

## 2022-23 School Year COVID-19 Waiver Flexibility Request

FNS has provided nationwide approval for states to allow the flexibility of the items listed below to help support access to nutritious meals during the school year. FNS recognizes that in this public health emergency, waiving requirements is vital to ensure appropriate safety measures for the purpose of providing meals and meal supplements during upcoming school year. The following flexibilities are valid through **June 30, 2023**.

Please complete this form and email to Sandy Dawes at [Sandy.Dawes@tn.gov](mailto:Sandy.Dawes@tn.gov) and copy your regional consultant. The state director will sign electronically and return to the School Nutrition supervisor via email to retain for his/her records.

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_, I, \_\_\_\_\_, am requesting the following flexibilities to be waived for the following date range \_\_\_\_\_ during the 2022-23 school year due to the disruption of meal service due to COVID-19.

### Flexibilities requested:

#### National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP):

The following waivers are intended to provide needed flexibility to support school food authorities (SFAs). FNS expects that flexibilities under the waivers in this section will only be implemented by program operators when congregate meal service is limited by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Waiver 3: Non-Congregate Meal Service [42 U.S.C. 1753(b)(1)(A) and 42 U.S.C. 1773(b)(1)(A)] (*July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023*)
- Waiver 4: Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup [7 CFR 210.10(a), 220.2 (Breakfast), and 220.8(a)] (*July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023*)
- Waiver 5: Meal Service Times [7 CFR 210.10(l) and 220.8(l)] (*July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023*)
- Waiver 6: Offer Versus Serve [42 U.S.C. 1758(a)(3) and 7 CFR 210.10(e)] (*July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023*)

#### Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP):

The following waivers are intended to provide needed flexibility to support schools in continuing to participate in the FFVP. FNS expects that flexibilities under the waivers in this section will only be implemented by program operators when the FFVP elementary school is closed for in-person instruction and congregate meal service is limited by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Waiver 14: Parent/Guardian FFVP Pickup [42 U.S.C. 1769a] (*July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023*)
- Waiver 15: Alternate Site [42 U.S.C. 1769a(a)] (*July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023*)

***Justification of how flexibilities improve services to program participants:***

***Signature of SFA Representative:*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***District:*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Date:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Electronic Signature of State Director- Indication of Approval:***