

Appendix D.4
Screenshots of State Agency Child Nutrition Director Survey: Summer
2022



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 14 nationwide COVID-19 Child Nutrition waivers that FNS authorized for use during School Year (SY) 2021-2022 due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and pursuant to the authority in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

These waivers apply to the following Child Nutrition Programs:

- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- School Breakfast Program (SBP)
- Seamless Summer Option (SSO)
- 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.*

Because this is a mandatory information collection, your State Agency must answer all questions regarding each nationwide waiver that was used in SY 2021-2022. **Full participation in the SMO Study will satisfy your State Agency's reporting requirements for the nationwide COVID-19 Child Nutrition waivers used in SY 2021-2022.**

The final section of this survey includes questions about State Agency challenges administering the Child Nutrition Programs during SY 2021-2022. FNS is seeking this information to inform future Child Nutrition Program policy, procedures, and guidance.

The information you provide about yourself and other individuals in your organizations 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 by State so that the public will be able to determine how your agency operates within 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 SMOStudy@mathematica-mpr.com or call Mathematica toll-free at 833-440-9475.

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The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is collecting this information to understand how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected school food authority operations and finances and to satisfy State agencies' congressionally mandated reporting requirements for the 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 State agencies and 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. 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 this information collection is estimated to average 6 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.

Agency.

- Question numbers may not follow sequentially as you proceed through the data collection instrument. The numbers are only displayed to assist you in following along with the hard copy, if desired.
- You may view FNS guidance on each of the waivers here [LINK TO Waivers List PAGE].
- If you need a colleague to complete a section of the survey, you should forward them the email with the link to the survey. They do not need a separate link.
- **Avoid having multiple people logged into the survey at once.** Responses may not be recorded correctly if multiple users are logged into the survey at the same time.
- If you or a colleague are returning to finish your saved survey, the program will return to the “Survey Sections” menu. Use the menu to return to previous questions or start a new section.
- Within each section you may review your unanswered questions using the “Section Review” link at the top of the page.
- This survey has been optimized to run on a desktop computer and is best viewed in the latest versions of Chrome, Firefox, or Internet Explorer.
- Click the “Next” button to progress in the survey. You must click this button to save your responses. **If you cannot complete the survey in one sitting, click the “Next” button before you close your browser.** Your answers will be saved.
- Click the “Back” button to go to the previous question.
- **Use the buttons and links within the survey.** Using your browser’s “Back” function may cause errors.
- Definitions for key terms are provided in the **glossary** located on the “Help” page. As you complete the survey, you may return to this page at any point via the “Help” link in the lower left corner of the window.
- If you have any questions about the study or about completing this survey, please email SMOStudy@mathematica-mpr.com or call Mathematica toll-free at 833-440-9475.

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Glossary



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

Institutions: Any independent center or sponsoring organization of day care homes or 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.

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Waivers

This data collection is focused on the reporting requirements associated with the following nationwide waivers authorized for use in SY 2021-20222:

1. [Nationwide Waiver to Allow the Seamless Summer Option](#) (Response 85)
Allows SFSP and Seamless Summer Option operations through June 30, 2022.
2. [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program Reimbursement Rates](#) (Response 86)
Allows school food authorities to claim NSLP SSO meals and snacks at the SFSP reimbursement rates.
3. [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-Congregate Meal Service](#) (Response 87)
Allows meals to be served in non-group settings to support social distancing.
4. [Nationwide Waiver of Meal Times Requirements](#) (Response 88)
Allows meals to be served to kids outside traditional times to maximize flexibility for meal pick-up.
5. [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children](#) (Response 89)
Allows parents/guardians to pick-up meals and bring them home to their children.
6. [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Specific School Meal Pattern Flexibility](#) (Response 90)
Provides the flexibility to serve meals that do not meet specified meal pattern requirements when needed.
7. [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Specific Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#) (Response 91)
Provides the flexibility to serve meals that do not meet specified meal pattern requirements when needed.
8. [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibility for Senior High Schools](#) (Response 92)
Provides the flexibility to serve meals without using offer versus serve in senior high schools.
9. [Nationwide Waiver of Area Eligibility in the Afterschool Programs and for Family Day Care Home Providers](#) (Response 93)
Allows schools and at-risk afterschool care centers, regardless of their location, to claim all National School Lunch Program Afterschool Snack Service and Child and Adult Care Food Program At-risk Afterschool Program meals and snacks at the free rate.
10. [Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements in the School Meal Programs – Revised – EXTENSION 3](#) (Response 94)
Provides flexibilities for certain monitoring and review requirements for school meals programs.
11. [Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies in the Child and Adult Care Food Program – EXTENSION 3](#) (Response 95)
Provides flexibilities for certain monitoring and review requirements for school meals programs.
12. [Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for Sponsors in the Child and Adult Care Food Program – EXTENSION](#) (Response 96)
Provides flexibilities for certain monitoring and review requirements for sponsors participating in CACFP.
13. [Nationwide Waiver to Provide Flexibility for School Meal Programs Administrative Reviews of School Food Authorities Operating Only the Seamless Summer Option in School Year \(SY\) 2021-2022](#) (Response 97)
Provides flexibilities for State agencies conducting administrative reviews of school food authorities operating only the SSO.
14. [Nationwide Waiver of Local School Wellness Policy Triennial Assessments in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs](#) (Response 98)
Provides a new first triennial assessment deadline of June 30, 2022.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

