Community of Practice Call

COVID-19 Emergency Food Service
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recap of last call

- SDCOE pandemic plan
- CSPI guest speaker
- pandemic ebt
- waiver updates
- dealing with uncertainty
- emergency meal service toolkit 2.0

Pandemic EBT
Get help buying food while schools are closed

Because schools are closed due to COVID-19, children who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals can get up to $365 in food benefits in addition to their pick up meals from school. These food benefits are called Pandemic EBT or P-EBT.

P-EBT benefits coming soon in May 2020

How will families get their P-EBT benefits?
Most families with children who applied for CalFresh or Medi-Cal benefits do not need to apply. They will get their P-EBT card in the mail during the month of May. P-EBT cards will begin arriving around May 7, 2020 through May 22, 2020.

Families with children who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals and who do not get their P-EBT card in the mail by May 22, 2020 must apply online before June 30, 2020.

*Students can still pick up-to-go meals if they have P-EBT benefits.

Where can families apply?
Families should look out for a message from their school district or local community based organization about how to apply in mid to late May.

Use It like a debit card.
Families will get up to $365 per eligible child on their P-EBT card to use on food and groceries. If you already have this card, you do not need to apply online.

P-EBT is a program by CDSS and CDE, funded by the USDA, an equal opportunity provider and employer.
agenda

- district spotlights
- planning ahead
- ca library association
- resource updates
- leadership corner
- discussion

usda professional standards

3110, 3240, 3260, 3220, 3420, 4150
school food innovators
reopening schools
Resilience Roadmap Stages

**STAGE 1: Safety and Preparedness**
Making essential workforce environment as safe as possible.

**STAGE 2: Lower Risk Workplaces**
Creating opportunities for lower risk sectors to adapt and re-open.
Modified school programs and childcare re-open.

**STAGE 3: Higher Risk Workplaces**
Creating opportunities for higher risk sectors to adapt and re-open.

**STAGE 4: End of Stay-At-Home Order**
Return to expanded workforce in highest risk workplaces.
Requires Therapeutics.
reopening schools

**national**

- centers for disease control (CDC) guidance on schools and businesses not formally adopted
- **expect:** state taskforce recommendations and decisions

**california**

- varied local decision-making, august-september goal dates
- **expect:** LEAs will work with county health officials on reopening
nutrition services - CASBO

considerations

- expect a blended learning environment
- not all parents will be comfortable sending kids back to school
- new models may require more staff
- continued need for supply chain flexibilities

reminders

- use may/june to capture family eligibility
- let your legislators know about your needs
planning ahead
USDA waiver updates

new waiver **highlights:**
- #18 - LSWG triennial assessment
- #21 - continue status quo thru 6/30

still **missing** for july-sept:
- non-congregate
- parent meal pick up
- meal pattern
- area eligibility

[click to view updated waiver packet](#)
local control accountability plan (LCAP)

- **California** LEAs must still submit LCAP by **July 1**
  - A description of how the LEA is meeting the needs of unduplicated pupils... during the period of school closures and the steps taken by the LEA, consistent with... the executive order... to support the following during the period of **school closures**:
    - continue delivering high-quality distance learning opportunities;
    - provide **school meals** in non-congregate settings; and
    - arrange for supervision of students during ordinary school hours.

[click here for more information on the LCAP](#)
bulk & local foods

- increasing quality & decreasing prep time
- waste reduction
- peak season -- fresh & nutritious!
- support local farms
- produce boxes and bulk purchasing
  - FFVP servings for the week
  - breakfast/lunch/supper servings for the week
- need support?
  - Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF)
  - Yousef Buzayan
  - yousef@caff.org
communication

- **direct:**
  - all-call, text and email messages
  - banners, posters, marquees in front of feeding locations
  - printable flyers, coloring sheets, puzzles, notes, etc. with meals

- **media:**
  - social media posts 2-3 times per week
  - local english & spanish language media (newspaper, TV, radio)

- **partnerships:**
  - farms
  - WIC & health and human services
  - libraries
  - food banks
lunch at the library

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lunchatthelibrary.org
resource updates
Emergency Food Service Training

**Hand Washing**
1. Wet hands
2. Use soap
3. Rub hands vigorously for at least 20 seconds (sing "happy birthday" twice)
4. Rinse hands
5. Dry with a single-use towel

**Drive-Thru Meal Service**
How to Stay 6 Feet Apart While Serving Meals
- Practice no contact hand-offs. When you give food to families, don't touch or reach into vehicles, or make physical contact with others. Sanitize hands and surfaces regularly.

**Self Assessment**
- How am I feeling today?
- Do I have any symptoms?
- Am I wearing clean apparel?
- Have I come into contact with anyone who is ill?

**Agenda**
- Coronavirus
- Safety precautions
- Social distancing
- Meal preparation
- Meal service models

**USDA Professional Standards:**
2620, 3410, 3420, 3450, 3510
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Inspiration, Support, and Guidance

We believe school nutrition programs should be able to put all of their attention on feeding our children well. With so many rules and regulations, that task has never been more difficult.

The LunchAssist Community is here to help you succeed.
COVID-19
SCHOOL MEALS Q&A #2

Can I pick up COVID-19 school meals at other sites if my child does not attend those schools?

Yes! You can visit any location distributing school meals. Visit up to one location a day.

Children 18 & under eat free.
No paperwork required.
See website for times & locations

COVID-19
SCHOOL MEALS Q&A #4

Will I be taking COVID-19 school meals away from others who have greater need?

No, the school meal program is funded to serve ALL families!

Children 18 & under eat free.
No paperwork required.
See website for times & location
Everyone must wear a face covering...
Covering your face is now mandatory and helps prevent the spread of COVID-19.

...and stay 6 feet apart
Businesses are required to refuse service to anyone who does not comply.

Stay 6 feet apart

Masks, bandanas, scarves, and cloth can be used.

Manténgase a un mínimo de seis (6) pies de los demás
Magbigay ng 6 na talampakang distansiya mula sa isa’t isa
face coverings

We kindly ask that all families picking up meals consider covering their face with a cloth face covering or face mask.

Let’s help keep everyone as safe as possible during these challenging times.

Looking for tips on how to make a mask at home? Visit cdc.gov for ideas!
Communication and Outreach During COVID-19

Thursday, May 7, 2020
3:00 PM EDT

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Thursday, May 7, 3:00 p.m. Eastern (2:00 p.m. Central, 1:00 p.m. Mountain, 12:00 p.m. Pacific)

As schools remain closed due to COVID-19 — and with many states announcing that they will stay closed for the rest of the school year — it is important that schools, sponsors, and advocates maintain communication with families about the availability of meals through the child nutrition programs. This webinar will highlight strategies and best practices for getting the word out as things continue to evolve.
CDE webinar & checklist

- waivers
- state guidance
- funding
- p-EBT
- meal service transition
- resources
- FAQ

Monday, May 11 at 2 p.m. Pacific

https://zoom.us/j/98370780601
password: 181676
leadership:
managing yourself
on the verge of burnout?

...take a “vacation” this weekend
discussion
thank you!