MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS
FROM: DCCECE / HNU
DATE: MAY 15, 2020
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response Act Nationwide Waivers Extension

This is an important notice regarding the recent COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response Act Nationwide Waivers Extensions:

COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response Act USDA has approved extensions on four distinct National Federal waivers for Child and Nutrition Programs. They are the following:

Nationwide Waivers Extended through August 31, 2020:
1. Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-Congregate Feeding in the Child Nutrition Programs
2. Nationwide Waiver to allow Meal Service Time Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Program
3. Nationwide Waiver to allow Parents and Guardians to Pick-up Meals for Children in the Child Nutrition Program

Nationwide Waiver Extended through June 30, 2020:
1. Nationwide Waiver to allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Program

Official FNS Nationwide Waivers are located on the SNP Resource Library located under COVID-19.

To participate in these waivers, programs must submit a written plan to the state agency before serving meals. Guidance for writing a COVID-19 Waiver Plan is located on the SNP Resource Library under COVID-19.

If your program would like to participate, please submit your written plan to all the following individuals:
- Thomas Sheppard, Thomas.Sheppard@dhs.arkansas.gov
- Pamela Burton, Pamela.Burton.DCCECE@dhs.arkansas.gov
- Perry Hunter, Perry.Hunter@dhs.arkansas.gov

All plans will be reviewed, and approval will be granted if they meet waiver requirements. Reminder, you must have APPROVAL from the State Agency before you may participate in the program under these waivers.

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.