

CACFP Site Operation Guidance During COVID-19

BACKGROUND

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) operators serving meals to children and adults during COVID can use the below guidance to help identify how meals can be served to those in-need and properly identify site operations in TX-UNPS.

Note: This one pager does not negate other federal meal program requirements in effect. CEs that wish to utilize regulatory flexibility issued by USDA must complete all applicable intake forms listed on [Squaremeals.org](https://www.squaremeals.org). Sites must be approved in TX-UNPS before federal reimbursement can be obtained for meals served.



How Are Meals Provided In CACFP During COVID-19?

Non-Congregate Meal Options

Flexibilities provided by USDA allow CACFP operators closed due to COVID-19 to provide non-congregate meals. Sites serving non-congregate meals are considered COVID-19 sites and must be entered in TX-UNPS as CV sites.

Child Care Operations to Support Frontline Workers

Childcare centers that have closed general enrollment may continue to serve meals to the children of frontline workers. **These sites do not need to identify sites in TX-UNPS as CV sites**, if the only meals they are providing are to the children of essential workers. Any other meal service type must receive prior approval from TDA.



COVID-19 Non-Congregate Meal Options

Child Care Centers

- ✓ Meals can be delivered to the homes of children enrolled in the childcare facility
- ✓ Meals can be provided as a grab and go option to children (or their parent) enrolled in the childcare facility

Day Care Homes

- ✓ Meals can be delivered to the homes of children enrolled in the Day Care Home
- ✓ Meals can be provided as a grab and go option to children (or their parent) enrolled in the Day Care Home

Adult Day Care

- ✓ Meals can be provided as a grab and go option to adults (or a guardian) enrolled at the Adult Day Care
- ✓ Meals can be delivered to the homes of adults enrolled at the Adult Day Care

At-Risk

At-Risk Sites Open to All Children in the Community

- ✓ Meals can be provided as a grab and go option to children that visit an At-Risk site

At-Risk Sites with Pre-Defined Enrollment

- ✓ Meals can be delivered to the home of children enrolled in the At-Risk program
- ✓ Meals can be provided as a grab and go option to children (or their parent) enrolled in the At-Risk program

IMPORTANT: At-Risk sites should continue operations with the enrollment type (open vs. pre-defined enrollment) in place prior to COVID-19.

REMEMBER: Home delivered meals require written consent from the household allowing the meal delivery.

Site Naming Conventions

All sites serving non-congregate meals during COVID-19 should list the site name as CVHD or CVGG.

- **CVHD** (COVID household delivery) are sites serving during COVID-19 that are delivering meals to a **household of enrolled children.**
- **CVGG** (COVID Grab & Go) are sites serving during COVID-19 that are providing meals-to-go at a specific location

The flow chart below can help you identify how to enter sites correctly in TX-UNPS.

This chart does not apply to site providing care to children of essential staff.