If you are *not* the State Child Nutrition Director, please fill in your name and contact information:

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

Street Address 1:

Street Address 2:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone Number:

Ext. Number:

Email:

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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. If you are not the State Child Nutrition Director, please also fill in your name and contact information on the next page.

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:

Ext. Number:

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A. [WAIVER]

This section asks about use of the [WAIVER]. Please answer the following questions focusing on use of the waiver during SY 2021-2022.

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For which Child Nutrition Programs did local program operators use the [WAIVER]?

Local program operators include School Food Authorities (SFAs), or Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) institutions.

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

- National School Lunch Program
- School Breakfast Program
- Seamless Summer Option
- Child and Adult Care Food Program

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How many SFAs used the [WAIVER] for NSLP anytime during SY 2021-2022.

Please enter the number of SFAs that used the waiver during this timeframe and then select a corresponding response 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

- Actual number of SFAs, data provided by all SFAs
- Estimated number of SFAs, data not provided by all SFAs
- Don't know- data not collected

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How many SFAs used the [WAIVER] for SBP anytime during SY 2021-2022.

Please enter the number of SFAs that used the waiver during this timeframe and then select a corresponding response 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

- Actual number of SFAs, data provided by all SFAs
- Estimated number of SFAs, data not provided by all SFAs
- Don't know- data not collected

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How many SFAs used the [WAIVER] for SSO anytime during SY 2021-2022.

Please enter the number of SFAs that used the waiver during this timeframe and then select a corresponding response 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

- Actual number of SFAs, data provided by all SFAs
- Estimated number of SFAs, data not provided by all SFAs
- Don't know- data not collected

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How many **institutions** that operate childcare centers used the [WAIVER] for CACFP anytime during SY 2021-2022.

Please enter the number of childcare centers that used the waiver during this timeframe and then select a corresponding response 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 INSTITUTIONS THAT OPERATE CHILDCARE CENTERS

- Actual number of **institutions** that operate childcare centers, data provided by all childcare centers
- Estimated number of **institutions** that operate childcare centers, data not provided by all childcare centers
- Don't know- data not collected

How many institutions that operate family daycare homes used the [WAIVER] for CACFP anytime during SY 2021-2022.

Please enter the number of family daycare homes that used the waiver during this timeframe and then select a corresponding response 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 INSTITUTIONS THAT OPERATE FAMILY DAYCARE HOMES

- Actual number of institutions that operate family daycare homes, data provided by all family daycare homes
- Estimated number of institutions that operate family daycare homes, data not provided by all family daycare homes
- Don't know- data not collected

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For each program, approximately what proportion of local program operators that provided meal service during the federally declared COVID-19 public health emergency used the [WAIVER]?

Select one per row

	Proportion of local program operators					
	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't Know
National School Lunch Program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School Breakfast Program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seamless Summer Option	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child and Adult Care Food Program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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For SFAs that used the [WAIVER], approximately what proportion implemented the following meal delivery methods, meal options, and meal counting methods for NSLP, SBP or SSO?

**Bulk food packages: Food packages that contain more than one Child Nutrition Program meal.*

Select one per row

	Proportion of local program operators					
	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't know
Meal delivery methods						
Walk-up sites at schools, centers, or other buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Curbside pick-up/ drive through service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mobile sites at which a bus or van delivers meals at pre-set times	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Delivery with stops at individual homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other home delivery methods	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meal options						
Full week (5 days) of meals at one time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2-3 days of meals at one time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Weekend meals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bulk food packages*	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Frozen meals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shelf-stable meals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meal counting methods						
Standard point of service system	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mobile technology (for example, laptop, tablet, or cell phone apps)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Paper rosters	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clickers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other meal delivery method, option, or counting method (specify) <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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For institutions that used the [WAIVER], approximately what proportion implemented the following meal delivery methods, meal options, and meal counting methods for CACFP?

