Utilizing Nationwide Waiver of Monitoring Requirements for Sponsors in the Child and Adult Care Food Program

Nationwide Waivers are automatically available to Program operators in States that elect to use them without further application. However, since these waivers include a required data element requiring the State agency to submit a report to the Secretary no later than one year after implementation, we are requiring ALL sponsoring organization to notify us of their intent to use this waiver.

**Flexibilities Allowed**

- Per COVID-19: Child Nutrition Responses #7 and #27 CACFP sponsoring organizations are allowed the following flexibilities:
  - CACFP sponsors may conduct two reviews of their CACFP facilities instead of 3.
  - Only one CACFP facility review is required to be unannounced.
  - FNS waives that at least one unannounced review must include observation of a meal service.
  - FNS waives that not more than six months may elapse between reviews.
  - CACFP sponsoring organizations must still, per CFR 226.16(d)(4)(iii)(C), conduct at least one review during each new facility’s first four weeks of Program operations but this review may be conducted as a desk audit.
  - **These waivers extend until August 31, 2020.**

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #39 – Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for CACFP Sponsoring Organizations
  - This waiver allows for reviews to be conducted offsite.
  - **This waiver is effective immediately and remains in effect until September 30, 2021.**

**Requirements**

- All Sponsoring Organization must notify the state agency with their intent to use these nationwide monitoring waivers for Fiscal Year 2021. It is not required that the sponsoring organization disclose which part of the monitoring waiver they will use.
- Notification of use of these waivers must be done with the completion of the Meal Distribution Plan/Waiver Survey.
  - This survey will be located on the [OSPI Nutrition & Meals Guidance COVID webpage](#), under the CACFP dropdown.
Resources

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #7 - Nationwide Waiver of Monitoring Requirements for Sponsors in the Child and Adult Care Food Program
- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #27 Nationwide Waiver of Monitoring Requirements - Extension
- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #39 – Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for CACFP Sponsoring Organizations
- Family First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020
- Nationwide Waivers of Child Nutrition Monitoring Webpage
- OSPI Nutrition and Meal Guidance Webpage

Acronym Reference

- CACFP - Child and Adult Care Food Program
- CFR - Code of Federal Regulations
- CNS - Child Nutrition Services
- OSPI - Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
- USDA - United States Department of Agriculture