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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS
FROM: DCCECE / HNU
DATE: APRIL 27, 2020
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Nationwide Waiver to Waive First Week Site Visits in the Summer Food Program

This is an important notice regarding the recent COVID-19 Nationwide Waiver to Waive First Week Site Visits in the Summer Food Program.

Nationwide Waiver to Waive the First Week Site Visits in the Summer Food Service Program:

Under Program regulations at 7 CFR 225.15 (d)(2), SFSP Sponsors are required to visit each of their sites at least once during the first week of operation under the program. FNS recognizes, that in this public health emergency, waiving the first week site visits would reduce administrative burden on State agencies and Sponsors and would ensure appropriate social distancing safety measures for the purpose of providing meals and meal supplements.

Arkansas DHS is opting into this waiver to waive first week site for Sponsors who operated successfully in the 2019 SFSP and Sponsors that successfully participate in the CACFP or NSLP. Sponsors who were Serious Deficient in 2019 will be required to complete the first week site visit for 2020 SFSP.

Programs that have been approved to operate under an approved COVID-19 Waiver do not need to submit email requesting to participate in the waiver to waive first week site visits. All approved COVID-19 Waiver programs will have automatic opt in to participate in the waiver if they operated 2019 SFSP in good standing.

This waiver is effective immediately and remains in effect through September 30, 2020.

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.