

FACT SHEET

Goal

Provide reimbursable meals to low-income children during an H1N1-related school closure

Trigger

Declaration of a public health emergency that prevents service of congregate meals through NSLP and SBP

Source of Reimbursement

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO)

Necessary Documents

- Waiver Form for School Closure due to H1N1 (Form FND#129)
- Addendum to Texas Department of Agriculture School Food Authority Community Organization Agreement

What's Waived?

- Requirements to serve in congregate setting
- Pre-operational training and summer monitoring requirements
- Requirements for serving at a non-school site

State Agency Responsibility

- Ensure an agreement is in place
- Assist with Waiver Preparation
- Approve Waiver Request
- Report of school closure and waiver usage to FNS
- Ensure no duplication of service
- Approve quickly

Who can operate?

SFA or community organization with an agreement to operate either the SSO or the SFSP

Who is Eligible?

All children 18 years of age and under, in a household where at least one child in the household is enrolled in the closed school.

Site Eligibility

- Based on closed school's population.
- 50 percent or more free and reduced-price eligibility – Distribution methods for all families of children enrolled with a focus on low income students
- Less than 50 percent free and reduced-price eligibility – Distribution method must more directly target the households of enrolled children who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals
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Meal Offering

- Two meals per day or one meal and one snack per day only: Breakfast/Lunch, Breakfast/Snack, Lunch/Snack, Breakfast/Snack, AM Snack/PM Snack, Supper in combination with any except lunch
- Meals for multiple days (Must consider capacity to keep inventory safe.)

Meal Requirements:

- Regular menu planning requirements
- Easier to use food based
- Offer vs Serve (OVS) does not apply
- Unitized meals including milk (may use shelf-stable milk)

Waiver Request: Form FND#129

- A. Identify closed school specifications (Name, location, eligibility %)
- B. What meals will be served during school closure (Breakfast, lunch and/or snack, supper)
- C. What method of meal distribution will be used during an H1N1- related school closure:
 - 1) How will the students in the closed school be identified?
 - 2) Can parents pick-up meals for children?
 - 3) How will the school verify that there is at least one student enrolled in a closed school?
 - 4) How will the operation target low-income students?
 - 5) How will meals be provided for off-site consumption
 - 6) How food safety and program requirements will be met?
 - 7) If and SFA is working with a CO, who will be responsible for which duties of meal preparation and distribution?
- D. Communication Methods: How will the SFA/CO let the community know of the availability of meals for students in the event of an H1N1-related school closure?
- E. Meal content oversight: How will the meals be counted to ensure claim integrity?
- F. When would meal service start after notice of school closure?