

Community of Practice Call

# COVID-19 Emergency Food Service

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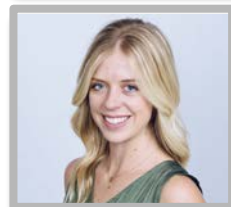
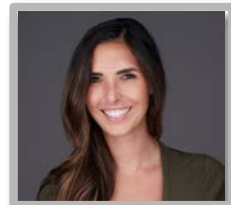
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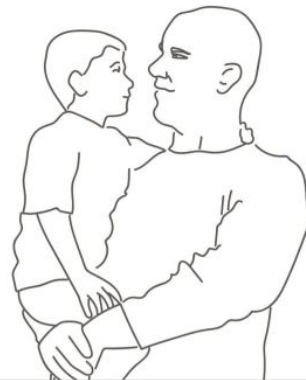
## recap of last call

- 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.

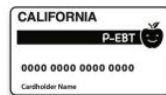
\*Students can still pick up to-go meals if they have P-EBT benefits.

### 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.



## 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**





WCCUSD Food Services Department











# reopening schools



# Resilience Roadmap Stages

## **STAGE 1: Safety and Preparedness**

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Making essential workforce environment as safe as possible.

## **STAGE 2: Lower Risk Workplaces**

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Creating opportunities for lower risk sectors to adapt and re-open.

Modified school programs and childcare re-open.

## **STAGE 3: Higher Risk Workplaces**

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Creating opportunities for higher risk sectors to adapt and re-open.

## **STAGE 4: End of Stay-At-Home Order**

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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** - LSWP 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](#)

COVID-19 WAIVERS & FLEXIBILITIES

## USDA Waivers #15-18

RELEASED APRIL 2020



**Waiver #15: SFSP Site Visits**

The requirement of SFSP sponsors to visit each site at least once during the first week of program operation has been waived.

**TO DO:**  
If you operate an SFSP program, check if your state has elected to use this waiver.



**Waiver #16: OVS Flexibilities in the SFSP**

Offer Versus Serve flexibility is granted to SFSP programs, even in non-congregate settings. **Note:** This does not apply to SSO or CACFP.

**TO DO:**  
If you operate an SFSP program, check if your state has elected to use this waiver. See waiver for the OVS rules unique to SFSP.



**Waiver #17: Meal Times - EXTENSION**

Existing Meal Service Time Flexibility Waiver #1 expiration date is extended to September 30, 2020 in all programs **except** CACFP.

**TO DO:**  
Check if your state has elected to use this waiver.



**Waiver #18: LSWP Triennial Assessments**

The deadline to complete the first LSWP Triennial Assessment has been extended to June 30, 2021.

**TO DO:**  
If your state has elected to use this waiver, and you wish to accept the new deadline, inform your State agency by June 30, 2020.



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Go to [www.lunchassist.org/covid-19](http://www.lunchassist.org/covid-19) for more

# 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](#)







food4thought\_llc  
Heritage Elementary

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Liked by harvestly\_co and 22 others

**food4thought\_llc** Here is a look at the FFVP BAGS at Heritage Elementary this morning ready for the students of @lodiUSD once they come get the "grab & go meals" they will get an FFVP bag too #healthyfoods4betterlearning #farmtoschool #californiagrown

1 DAY AGO

Add a comment...

Post

# 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](mailto:yousef@caff.org)



# communication

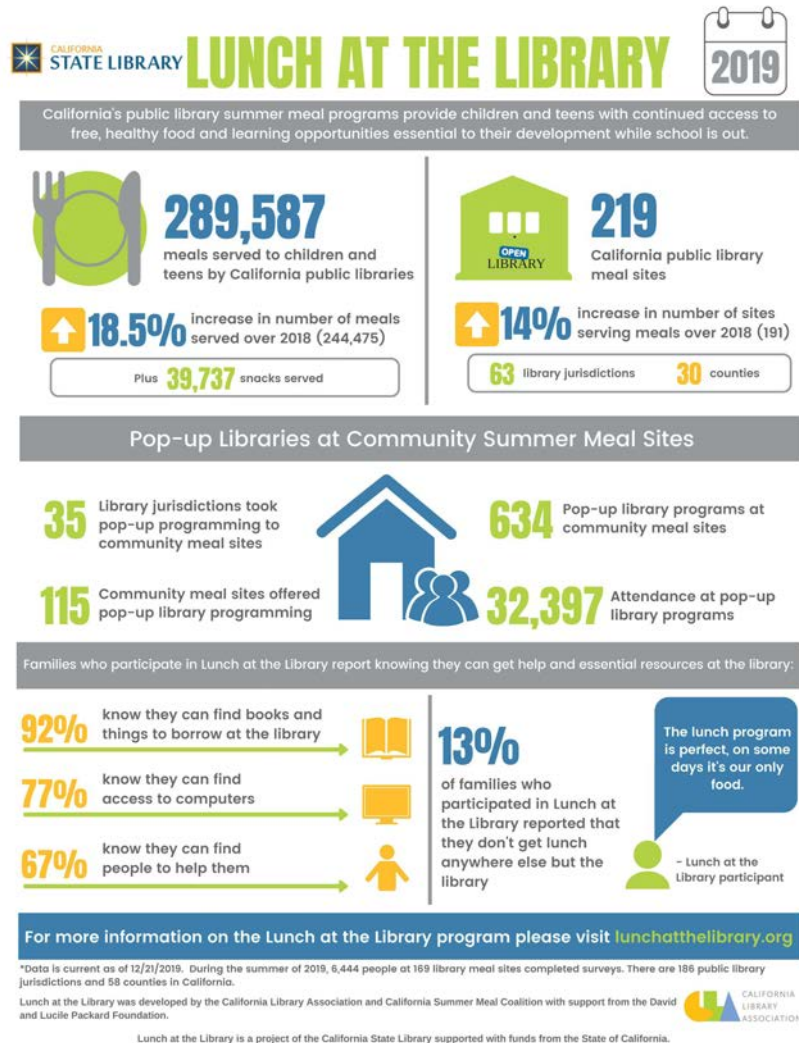
- **direct:**
  - all-call, text and email messages
  - banners, posters, marquees in front of feeding locations
  - printable flyers, coloring sheets, puzzles, notes, etc. with meals
- **media:**
  - social media posts 2-3 times per week
  - local english & spanish language media (newspaper, TV, radio)
- **partnerships:**
  - farms
  - WIC & health and human services
  - libraries
  - food banks

