal service?**

Select one response per row:			
	Yes	No	Not applicable
a. Using different Child Nutrition Programs to provide meals	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Identifying meal site locations	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Obtaining approval for new meal sites	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Establishing new or alternative meal service methods or new meal delivery methods	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Obtaining needed meal delivery equipment	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
f. Obtaining needed storage facilities	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
g. Staffing meal sites and using alternative meal delivery methods	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
h. Ensuring staff safety or obtaining personal protective equipment	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
i. Managing meal service during staff absences	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
j. Food shortages or supply chain issues	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
k. Obtaining meal packaging	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
l. Availability or distribution of USDA Foods	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
m. Unclear guidance from FNS or the State	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
n. Untimely guidance from FNS or the State	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
o. Not enough technical assistance from the State	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
p. Other (Specify)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
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NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

1.32. During SY 2020-2021, did you face challenges providing enough meal sites or meal delivery options to reach all potential participants?

- Yes..... 1
- No..... 0
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

1.33. Please describe the types of challenges you faced reaching all potential participants during SY 2020-2021, including the types of locations you were challenged to reach or characteristics of participants in those locations.

NO RESPONSE ..... M

**PRETEST RESPONDENT: Please list the time you finished this section here \_\_\_\_\_**

- Please check this box if you were interrupted for any length of time while completing this section.**

## 2. FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON SFAS

These next questions ask about the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on your SFA during SY 2020–2021.

**PRETEST RESPONDENT: Please list the start time for the section here: \_\_\_\_\_**

SKIP TO SECTION 3 IF NO CN PROGRAMS USED (1.2 = 0 FOR ALL CN PROGRAMS)

**2.1. During SY 2020–2021, did your SFA experience any financial challenges providing meal service?**

- Yes..... 1
- No ..... 0 GO TO 2.3
- NO RESPONSE ..... M GO TO 2.3

ALL ANSWER:

**2.2. During SY 2020–2021, did any of the following factors contribute to the financial challenges your SFA experienced providing meal service?**

	SELECT ONE RESPONSE PER ROW	
	Yes	No
a. Meal packaging costs	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Increased food costs	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Meal transportation or delivery costs	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Purchasing equipment for alternative meal service approaches	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Additional storage for alternative meal service approaches	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
f. Staff overtime or hazard pay	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
g. Staff turnover	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
h. Staff training	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
i. Purchasing personal protective equipment for staff	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
j. Fixed staff-related costs, such as salaries or benefits	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
k. Other fixed costs, such as those related to utilities, maintenance, or vendor contracts	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
l. Decreased federal reimbursement due to decreased participation	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
m. Other (Specify)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER IF ANY "1" RESPONSE TO 2.2:

**2.3 During SY 2020–2021, which of these factors had the greatest impact on your SFA's finances?**

[Show only factors identified in Q2.2]

*Select up to 3 factors that had the greatest impact on finances*

- a. Meal packaging costs  1
- b. Increased food costs  2
- c. Meal transportation or delivery costs  3
- d. Purchasing equipment for alternative meal service approaches  4
- e. Additional storage for alternative meal service approaches  5
- f. Staff overtime or hazard pay  6
- g. Staff turnover  7
- h. Staff training  8
- i. Purchasing personal protective equipment for staff  9
- j. Fixed staff-related costs  10
- k. Other fixed costs  11
- l. Decreased federal reimbursement due to decreased participation  12
- m. Other (Specify)

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

**2.4. What were the most expensive meal service methods for your SFA during SY 2020–2021?**

[Show only methods selected in 1.12]

**SELECT UP TO THREE:**

- Cafeteria service ..... 1
- Grab-and-go tables or kiosks in school buildings ..... 2
- Meals in the classroom ..... 3
- Walk-up sites outside of school buildings or in other locations ..... 4
- Curbside pickup/drive-through service ..... 5
- Mobile sites at which a bus or van delivers meals at preset times ..... 6
- Delivery with stops at individual homes ..... 7
- Other methods for providing home delivery of meals ..... 8
- Distributing a full week (5 days) of meals at one time ..... 9
- Distributing 2–3 days of meals at one time ..... 10
- Distribution of weekend meals ..... 11
- Distribution of bulk food packages ..... 12
- Distribution of frozen meals ..... 13
- Distribution of shelf-stable meals ..... 14
- Allowing parents/guardians to pick up meals without children present ..... 15
- Allowing other adults (not parents/guardians) to pick up meals without ..... 16 children present
- Other (Specify) ..... 99
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

