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Latest Updates Regarding COVID-19 & Federal Nutrition Programs

This email includes recent policy updates on SNAP and child nutrition programs in New York State. Stay up to date on all Federal Nutrition Program policy updates on our [COVID-19 webpage](#).

SNAP Update

Emergency Allotment - In today's update, Governor Cuomo announced that more than 700,000 SNAP recipients in NYS would receive additional SNAP benefits to help with the cost of food. USDA recently approved this [Emergency Allotment](#). Stay tuned for more specific details.

Stimulus Payments - The recently enacted *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act* includes direct payments of up to \$1,200 for most adults (\$2,400 for a married couple) and \$500 for children under age 17. A memo from NYS OTDA outlines how these payments are considered for SNAP budgeting purposes. In summary, the **one time payments are not counted as income** for SNAP. Read our update on additional information about whether or how the payments are considered as a resource.

NYS Education Department Hosts Child Nutrition Webinar

NYS Education Department will host a webinar for schools and SFSP sponsors regarding available waivers for the child nutrition programs.

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM EDT

[Click here](#) for additional information or you can register directly using this link: <https://meetnydirect.webex.com/> and use Meeting ID: 289 921 264.

NYSED has issued additional guidance for local program operators to apply for various waivers. [Child Nutrition Program Waivers Available During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#) provides an online form for sponsors operating SFSP/SSO to apply for temporary waivers to support access to nutritious meals while minimizing potential exposure to COVID-19.

Read full updates on our COVID-19 Webpage

We will continue to send email updates, post updates to our website, and use Facebook and Twitter to share information. Thank you for your continued efforts to help New Yorkers with needed access to food during this time.



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