

Additional Child Nutrition Guidance for Schools Offering Childcare for Essential Persons During a Novel Coronavirus Outbreak

Schools offering on-site child care for essential persons as a result of COVID-19 have the following options to cover meals for those children with federal child nutrition program funds:

- Schools that are area-eligible and have an approved open site for that school can include the meals served to children at that site in their meal counts. Make sure to adjust your “Average Daily Participation” on the site application to include the enrollment of the new child care. Only 2 meals per day may be claimed. Non-federal funds will need to be used for any additional meals or snacks.
- Schools that are not area-eligible should set up a second “non-residential camp” site in the CNP web system for the new daycare, and collect free and reduced applications from the child care attendees, or use free and reduced information that’s on file already for those children. This information may also be provided to the school by the child’s regular school, if different from the school where the child care is located, as free and reduced status may be shared among operators of the federal child nutrition programs. The meals should be claimed by student status. If using this option, the school will be able to claim for 3 meals (or 2 meals and a snack) per day, but non-federal funds will need to be found to cover the meals for children who don’t qualify as for free/reduced price meals.

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