

OPI School Nutrition Programs COVID-19 Waiver Update

MT OPI has been approved for the following waivers. MT OPI will be requesting information from sponsors on waiver implementation to report to the USDA.

NEW [Nationwide Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup Waiver](#)

FNS is allowing States approved for non-congregate feeding to waive the rule preventing parents and guardians from picking up meals for their children, as long as they protect accountability and integrity.

NEW [Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver](#)

FNS has provided nationwide approval for States to locally waive specific meal pattern requirements as needed to support access to nutritious meals when certain foods are not available due to the novel coronavirus.

NEW [Nationwide Community Eligibility Provision \(CEP\) Data Waiver](#)

FNS is extending the deadlines for reporting SY 2019-20 student counts to establish SY 2020-21's identified student percentage for CEP, as well as for the required LEA and State notifications and CEP election.

[CN COVID-19 Afterschool Activity Waiver](#)

This waiver allows afterschool meals and snacks to be served without the required educational or enrichment program.

[CN COVID-19 Non-congregate Feeding Nationwide Waiver](#)

This waiver allows schools to serve meals through the **National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program** in a non-congregate setting. The Montana OPI previously requested and received a waiver to allow for Summer Food Service Program meals to be served in a congregate setting.

[CN COVID-19 Meal Times Nationwide Waiver](#)

This waiver of meal service time requirements supports streamlined access to nutritious meals in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Summer Food Service Program.

[Montana Congregate Meal Waiver](#)

FNS approved Montana's waiver enabling **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)** sponsors to serve meals in a non-congregate setting and at school sites during school closures related to the coronavirus.