**2.5. Which, if any, additional funding sources or methods did your SFA use to cover costs during SY 2020–2021?**

Select all that apply:

- Used no additional funding sources or methods ..... 0
  - District general fund ..... 1
  - State revenue matching funds in excess of the State revenue matching fund requirement ..... 2
  - Other State or local government funds ..... 3
  - Local contributions or charitable funding from the community (excluding school or district fundraising) ..... 4
  - District or school fundraising ..... 5
  - Revenue from meals or services not funded through the nonprofit school food service account (for example, revenue from adult meals, competitive foods, and/or catering or contracting services that operate from a separate account) ..... 6
  - Remaining funds in school meal accounts of students no longer enrolled ..... 7
  - Used volunteer staff to provide meal service ..... 8
  - Used volunteer and/or paid students to provide meal service ..... 9
  - Used other district or school staff (not employed by the SFA) to provide meal service ..... 10
  - Other (Specify) ..... 99
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

**2.6 Did your SFA receive one or more Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs reimbursement payments?**

- Yes ..... 1
- No, not eligible for payment ..... 0
- No, declined payment ..... 2
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER ONLY IF 2.6 = 2, IF 2.6 = 0 SKIP TO 2.13 , IF 2.6 = 1 SKIP TO 2.9

**2.7 Did your SFA decline one or more Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs reimbursement payment(s)?**

- School Programs ..... 1
- CACFP ..... 2
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER ONLY IF 2.6 = 2, IF 2.6 = 0 SKIP TO 2.13 , IF 2.6 = 1 SKIP TO 2.9

**2.8 If you declined your Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs reimbursement payment(s), for what reason did you do so?**

- Meal service operations suspended with no intent to resume ..... 1
- Sufficient funds already available/no financial stress ..... 2
- Concerns about possible reporting or monitoring tied to receipt of funds ..... 3
- Other (please specify) ..... 99
- 
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER ONLY IF 2.6 = 1 OR 2

**2.9 For which programs did you receive a Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs reimbursement payment?**

- School Programs ..... 1
- CACFP ..... 2
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER ONLY IF 2.6 = 1 OR 2

**2.10 For what types of expenses did you use, or are planning to use the Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs reimbursement payment(s) that you received? (Select all that apply)**

- Food costs ..... 1
- Labor (e.g. salaries/benefits) ..... 2
- Supplies/Equipment ..... 3
- Operations/Administrative ..... 4
- Other (please specify) ..... 5
- 
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER ONLY IF 2.6 = 1 OR 2

**2.11 How effective were the Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs reimbursement payment(s) you received in covering fixed operational costs and/or making up for lost revenues during the public health emergency in spring 2020?**

- Highly Effective ..... 1
- Somewhat Effective ..... 2
- Minimally Effective ..... 3
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER ONLY IF 2.6 = 1 OR 2

**2.12. To what extent did the Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs reimbursement payment(s) you received impact your ability to continue operating one or more of the Child Nutrition Programs?**

- High impact: The payment was an important or determining factor in our ability to continue program operations ..... 1
- Significant impact: Stabilized or substantially improved financial health of our food service operation ..... 2
- Minimal impact: Did not substantially affect our ability to continue program operations ..... 3
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

**2.13. On June 30, 2021 (the end of SY 2020–2021), what was the status of your nonprofit school food service account?**

- Positive fund balance (revenue exceeded spending)..... 1
- Negative fund balance (spending exceeded revenue) ..... 2
- Balanced budget (broke even) ..... 3
- Don't know ..... 4
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

**2.14. On June 30, 2019 (the end of SY 2018–2019), what was the status of your nonprofit school food service account?**

- Positive fund balance (revenue exceeded spending)..... 1
- Negative fund balance (spending exceeded revenue) ..... 2
- Balanced budget (broke even) ..... 3
- Don't know ..... 4
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

**PRETEST RESPONDENT: Please list the time you finished this section here \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please check this box if you were interrupted for any length of time while completing this section.**



### 3. FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY (FSMC) CONTRACTS

Next, we have a few questions about your SFA contracts with FSMCs and any changes you may have made during SY 2019–2020 or SY 2020–2021.

