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USDA Extends Summer Meal Program Waivers Through September 30, 2021

USDA has extended nationwide summer meal program waivers through September 30, 2021, facilitating children's continued access to vital nutrition programs amid the ongoing impacts of COVID-19. We commend USDA for extending these critical waivers, and thank the many schools and community-based organizations leveraging these flexibilities to nourish New York's children.

Among other flexibilities, the waivers allow:

- **Grab-and-go or delivered meals**, outside of the normally required group setting.
- **Parent/guardian meal pick-up**, including for **multiple days-worth of meals** at once.
- **Waived area eligibility**, enabling sites in all areas of the state, not just locations where 50% or more of the children qualify for free or reduced-price school meals.

Read USDA's [press release](#) and [memo](#) for more details. Additional guidance is forthcoming. We will continue to share updates on our [COVID-19 webpage](#).

Join our Upcoming Virtual Coffee Chat

2021 Summer Meals: Laying the Groundwork for Success

Thursday, March 25, 2021, 11:00-11:30 AM EDT

Now is the time to plan for robust summer meal programs and outreach. Join us to learn more

about [summer meals](#) and discuss strategies, challenges, and opportunities to reach more kids this summer.



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