



National CACFP Week

March 16-20, 2020

Now more than ever, we are grateful for schools, childcare providers, and afterschool programs working to keep kids healthy and well-nourished through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and other federal nutrition programs. This National CACFP Week, we recognize their valuable efforts and encourage more eligible providers to consider how CACFP can support the children in their care.

Learn more and promote CACFP:

- Visit AfterschoolMealsNY.org and ChildcareMealsNY.org to learn how CACFP reimburses eligible afterschool and childcare providers for serving healthy food to youth in their care.
- Access our [CACFP Afterschool Meals Guide](#) for additional information and resources on CACFP's afterschool meals component.
- Read and share [CACFP success stories](#) from programs across the state.
- Post on social media using #CACFPWeek; be sure to tag us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

NYS Updates on Coronavirus and Operation of Federal Nutrition Assistance Programs

As we recognize National CACFP Week, we also acknowledge the ongoing response to COVID-19 will likely affect CACFP sponsors and providers in New York, along with the children and families they serve. Hunger Solutions New

York is following the development of emergency plans for the continued operation of federal nutrition programs in our state; for our most recent updates, visit hungersolutionsny.org/covid-19/.

Highlights from the NYS Department of Health's [CACFP guidance](#) include:

- NYS CACFP has submitted several waivers to USDA, and will notify sponsoring organizations if they are approved. The waivers pertain to non-congregate feeding, missing meal components in the event of a shortage of a required component, late reimbursement claims, and temporary suspension of monitoring requirements. Please read the [NYS CACFP memo](#) for additional information.
- When a school is closed, the school may establish an emergency program through the Child Nutrition Programs to provide food to children who normally attend their school; childcare centers or homes can also receive meals from these schools or other sites at no cost.
- For CACFP questions, contact CACFP at 1-800-942-3858 or cacfp@health.ny.gov.

These additional websites are providing updated information as it becomes available.

- [NYS Education Department Coronavirus Information for Schools](#)
- [Food Research and Action Center – Preparing for the Impacts of the Coronavirus on Health, Well-being, and Food Security](#)
- [USDA FNS Program Guidance on Pandemic Response](#) including the [USDA SNAP Pandemic Planning Guidelines](#)

Hunger Solutions New York provides information and resources to help schools, childcare providers, and community-based organizations nourish children. Please contact krista.hesdorfer@hungersolutionsny.org for more information.



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