**PRETEST RESPONDENT: Please list the start time for the section here: \_\_\_\_\_**

ALL ANSWER:

**3.0. During SY 2019–2020 or SY 2020–2021, did your SFA have a contract with an FSMC at any point?**

- Yes..... 1
- No ..... 0
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER 3.1 IF 3.0 = 1, IF 3.0 = 0 SKIP TO 4.1

**3.1. During SY 2019–2020 or SY 2020–2021, did your SFA extend, amend, or negotiate a new contract with its FSMC at any point because of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic?**

*If 0 is selected, 1 or 2 cannot be selected*

Select all that apply:

- Yes, extended contract..... 1
- Yes, amended contract..... 2
- Yes, negotiated a new contract using the non-competitive procurement method..... 3
- No ..... 0
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER IF 3.1 = 1:

**3.2. How long was the contract extension for?**

- Through end of SY 2020–2021 ..... 1
- Through end of SY 2021–2022 ..... 2
- Other time period (Specify)

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER IF 3.1 = 1:

3.3. Why did your SFA decide to extend its FSMC contract?

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER IF 3.1 = 2:

3.4. During SY2019-2020, or SY2020-2021, why did your SFA decide to amend its FSMC contract?

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER 3.5 IF 3.1 = 3, OTHERWISE SKIP TO 4.1:

3.5. During SY 2019–2020 or SY 2020–2021, why did your SFA decide to negotiate a new contract using the non-competitive procurement method with its FSMC?

NO RESPONSE ..... M

**PRETEST RESPONDENT: Please list the time you finished this section here \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please check this box if you were interrupted for any length of time while completing this section.**

**4. PROGRAM OPERATIONS FROM OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2021**

Now we have a few questions about your SFA’s program operations from October through December 2021, in SY 2021–2022.

**PRETEST RESPONDENT: Please list the start time for the section here: \_\_\_\_\_**

ALL ANSWER:

**4.1. From October through December 2021, which instructional model was most commonly used by your SFA’s schools?**

- Hybrid (some students virtual, some in person)..... 1
- Virtual..... 2
- In person..... 3
  
- NO RESPONSE..... M

ALL ANSWER:

**4.2. From October through December 2021, did any schools in your SFA participate in the following Child Nutrition Programs?**

	YES	NO
a. National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
b. School Breakfast Program (SBP)	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
c. NSLP Afterschool Snack Service	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
d. NSLP Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
e. Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) At-Risk Afterschool Meals component	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
f. CACFP Outside-School-Hours Care snacks or suppers	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
g. Special Milk Program	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
h. Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
i. USDA Department of Defense Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (USDA DoD Fresh)	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
j. Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
NO RESPONSE .....	M	

ALL ANSWER:

**4.3. From October through December 2021, what methods did your SFA use to provide meals to children?**

[Programmer Note: Include the following hover text definitions for the underlined text:

Bulk food packages: Food packages that contain items that could be used for multiple meals or portion sizes.]

Select all that apply:

- Cafeteria service..... 1
  - Grab-and-go tables or kiosks in school buildings..... 2
  - Meals in the classroom..... 3
  - Walk-up sites outside of school buildings or in other locations..... 4
  - Curbside pickup/drive-through services..... 5
  - Mobile sites at which a bus or van delivered meals at preset times..... 6
  - Delivery with stops at individual homes..... 7
  - Other home delivery methods..... 8
  - Distribution of a full week (5 days) of meals at one time..... 9
  - Distribution of 2–3 days of meals at one time..... 10
  - Distribution of weekend meals..... 11
  - Distribution of bulk food packages..... 12
  - Distribution of frozen meals..... 13
  - Distribution of shelf-stable meals..... 14
  - Allowing parents/guardians to pick up meals without children present..... 15
  - Other (Specify)..... 99
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

**4.4. From October through December 2021, what meal counting methods did your SFA use?**

Select all that apply:

	Used for in-school meal service	Used for meal service outside of school buildings	Did not use	Don't know
a. Standard point-of-service system	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Mobile technology (for example, laptop, tablet, or cell phone apps)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Paper rosters	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Clickers	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other counting method (Specify)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

**4.5. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, did your SFA make any of the following operational changes that were still being used from October through December 2021?**

