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CNS Update: Demonstration Project for Outdoor Summer Meal Sites Experiencing Excessive Heat

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently released [SP 14, SFSP 07-2017, Demonstration Project for Non-Congregate Feeding for Outdoor Summer Meal Sites Experiencing Excessive Heat with Q & As](#).

Under the demonstration project, Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO) sponsors operating an approved outdoor meal site without a temperature-controlled alternative location may operate as non-congregate site on days when the area is experiencing excessive heat. Outdoor sites with available temperature-controlled alternative locations are not included and should serve meals at the alternative location.

Sponsors must notify OSPI CNS of their intent to participate in this project and identify the site(s) that would be included during the program application process. Note that non-congregate meal service shall be permitted only on days when the National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a "Heat Advisory," an "Excessive Heat Warning," or an "Excessive Heat Watch" for the area in which an approved outdoor meal site is located.

If you have questions about the guidance for the Seamless Summer Option, contact [Chuck Ziara](#) at (360) 725-6222.

If you have questions about the guidance for the Summer Food Service Program, contact [Jennifer Mitchell](#) at (360) 725-6056.

For more resources check out the [USDA Summer Food, Summer Moves](#) web page.



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