*Bulk food packages: Food packages that contain more than one Child Nutrition Program meal.

Select one per row

	Proportion of local program operators					
	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't Know
Meal delivery methods						
Walk-up sites at schools, centers, or other buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Curbside pick-up/ drive through service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mobile sites at which a bus or van delivers meals at pre-set times	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Delivery with stops at individual homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other home delivery methods	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meal options						
Full week (5 days) of meals at one time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2-3 days of meals at one time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Weekend meals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Frozen meals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shelf-stable meals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Supper and a snack through CACFP at-risk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meal counting methods						
Standard point of service system	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mobile technology (for example, laptop, tablet, or cell phone apps)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Paper rosters	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clickers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other meal delivery method, option, or counting method (specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="text"/>						

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For SFAs that used the *Nationwide Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup Waiver* for NSLP, SBP, or SSO, approximately what proportion used the following methods to ensure that meals were distributed only to parents or guardians of eligible children?

Select one per row

	Proportion of local program operators					
	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't Know
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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Requested the number of children for which the parent/guardian was picking up meals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provided parents/guardians with rear view mirror hangers, placards, or QR codes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Posted signage to indicate who is eligible to pick up and receive meals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other method to ensure meals distributed only to parent/guardians of eligible children (specify) <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Did not use any methods to ensure meals were distributed only to parents/guardians of eligible children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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For institutions that used the *Nationwide Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup Waiver* for CACFP approximately what proportion used the following methods to ensure that meals were distributed only to parents or guardians of eligible children?

Select one per row

	Proportion of local program operators					
	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't Know
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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Provided parents/guardians with rear view mirror hangers, placards, or QR codes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Posted signage to indicate who is eligible to pick up and receive meals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other method to ensure meals distributed only to parent/guardians of eligible children (specify) <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Did not use any methods to ensure meals were distributed only to parents/guardians of eligible children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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For SFAs that used the *Nationwide Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup Waiver* for NSLP, SBP, or SSO, approximately what proportion used the following methods to ensure that duplicate meals were not distributed to any child?

Select one per row

	Proportion of local program operators					
	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't Know
Told parents/guardians picking up meals that children are not eligible to receive duplicate meals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Asked parents/guardians to self-attest that they were not picking up duplicate meals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Requested children's names or other identifying information when meals were picked up	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other method to ensure duplicate meals were not distributed (specify) <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Did not use any methods to ensure that duplicate meals were not distributed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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For institutions that used the *Nationwide Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup Waiver* for CACFP, approximately what proportion used the following methods to ensure that duplicate meals were not distributed to any child?

Select one per row

	Proportion of local program operators					
	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't Know
Told parents/guardians picking up meals that children are not eligible to receive duplicate meals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Asked parents/guardians to self-attest that they were not picking up duplicate meals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Requested children's names or other identifying information when meals were picked up	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other method to ensure duplicate meals were not distributed (specify) <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Did not use any methods to ensure that duplicate meals were not distributed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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For SFAs that used the *Area Eligibility Waiver* for NSLP approximately what proportion used the following methods to target children who were previously or newly eligible for benefits using the following approaches?

Select one per row

	Proportion of local program operators					
	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't Know
No methods used - all sites approved as area eligible	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Analyzed unemployment data	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Analyzed prior year school meals eligibility data	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Identified site(s) that were area eligible in prior years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Targeted near-eligible sites, such as sites where 40% of children were eligible for free or reduced-price meals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other approach to select meal sites (specify) <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Did not use any methods to target new meal sites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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For sponsors that used the Area Eligibility Waiver for CACFP approximately what proportion targeted new meal sites to serve children who were previously or newly eligible for benefits using the following approaches?

Select one per row

	Proportion of local program operators				
	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All
No methods used- all sites approved as area eligible	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Analyzed unemployment data	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Analyzed prior year school meals eligibility data	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Identified site(s) that were area eligible in prior years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Targeted near-eligible sites, such as sites where 40% of children were eligible for free or reduced-price meals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other approach to select meal sites (specify) <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Did not use any methods to target new meal sites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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For each program, did use of the [WAIVER] improve services to children in the following ways?