*If i is selected no other option can be selected*

Select all that apply:

a. Increased number or use of centralized kitchens	1 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Increased number of prepackaged foods	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Fewer hot meal offerings	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Increased number of grab-and-go tables or kiosks in school buildings	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
a. Increased meals in the classroom	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Added partnerships with community-based organizations to support meal production	6 <input type="checkbox"/>
g. Added partnerships with community-based organizations to support meal distribution	7 <input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other (Specify)	8 <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	
i. No operational changes made in response to COVID-19 are still being used in October 2021	0 <input type="radio"/>

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER IF 4.5 = 1 OR 2 FOR ANY OPTION:

**4.6. Why has your SFA continued to use these operational changes?**

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

**4.7. In SY 2021–2022, are any of your SFA’s schools using the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)?**

- Yes, all schools ..... 1
- Yes, some schools ..... 2
- No schools ..... 0
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER IF 4.7 = 1 OR 2:

**4.8. In SY 2021–2022, did the number of your SFA’s schools using CEP increase compared to SY 2020–2021?**

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 0
- NO RESPONSE ..... M

ANSWER IF 4.7 = 1:

**4.9. In SY 2021–2022, why did the number of schools using CEP increase?**

Select all that apply:

- More schools were eligible for CEP ..... 1
- Schools’ identified student percentages (ISP) increased ..... 2
- CEP was easier to implement than the waiver that allows schools to operate SSO and serve free meals to all children ..... 3
- Families expected all students to continue receiving free meals ..... 4
- Additional school(s) added to the SFA ..... 5
- Other (Specify)..... 99

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

**4.10. From October through December 2021, did your SFA experience challenges meeting any of the following meal pattern requirements (including food component and nutritional requirements) while providing meals?**

[Show only CN programs from 4.2 if = 1, 2, 3 or 4]

*If i is selected for any column, no other option can be selected*

Select all that apply:	NSLP, including SSO	SBP, including SSO	CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals component
a. Milk	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Fruits	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Vegetables	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	n.a.	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Meats/meat alternates	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	n.a.	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Grains	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
f. Whole grain-rich foods	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
g. Calories	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
h. Sodium	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
i. No challenges meeting meal pattern requirements	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
j. Other <input type="text"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>

n.a. = not applicable.

NO RESPONSE ..... M

ALL ANSWER:

**4.11. From October through December 2021, did your SFA experience any operational challenges providing meal service, such as challenges related to meal delivery methods, equipment, or food availability and packaging?**

Yes ..... 1

No ..... 0 GO TO 5.1

NO RESPONSE ..... M GO TO 5.1

ANSWER IF 4.11 = 1:

**4.12. From October through December 2021, what factors contributed to operational challenges your SFA experienced providing meal service?**

	Select all that apply:		
	Yes	No	Not applicable
a. Using different Child Nutrition Programs to provide meals	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Identifying meal site locations	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Obtaining approval for new meal sites	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Establishing new or alternative meal service methods or new meal delivery methods	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Obtaining needed meal delivery equipment	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
f. Obtaining needed storage facilities	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
g. Staffing meal sites and using alternative meal delivery methods	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
h. Ensuring staff safety or obtaining personal protective equipment	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
i. Managing meal service during staff absences	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
j. Food shortages or supply chain issues	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
k. Obtaining meal packaging	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
l. Availability or distribution of USDA Foods	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
m. Unclear guidance from FNS or the State	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
n. Untimely guidance from FNS or the State	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
o. Not enough technical assistance from the State	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
p. Other (Specify)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
<input style="width: 150px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>			

NO RESPONSE ..... M GO TO 5.1

ALL ANSWER:

**4.13. From October through December 2021, did your SFA experience any financial challenges providing meal service?**

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 0 GO TO 5.1
- NO RESPONSE ..... M GO TO 5.1



ANSWER IF 4.13 = 1:

**4.14. From October through December 2021, did any of the following factors contribute to the financial challenges your SFA experienced providing meal service?**

SELECT ONE RESPONSE PER ROW	
Yes	No

a. Meal packaging costs	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Increased food costs	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Meal transportation or delivery costs	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Purchasing equipment for alternative meal service approaches	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Additional storage for alternative meal service approaches	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
f. Staff overtime or hazard pay	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
g. Staff turnover	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
h. Staff training	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
i. Purchasing personal protective equipment for staff	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
j. Fixed staff-related costs, such as salaries or benefits	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
k. Other fixed costs, such as those related to utilities, maintenance, or vendor contracts	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
l. Decreased federal reimbursement due to decreased participation	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
m. Other (Specify)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

NO RESPONSE ..... M

**PRETEST RESPONDENT: Please list the time you finished this section here \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please check this box if you were interrupted for any length of time while completing this section.**

## 5. FINAL COMMENTS

For the next two questions, tell us anything else you would like FNS to know about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on your SFA, and your SFA's efforts to provide meal service during SY 2020–2021 and SY 2021–2022.