# lunch at the library

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[lunchatthelibrary.org](http://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 hbd twice!)
4. rinse hands
5. dry with a single-use towel



## Face Mask Safety Precautions

COVID-19 SAFETY & HYGIENE INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

Putting on a Mask is an Easy 1, 2, 3

1. Step 1: Place the mask over your nose and mouth, and under your chin.

2. Step 2: Pull the top strap or band over your head, or the ear loops over your ears.

3. Step 3: Press the bottom strap or band under your chin, or the ear loops under your ears.

Remember: The mask should cover your nose and mouth, and not touch your face.

When you are done wearing your mask, throw it away or wash it.

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## School Food Service Safety Precautions

COVID-19 SAFETY & HYGIENE INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

STAY 6 FEET APART

1. Stand at least 6 feet away from others.

2. Avoid close contact with others.

3. Avoid touching your face.

4. Avoid sharing food or drinks.

5. Avoid touching surfaces.

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## 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?

## Taking Care of Your Team During COVID-19

### Daily Check-in

#### Questions to Ask Your Team Every Day

1. What feedback do you have from your last meal service?

2. Is there anything we should change?

3. How can we better support each other?

4. What can we do to keep things safe?

5. How is everything feeling?

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## Drive-Thru Meal Service

How to Stay 6 Feet (6') 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.



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## agenda

- coronavirus
- safety precautions
- social distancing
- meal preparation
- meal service models

usda professional standards:

2620, 3410, 3420, 3450, 3510



## A Community for School Nutrition Professionals

Everything you need, all in one  
place

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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!



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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.



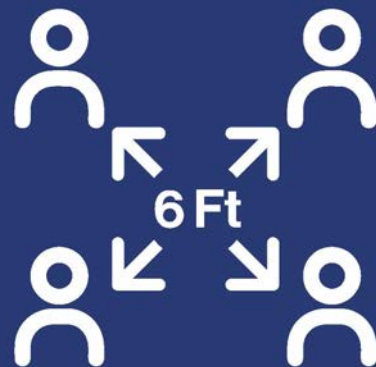
Masks, bandanas, scarves, and cloth can be used.

# ...and stay 6 feet apart

Businesses are required to refuse service  
to anyone who does not comply.



Department of Public Health  
[sf.gov/coronavirus](https://sf.gov/coronavirus)



# Stay 6 feet apart

請與他人保持6呎距離

Manténgase a un mínimo de seis  
(6) pies de los demás

Magbigay ng 6 na talampakang  
distansya mula sa isa't isa



[SF.gov/coronavirus](https://sf.gov/coronavirus)



# 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](https://www.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.

[Register here](#)

[Add to Calendar](#)

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# 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

## School Nutrition Checklist for COVID-19

School food authorities (SFA) can use this checklist to ensure additional requirements are taking place during COVID-19 pandemic. Make sure applicable COVID19 waivers are in place in Child Nutrition Information and Payment System (CNIPS).

### Meal Access and Reimbursement

Meal Counting and Claiming (month and day of review)

- ☐ Written meal count and collection procedures in place for COVID19 sites
- ☐ Meal Service Flexibilities: USDA granted waiver to CDE to allow eligible SFSP and SSO program operators to apply for noncongregate meal service during COVID-19 pandemic. Notify the CDE and receive approval prior to serving noncongregate meals.
- ☐ Record all meal counts at all sites at the time the meals or snacks are served
- ☐ If serving multiple meals and snacks together at the same time, meal counts must be recorded for each meal typed
- ☐ Meals are recorded only for eligible children ages 1—18 or for participants with disabilities 19 years and older who are enrolled in school programs.
- ☐ Claim only meal types allowed by regulations or through waivers and approved in CNIPS
- ☐ Names of students in the free and reduced category are confidential and are unable to be sent by the district to companies in order for students to receive a particular benefit (such as free internet). Households can send a copy of the official letter from the school district stating the student's name and reimbursement category and provide this letter to the business.

### Meal Components and Quantities

- ☐ Serve meals at the location and time entered in CNIPS and approved by CDE
- ☐ Serve meals that meet the requirements for the meal pattern selected or through waivers and approved by CDE
- ☐ Train staff on meal pattern and meal service requirements prior to the start of the meal service
- ☐ Maintain menu production records, product formulation statements, Child Nutrition labels, standardized recipes, US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Foods Information Sheets for sites served

**leadership:**  
**managing yourself**

on the verge of  
burnout?

...take a “vacation”  
this weekend



discussion

thank you!