

# Offering Meals During COVID-19

Maine Department of Education  
Child Nutrition  
March 29, 2020

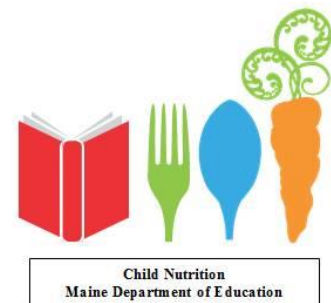
# Today's Agenda

- Current reminders
- Communication
- Updates new waivers
- Reimbursement



# What is Happening Now at Child Nutrition

- Daily USDA call 6 days a week
- Emergency Management contacts every other day
- Child Nutrition staff about 70% staff working from home
  - Same email addresses and phone numbers



# What is Happening at Child Nutrition Internally

- Staff has been reassigned districts to keep them running
- Constant contact with Department Leadership
- Email is available 7 days a week
- Staff is working on some other COVID-19 issues and thinking about the future months



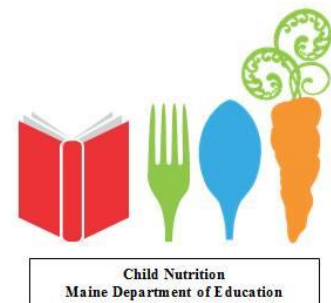
# Reminders

- Patriots day
- School vacation week
- Documentation needed



# New Resources

- Summer to NSLP comparison
- List of resources what is available from our partners (who, what kind of help and contact)
- Some ideas for take home meals



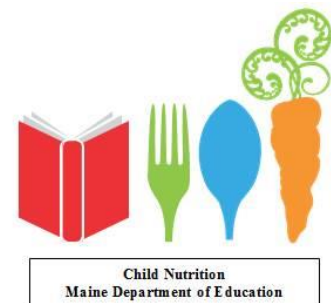
# Terminology

- Mobile route
  - A vehicle that travels a consistent route
  - Meals are disbursed from the vehicle
- Home delivery
  - The focus is an address and food delivered to door (free or reduced)
  - Request is in writing
- Bus route
  - Same as mobile route



# Communication

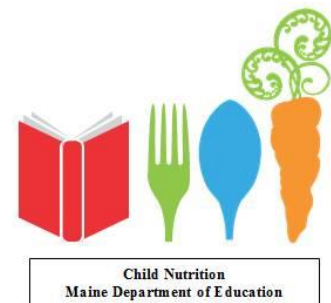
- Child Nutrition uses our list serve
- Child Nutrition also uses the USDA emergency contact list
- DOE Update
- Business Manager list serve





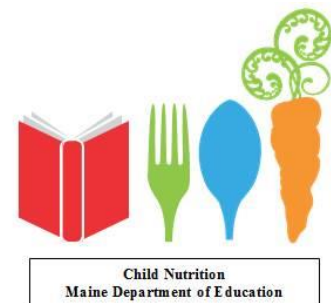
# New Waivers (National)3/27

- Site eligibility flexibility
- Meal Pattern Waiver #4
- Community Eligibility Provisions CEP deadlines relaxed #6
- Child being present clarification #5



# New Waivers (National)3/28

- NSLP State Agency on site monitoring #9
- SFSP State Agency on site monitoring #11
- SFSP Sponsor monitoring #10
- CACFP State Agency on site monitoring #8
- CACFP local on site monitoring #7



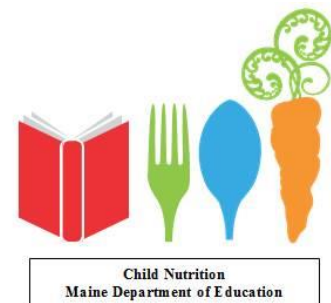
# New Waivers (National)

- Site eligibility flexibility
  - NOT a nationwide waiver
  - State needs to submit details
  - We have already submitted prior to this. (Waiting)



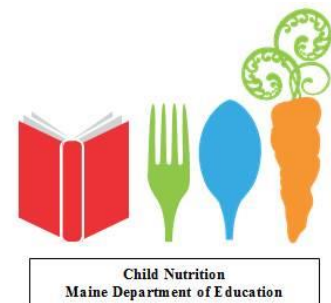
# New Waivers (National)

- Meal Pattern Waiver
  - Response #4
  - No change here for Maine
  - Maine was already doing this
  - Need to let State Agency know



# New Waivers (National)

- Community Eligibility Provisions CEP deadlines relaxed
  - Response # 6
  - Deadlines pushed back
  - Flexibility on month to determine eligibility
  - DOCUMENTATION!