**PRETEST RESPONDENT: Please list the start time for the section here: \_\_\_\_\_**

ALL ANSWER:

- 5.1. What else, if anything, should FNS know about your SFA's efforts to provide Child Nutrition Program meal service during SY 2020–2021, or in the months since?

ALL ANSWER:

- 5.2. What else, if anything, should FNS know about the financial impacts or other impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on your SFA?

**PRETEST RESPONDENT: Please list the time you finished this section here \_\_\_\_\_**

- Please check this box if you were interrupted for any length of time while completing this section.

**PRETEST RESPONDENT: Please list the time you finished this survey here: \_\_\_\_\_**

- Please check this box if you were interrupted for any length of time while completing the whole survey.

**Thank-you for completing the pretest! Please keep a copy of this pretest so you can reference it during the debriefing phone call.**

**You have finished the survey. Thank you!**

**Appendix C**  
**State Agency Director Debrief Protocols**

<b>RESPONDENT ID:</b>	
<b>INTERVIEWER NAME:</b>	
<b>SA DIRECTOR NAME:</b>	
<b>STATE:</b>	

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me today for the review of the State Agency Child Nutrition Director survey for the School Meals Operations study. Do you have a copy of the survey in front of you?

*If no:* It will help our discussion if you have it in front of you. I can give you a minute to get it. (I can also email you a new copy of the survey now if necessary.)

As we mentioned, this call should take between 30 and 60 minutes. Our goal today is to get your feedback on the survey, particularly if anything is confusing or difficult to answer, and your suggestions for revisions. We will first talk about your reactions to the survey overall, and then we will ask about specific survey questions. We'll use your feedback to improve the survey.

Do you have any questions for me before we begin?

Would you mind if I recorded our conversation to make sure I capture everything accurately?

1. First, I want to confirm that you administer [CN Programs from base year sample file]. Is that still correct?
  - a. For context, when you think about your State as a whole, which programs were typically used to provide meals to children during SY 2020-2021? (E.g. SFSP or SSO, NSLP and SBP, etc.)
2. Before we get into the questions in the survey you reviewed, I'd like to hear your thoughts on the SMO State Agency Child Nutrition Director COVID-19 Waiver Collection survey you completed earlier this spring.
  - a. Thinking back, were there any questions or sections of the survey that were particularly difficult to answer?
  - b. Was there anything about the online format that was challenging? And, if so, do you have any suggestions for changes that would ease survey completion?
3. Turning to the new SMO State Agency Child Nutrition Director survey we sent you to pretest, I wanted to start by asking you what you thought of the questions overall. Take a moment to flip through the pages.
  - a. What did you think of the organization and flow of questions?

- b. Were there any questions or response options that might be confusing for respondents?
      - i. *If yes:* What do you think is confusing? How do you think we should change the question or response options to make it less confusing?
    - c. Were there any questions that did not offer a response option you needed?
      - i. *If yes:* What response options do you think we should add?
4. Looking at the Waiver List page on page 2, is there anything here that may be confusing for respondents?
  - a. Is it helpful to include the multiple response numbers and the extension numbers in the waiver names? Is one more helpful than the other?
5. Looking at questions about use of waivers new to SY 2020-2021, sections A through D ask similar questions to what was asked in the SMO survey you completed this spring. Would any of these questions be difficult to answer?
  - a. Are there any questions you would suggest changing or adding more response options to in these sections?
6. In A2a and similar questions, we ask how many SFAs used the SFSP/SSO adoption during SY 2020-2021 waiver. Do you have any concerns about this question?
7. In A6a, we ask about the proportion of SFAs that implemented specific meal delivery methods, meal options, and meal counting methods. How difficult or easy would it be to answer this question?
  - a. Do you have any suggestions for simplifying this question or making it easier to answer?
8. Now looking at section E (page 25), which asks about changes to use of waivers by local program operators since September 2020, are there any questions that may be difficult to answer in this section?
  - a. Is it difficult to answer questions about how things have changed since September 2020?
  - b. Are there any questions you recommend changing or any response options you suggest adding in this section?
9. Looking at the series of questions beginning at E5 (pages 28-38), which ask about changes in use of the *Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up*

*Meals for Children* and the *Nationwide Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility Waiver* since September 2020, were there any questions that would be difficult to answer in this series?

