



Policy Update

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New Releases

Noncongregate Extreme Heat Waiver

- Sites are outdoors and exposed to the weather.
- No alternative, temperature-controlled locations at which to provide congregate summer service.
- The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a Heat Advisory, Excessive Heat Warning, or Excessive Heat Watch for the area.

<https://squaremeals.org/Programs/Summer-Meal-Programs/Administration-Forms>

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Noncongregate Extreme Heat Waiver

- One request form per day (multiple sites can be submitted per form)
- Must be grab-n-go and served directly to children DAILY.
 - Parent pick-up NOT allowed.
 - Multi-day bundling NOT allowed.
- Do **not** need to indicate intent to participate in the site applications.

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Reimbursement Rates

2023-2024 CACFP reimbursement rates published to SquareMeals:

- <https://squaremeals.org/Programs/Child-and-Adult-Care-Food-Program/Reimbursement-Rates>
- Extra \$0.10 per meal and snack by the Keep Kids Fed Act expired June 30, 2023.
- Provision allowing all Tier 2 Day Care Homes to be reimbursed at the Tier 1 rate expired June 30, 2023.
- New rates reflect an adjustment to the base rate from Program Year (SY) 2022–2023.

End of COVID-19 Flexibilities

Ended June 30:

- Offsite monitoring waivers
 - For allowable offsite flexibilities and strategies:
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/oversight-monitoring-onsite-offsite-cacfp-guidance>
- Keep Kids Fed Act (KKFA) per meal higher reimbursements and Tier 1 reimbursement for Tier 2 day care homes.
- Non-congregate waivers in the event of a COVID outbreak.

New CACFP FAQs for 2023-2024

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| Administration/Forms | Policy Updates and News  |
| Area Eligibility | All the most current resources you need to successfully operate the Child and Adult Care Food Program are available here. TDA keeps this page updated with any new policy updates and news, including the following: |
| At-Risk Site Map | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Handbook release notices with update summaries ▪ Form release notices ▪ Brand new policy updates that haven't yet been updated within the handbooks ▪ FAQs and other resources, as required |
| CFDA/FAIN Numbers | Please bookmark this page and check back periodically. |
| Compliance | |
| Disaster Resources | |
| Funding Opportunities | |
| Income Eligibility Guidelines | July 12, 2023 - RELEASE: Program Year 2023-2024 Frequently Asked Questions |
| Latest News | A brand new set of FAQs for CACFP is now available here: |
| Meal Appeal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CACFP Frequently Asked Questions |
| Meal Patterns | Note the FAQs are now only available on this page. TDA will pin this entry to the top of this Policy Updates and News module and update as required. Please bookmark this page and check back frequently. |
| National CACFP Week | |
| National Disqualified List | |

- On the Policy/Handbook page
- Under Policy Updates and News
- Use the + sign to expand the module.

<https://squaremeals.org/Programs/Child-and-Adult-Care-Food-Program/Policy-Handbook>

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