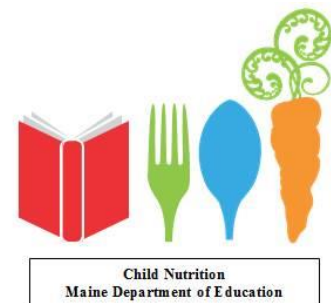
# New Waivers (National)

- Child being present clarification
  - Response #5
  - Parent or guardian



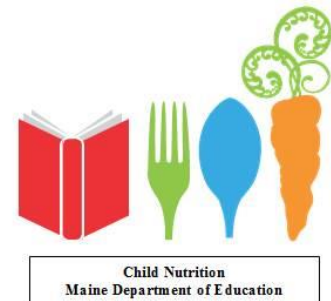
# New Waivers -National

- State Agency on site monitoring
  - NSLP
  - SFSP
  - CACFP
- During this unanticipated school and CACFP closures



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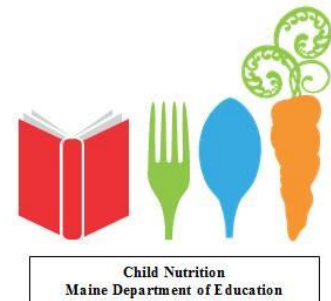
- Local CACFP on site monitoring
- During this unanticipated school and CACFP closures





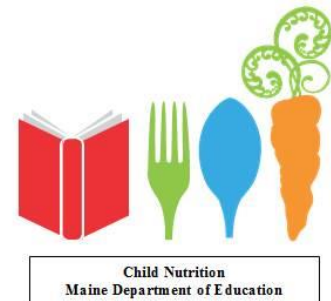
# Child Being Present?

- Federal waiver parent or guardian can pick up meal
- Maine was responsible adult
  - Should be moving in this direction
  - Result of people picking up meals beyond eligibility



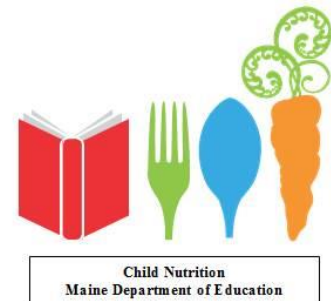
# National Waivers

- Maine has opted in to all the National Waivers
- All waivers require reports



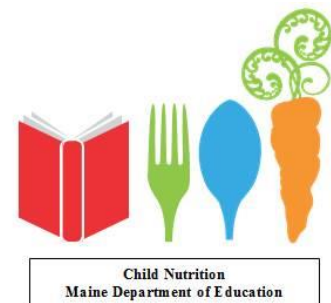
# Maine Waivers (requesting new 3/29)

- Maine has requested 8 waivers to date
- Pending Bulk meals
- Pending Site eligibility
- Pending FFVP
- Some waivers we submit the National waiver supersede



# Waivers and After

- All waivers will require reporting
- Will need information from local level
- Keep us in informed to help process later
- When in doubt document it
- All documentation 3 years plus current



# Questions

- School Vacation Week
  - Still can provide meals if vacation cancelled
- Weekends
  - Under summer weekend meals can be offered
- FFVP
  - Under the NSLP



# Which Program?

- We are not suggesting or encouraging flipping to any program. Need to determine locally
- It is possible a district may operate multiple programs different areas or meal types
  - Its possible that NSLP operate breakfast and lunch and Summer operate snacks and supper.
- Web page that compares SFSP and NSLP



# Claiming for Reimbursement

- National School Lunch Program NSLP
- Summer Food Service Program SFSP
- Child Adult Care Food Program CACFP
- NOTE must have an approved application to participate in program
- NOTE application needs to include meals to be served



# Claiming for Reimbursement

- National School Lunch Program NSLP
  - Breakfast
  - Lunch
  - FFVP
  - Snack





# Claiming for Reimbursement

- Summer Food Service Program SFSP(only 2)
  - Breakfast
  - Lunch
  - Dinner



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  - Lunch
  - Dinner
  - Snack



# Claiming for Reimbursement

- Three possibilities
- NSLP
- SFSP
- CACFP



# Claiming for Reimbursement

- Early March when school were open use NSLP
  - Breakfast
  - Lunch
  - Snack
  - FFVP
  - All requirements for reporting and claiming still apply



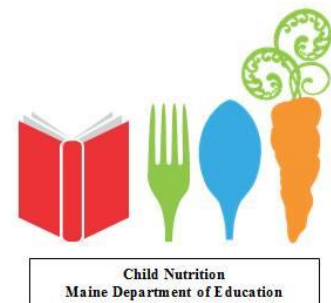
# Claiming for Reimbursement

- Schools closed during March
  - If became a summer program they will report under summer in NEO
  - All requirements for reporting and claiming still apply
  - April meals will reported after April ends Working on programing to create an April month



# Claiming for Reimbursement

- CACFP
  - Will report in CNPWeb
  - All requirements for reporting and claiming still apply



# Reimbursement

- What documents do I need
  - Nothing happen unless there is documents
  - What was used to prepare/verify meals served.
  - Make sure all dated so all can be matched
- How long
  - 3 years plus one
  - Audit closed