- a. Were there any questions you recommend changing or adding more response options to in this section?
10. Looking at the series of questions starting with E21 (pages 39-45), which asks about changes in use of the *Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs* since September 2020, were there any questions that would be difficult to answer in this series?
- a. Were there any questions you recommend changing or adding more response options to in this section?
11. Looking at section F (page 46), which asks about changes to use of monitoring waivers since September 2020, are there any questions that may be difficult to answer in this section?
- a. Is it difficult to answer questions about how things have changed since September 2020?
  - b. Are there any questions you recommend changing or any response options you suggest adding in this section?
12. Questions F3, F5, and F7 (starting on page 47) ask about changes to the types of monitoring conducted by local program operators in SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021. Would you be able to answer these when we field the survey this fall? Why or why not?
- a. If no: probe on what information they would be able to provide.
13. Section G (page 47) asks about use of emergency funding. Would any questions in this section be confusing or difficult to answer when we field the survey?
- a. Are there any questions you recommend changing or any response options you suggest adding in this section?
14. Section V asks about challenges your State Agency experienced during SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021. Would any questions in this section be confusing or difficult to answer when we field the survey this coming fall?
15. Lastly, based on your review of this survey and your experience completing the SMO State Agency Child Nutrition Director survey in the spring, how long do you estimate this survey would take to complete? (Clarify time to fill out survey vs. time to gather information)

Those are all the questions I had for you. Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Thanks again for your feedback and all your help with this study.

**Appendix D**  
**School Food Authority Director Debrief Protocol**



<b>RESPONDENT ID:</b>	
<b>INTERVIEWER NAME:</b>	
<b>SFA DIRECTOR NAME:</b>	
<b>SFA NAME:</b>	
<b>STATE:</b>	

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me today for the pre-test of the SFA Director survey for the School Meals Operations study. Do you have a copy of the survey in front of you? I also have a copy of your survey responses too, for reference.

*If no:* It will help our discussion if you have it in front of you. I can give you a minute to get it. (I can also email you a new copy of the survey now if necessary.)

As we mentioned, this call should take between 30 and 60 minutes. Our goal today is to get your feedback on the survey, particularly if anything was confusing or difficult to answer, and your suggestions for revisions. We will first talk about your reactions to the survey overall, and then we will ask about specific survey questions. We'll use your feedback to improve the survey. As a reminder, your responses you entered in the survey are only for the pre-test and will not be analyzed or reported.

Do you have any questions for me before we begin?

Would you mind if I recorded our conversation to make sure I capture everything accurately?

1. I wanted to start by asking you what you thought of the questions overall. Take a moment to flip through the pages.
  - a. What did you think of the organization and flow of questions?
  - b. Were there any specific questions or response options that might be confusing for respondents?
    - i. *If yes:* What do you think is confusing? How do you think we should change the question or response options to make it less confusing?
  - c. Were there any questions that did not offer a response option you needed?
    - i. *If yes:* What response options do you think we should add?
    - ii. Were there any questions you did not know how to answer?
      1. *If any questions left blank:* I see you left questions [numbers] blank. Can you tell me why?