Select all that apply

	NSLP	SBP	SSO	CACFP	Don't Know	Know
Site Options						
Greater geographic distribution of sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased number of sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased alternative meal delivery methods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meal Options						
Allowed pick up of multiple meals at one time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allowed distribution of bulk food packages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allowed service of available foods when supply issues occurred	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other						
Improved safety for children by not requiring congregate feeding or meal pick-up	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduced barriers to receiving meals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased participation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other way services to children improved in NSLP (specify)

Other way services to children improved in SBP (specify)

Other way services to children improved in SSO (specify)

Other way services to children improved in CACFP (specify)

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States that implemented the *Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver* are required to report when and where the waiver was in effect and for what food components. Please submit a file with this information.

- Continue to instructions for file submission 1 Submit file(s) via email or the file transfer site
- Unable to submit file

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What extent of information on *Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver* use by local program operators is included in the file?

Select one per row

	Proportion of local program operators			
	None	Some	All	Don't Know
When used	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Where used	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Food components used for	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Why are you not able to provide a file with this information?

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

Did not collect this information

Other (Specify)

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For each program, please indicate which food component requirements local program operators waived with the *Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver*.

Select all that apply

	Grains	Fruits	Vegetables	Meat/meat alternates	Milk	Don't Know
National School Lunch Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School Breakfast Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seamless Summer Option	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child and Adult Care Food Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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For each program, please indicate which vegetable subgroup requirements local program operators waived with the *Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver*.

Select all that apply

	Dark Green	Red/Orange	Starchy	Legumes	Other	Don't Know
National School Lunch Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seamless Summer Option	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Approximately what proportion of local program operators waived requirements for two or more food components in each program with the *Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver*?

Select one per row

	Proportion of local program operators					
	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't Know
National School Lunch Program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School Breakfast Program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seamless Summer Option	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child and Adult Care Food Program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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B. [WAIVER]

This section asks about use of the [WAIVER]. Please answer the following questions focusing on use of the waiver during SY 2021-2022.

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For which Child Nutrition Programs did local program operators use the [WAIVER]?

Local program operators include School Food Authorities (**SFAs**)

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

- National School Lunch Program
- School Breakfast Program

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How many SFAs used the [WAIVER] for NSLP?

Please enter the number of SFAs that used the waiver during this timeframe and then select a corresponding response 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

- Actual number of SFAs, data provided by all SFAs
- Estimated number of SFAs, data not provided by all SFAs
- Don't know- data not collected

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How many SFAs used the [WAIVER] for SBP?

Please enter the number of SFAs that used the waiver during this timeframe and then select a corresponding response 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

- Actual number of SFAs, data provided by all SFAs
- Estimated number of SFAs, data not provided by all SFAs
- Don't know- data not collected

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How many SFAs used the [WAIVER] for SSO?

Please enter the number of SFAs that used the waiver during this timeframe and then select a corresponding response 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

- Actual number of SFAs, data provided by all SFAs
- Estimated number of SFAs, data not provided by all SFAs
- Don't know- data not collected

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How many **institutions** that operate CACFP in childcare centers used the [WAIVER]?

Please enter the number of institutions that operate CACFP in childcare centers that used the waiver during this timeframe and then select a corresponding response 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 INSTITUTIONS THAT OPERATE CHILDCARE CENTERS

- Actual number of **institutions** that operate childcare centers, data provided by all childcare centers
- Estimated number of **institutions** that operate childcare centers, data not provided by all childcare centers
- Don't know- data not collected

How many that operate CACFP in family daycare homes used the [WAIVER]?

Please enter the number of institutions that operate CACFP in family daycare homes that used the waiver during this timeframe and then select a corresponding response 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 INSTITUTIONS THAT OPERATE FAMILY DAYCARE HOMES

- Actual number of institutions that operate family daycare homes, data provided by all family daycare homes
- Estimated number of institutions that operate family daycare homes, data not provided by all family daycare homes
- Don't know- data not collected

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For each program, approximately what proportion of local program operators used the [WAIVER]?

Select one per row

	Proportion of local program operators					
	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't Know
National School Lunch Program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School Breakfast Program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seamless Summer Option	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child and Adult Care Food Program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Following implementation of the [WAIVER], approximately what proportion of SFAs, sponsors, or institutions conducted the following types of monitoring?

