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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS
FROM: DCCECE / HNU
DATE: MARCH 30, 2020
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for Sponsoring Organizations in the Summer Food Service Program

This is an important notice regarding the recent COVID-19 Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for Sponsoring Organizations in the Summer Food Service Program

Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for Sponsoring Organizations in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP):

Under Program Regulations at 225.15 (d), SFSP Sponsors must visit each of their sites at least once during the first week of operation and sponsors must review food service operations at each site at least once during the first four weeks of operation. However, FNS recognizes that in this public health emergency, suspending onsite monitoring is vital to support social distancing while providing meals.

Therefore, FNS waives, for all SFSP sponsoring organizations that elect to be subject to this waiver, that SFSP monitoring requirements included at 7 CFR 225.15 (d) be conducted onsite. Please note that to ensure Program integrity during this time, SFSP sponsoring organizations should, to the maximum extent practicable, continue monitoring activities of Program operations offsite (e.g., through a desk audit). For SFSP sites who operate the program during normal operations (May through August), SFSP sponsors may also postpone required site visits until summer 2020.

This waiver is effective immediately, and remains in effect through June 30, 2020, or until expiration of the federally declared public health emergency, whichever is earlier.

Please keep this memo on file for quick and easy reference. A copy is also available on the resource library under HNP Mass Alerts and COVID-19 References. If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact your Program Coordinator at: 501-682-8869.