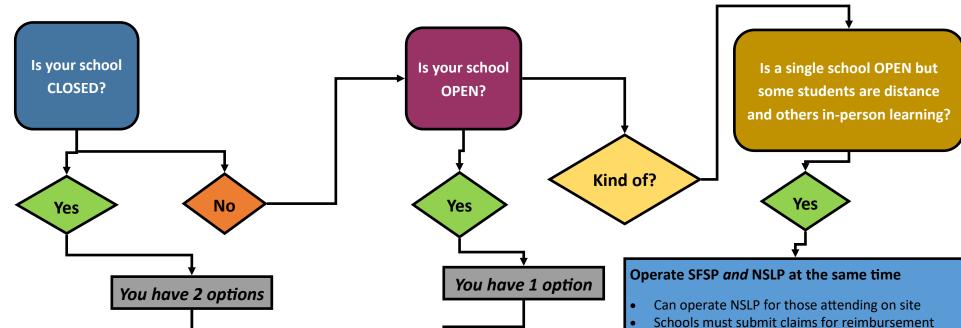
## Which Meal Program Should You Operate?

Schools participating in OPI School Nutrition Programs have options for feeding students during unanticipated school closures and when re-opening. Schools are not required to provide meal service during school closures. Programs should <u>contact your regional</u> <u>specialist</u> directly for school nutrition questions and concerns. It is the decision of the local district to determine if schools are open or closed according to state statute. \*\*The SFSP is only an option during the school year under unanticipated school closures.\*\*



## **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)**

- Schools must sign up with OPI to run SFSP
- All kids 18 and under can eat free of charge
- Meals must be unitized (no Offer vs. Serve)
- Children do not need to be present for meal distribution. Complete waiver to participate.
- If not eligible through free/reduced or area eligibility, OPI received an area eligibility waiver for sponsors to operate Open sites in areas approved by MT OPI based on economic hardship. Complete the waiver request.

## National School Lunch & Breakfast Programs (NSLP & SBP)

- If providing distance education services, schools in communities not approved for an Area Eligibility Waiver, or schools choosing not to operate the SFSP during school closures can operate the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs
- Grab-and-Go Breakfasts & lunches are allowed
- Schools must submit claims for reimbursement based on the eligibility status of individual students. All NSLP and SBP requirements apply.

- Schools must submit claims for reimbursement based on eligibility status of individual students.
- All NSLP/SBP regulations apply
- Can at the same time continue operating SFSP for those students attending via distance learning.
- Can offer meals in non-congregate meal delivery
- Continue to claim meals served to any child 18 and under as free
- All SFSP regulations apply
- Sponsors who choose to operate both programs at the same site need to follow appropriate meal patterns, keep separate production records, and claims documentation for each program.
- If choosing to not operate NSLP for the remainder of the school year, update months of operation in MAPS SNP Site Applications (lines A1 and B1).