Select one per row

	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't Know
Desk audit- paperwork review	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Desk audit- interviews with site operators	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Virtual observations conducted through live stream video	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Virtual observations through review of site photos	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
On-site while assisting with or observing meal service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other type of monitoring (specify) <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No monitoring conducted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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For each program, did use of the [WAIVER] improve services to children in the following ways?

Select all that apply

	NSLP	SBP	SSO	CACFP	Don't Know
Increased administrative resources for identifying meal sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased administrative resources for addressing food supply issues and other challenges in preparing meals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased administrative resources for providing meals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased ability to focus administrative resources on other priority areas to improve services to children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased ability of local program operators to begin operations more quickly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other way services to children improved in NSLP (specify)

Other way services to children improved in SBP (specify)

Other way services to children improved in SSO (specify)

Other way services to children improved in CACFP (specify)

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C. [WAIVER]

This section asks about use of the [WAIVER]. Please answer the following questions focusing on use of the waiver during SY 2021-2022.

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Following your State agency's implementation of the [WAIVER], in what ways, if any, did your State agency conduct monitoring?

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

- Desk audit- paperwork review
- Desk audit- interviews with SFAs, sponsors, or institutions
- Virtual observations through review of site photos
- Virtual observations conducted through live stream video
- On-site socially distanced observations
- Other (Specify)

- No monitoring conducted

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During SY 2021-2022, for approximately what percentage of all SFAs in your State did your agency conduct administrative reviews using the *Administrative Reviews of School Food Authorities Operating Only the Seamless Summer Option Waiver*?

- Less than 10 percent
- 10-20 percent
- 21-30 percent
- 31-40 percent
- 41-50 percent
- More than 50 percent
- Don't know

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Did use of the [WAIVER] improve services to children in the following ways?

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Increased State Agency administrative resources for approving meal sites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased State and local administrative resources for identifying meal sites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased State Agency ability to focus administrative resources on other priority areas to improve services to children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased State Agency ability to provide technical assistance to local program operators	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased local program operators' administrative resources for providing meals to children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased local program operators' ability to focus administrative resources on other priority areas to improve services to children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other way services to children improved (specify): <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Now we have a few questions about operational and financial challenges that your State Agency experienced administering Child Nutrition Programs during SY 2021-2022.



Did your State agency experience any financial challenges with administering Child Nutrition Programs during SY 2021-2022?

- Yes
- No



What factors contributed to financial challenges your State agency experienced with administering each program during SY 2021-2022?

Select all that apply

	NSLP	SBP	SSO	SFSP	CAEFP	Don't Know
Added new staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased staff hours	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Staff overtime	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
IT system changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>



What other factors contributed to financial challenges your State agency experienced with administering each program during SY 2021-2022?

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Did your State agency experience any operational challenges with administering Child Nutrition Programs during SY 2021-2022? 2021-2022?

- Yes
- No

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What factors contributed to operational challenges your State agency experienced administering each program during the federally declared COVID-19 public health emergency, from March through September 2020?

Select all that apply

	NSLP	SBP	SSO	SFSP	CACFP	Don't Know
Resources needed to review and approve waiver requests from providers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Resources needed to approve meal sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Resources needed to assist providers with identification of meal sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Resources needed to provide technical assistance to local program operators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Limitations on ability to hire new staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Unexpected staff training needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Redesigning monitoring approaches (for example, from onsite to virtual)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Implementing IT system changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Office closures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Unclear guidance from FNS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Untimely guidance from FNS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Insufficient technical assistance from FNS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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What other factors contributed to operational challenges your State agency experienced administering each program during the federally declared COVID-19 public health emergency, from March through September 2020?

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Did your State agency experience any challenges with implementing or using the COVID-19 Child Nutrition waivers during SY 2021-2022?

- Yes
- No

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What factors assisted your State agency's efforts to overcome challenges with implementing or using the COVID-19 Child Nutrition waivers?

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

- Timely technical assistance from FNS Regional Office
- Comprehensive technical assistance from FNS Regional Office
- Timely guidance and clarification from FNS National Office
- Comprehensive guidance and clarification from FNS National Office
- Collaboration with local program operators
- Collaboration with suppliers or food vendors
- Other (Specify)

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Of the challenges your State agency experienced in implementing or using the COVID-19 Child Nutrition waivers, which were you unable to overcome?

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Is there anything else FNS should know about use or impacts of the nationwide COVID-19 Child Nutrition waivers during SY 2021-2022?

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Is there anything else FNS should know about State and local efforts to provide Child Nutrition Program meals during SY 2021-2022?

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

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