2. About how long did it take you to answer the entire survey, including time spent gathering information?
  - a. *If more than 60 minutes:* did any sections take particularly long to complete?
3. Looking at section **1, Meal Service and Operations in SY 2020-2021**, were there any questions that were difficult to answer in this section?
  - a. [*Ask only if not recorded on survey*] How long did this section take to complete?
  - b. Were there any questions that took a long time to answer?
  - c. Were there any questions or terminology you recommend changing in section 1?
4. In 1.1, what did you think of the instruction about school types and levels? *Probe:* Was it helpful or confusing?
  - a. [*If respondent selected "Other schools"*] Was providing grade levels for Other Schools in the box provided easy or difficult for you to answer?
5. In 1.3 through 1.5 we asked about factors that influenced your SFA's decisions to use SFSP, SSO or NSLP and SBP, what did you think of the list factors provided?
  - a. Did they adequately capture factors that influenced your decisions or are there any other factors or reasons we should include?
  - b. Were there any factors listed that seemed odd or did not make sense?
6. In 1.13 through 1.17, we asked about whether your SFA's schools provided instruction in-person, virtually, or through a hybrid model in SY 2020-21
  - a. [*If respondent selected 1 or 2 for 1.14*] Can you tell more about how you chose your answer? What does "students attending full time virtually for all or part of the year" mean to you in this question?
    - i. If we were to rephrase option 1 in 1.14 to say, "Yes all or some schools had **all** students attending virtually full time all year", what would that option mean to you?
    - ii. Do the phrases, "students attending remotely" and "students attending virtually" mean different things to you? [*If yes*], could you please tell me more about that?

- b. *[If respondent selected 1 or 2 for 1.15]* Can you tell more about how you chose your answer? What does “schools using a hybrid model for all or part of the year” mean to you in this question?
  - c. *[If respondent selected 0 for both 1.14 and 1.15]* Can you tell more about how you chose your answer? Confirm: Did all students in your SFA attend full-time in person for the entire year?
  - d. Can you tell more about how you chose the answer for 1.16?
    - i. Was this question easy or difficult for you to answer?
  - e. Can you tell more about how you chose the answer for 1.17?
    - i. Was this question easy or difficult for you to answer?
7. In questions 1.18 and 1.19 we ask about the methods used to provide meals to children. Did the methods listed accurately capture the methods used by schools in your SFA, or are there others we should include?
- a. Were there any methods listed that seemed odd or did not make sense?
8. Questions 1.22 through 1.24 ask about the bulk food packages.
- a. Were there any questions or terminology you recommend changing in the section on bulk food packages?
9. Question 1.31 asks about factors that contributed to operational challenges.
- a. Did this list adequately capture factors that contributed to operational challenges, or are there any other factors we should include?
  - b. Were there any factors listed in this question that seemed odd or did not make sense?
10. Looking at section **2, Financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on SFAs**, were there any questions that were difficult to answer in this section?
- a. *[Ask only if not recorded on survey]* How long did this section take to complete?
  - b. Did you need to refer to financial records to answer this section?
  - c. Were there any questions that took particularly long to answer?
  - d. Were there any questions or terminology you recommend changing in section 2?

11. Question 2.2 asks about factors that contributed to financial challenges.
  - a. Did this list adequately capture factors that contributed to financial challenges, or are there any other factors we should include?
  - b. Were there any factors listed in this question that seemed odd or did not make sense?
12. Question 2.4 asks about the most expensive meal service methods for your SFA during SY 2020-2021. Was this question easy or difficult for you to answer?
13. Question 2.5 asks about additional funding sources or methods used by your SFA to cover the cost of providing meals in SY 2020-2021.
  - a. Did this list adequately capture additional funding sources or methods used by your SFA, or are there any other funding sources or methods we should include?
  - b. Were there any funding sources or methods listed in this question that seemed odd or did not make sense?
14. Questions 2.6 through 2.11 ask about Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs reimbursement payments, were there any of these questions difficult to answer?
  - a. Can you tell more about how you chose the answer for 2.11?
    - i. Was this question easy or difficult for you to answer?
15. Looking at section **3, Food service management company (FSMC) contracts**, were there any questions that were difficult to answer in this section?
  - a. *[Ask only if not recorded on survey]* How long did this section take to complete?
  - b. Were there any questions that took particularly long to answer?
  - c. Were there any questions or terminology you recommend changing in section 3?
16. Section **4, Program operations**, asks about program operations as of October through December of 2021, since we are planning to conduct this survey in early 2022. Were there any questions that were difficult to answer in this section?
  - a. *[Ask only if not recorded on survey]* How long did this section take to complete?
  - b. Were there any questions that took particularly long to answer?
  - c. Were there any questions or terminology you recommend changing in section 4?

17. Question 4.2 asks about Child Nutrition Programs schools in your SFA participated in during October through December 2021. Was this question easy or difficult for you to answer?
18. What did you think of the response options provided in 4.5?
  - a. Are there any response options we should add here?
  - b. Were there any response options that did not make sense

Those are all the questions I had for you. Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Thanks again for your feedback. It will be very helpful as we make our revisions.