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Food Program

October 2023 Monthly Newsletter

Updated Guidance on Meal Service during an Unanticipated School Closure

TDA has received several waivers and additional guidance about the options schools have to serve meals should an unexpected event close a school. If an unanticipated school closure occurs, schools will have the option of serving non-congregate summer meals (SSO or SFSP) if the closure occurs during October through April, non-congregate CACFP At-risk meals at any time in the school year, or non-congregate NSLP/SBP at any time of the school year if virtual instruction is occurring. Click the headline for more information.

Updated Guidance on the Infant Meal Pattern

On September 20, USDA issued memo CACFP 11-2023, Feeding Infants and Meal Pattern Requirements in the Child and Adult Care Food Program; Questions and Answers. This revision incorporates updated breastmilk storage recommendations, infant formula food safety considerations, and information on crediting grains in ounce equivalents. Click the headline for more information.

SY 2023-2024 Special Provisions Carryover Reports

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An updated version of the SY 2023-2024 special provisions carryover reports are posted to SquareMeals.org.



Register for CACFP Live with your ESC

ESC Specialists from across the state invite you to join them for CACFP LIVE in October. On **Wednesday, October 25, from 9-11 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m.** specialists will cover the *CACFP Meal Pattern for All Ages*, and on **Thursday, October 26, from noon to 2 p.m.** they will cover the *CACFP whole grain-rich requirements*. For more information and for future LIVE dates, go to the [LIVE Guide](#).

To register for LIVE and other CACFP training, contact your local [CACFP ESC Specialist](#).

Resources

Now Available! New Food Yields Added to the Food Buying Guide



New yields are now available in the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs Interactive Web-based (FBG) Tool and FBG Mobile App! New yield data is available for: individually quick-frozen (IQF) black beans, IQF pinto beans, roasted soybeans, roasted chickpeas, fresh oranges, grape tomatoes, and ready-to-use diced and sliced onions. Click the headline for more information.

Resources for Older Adults

Check out these resources from the [Dietary Guidelines for Americans](#).

- Build a Healthy Eating Routine as You Get Older – [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- Make Healthy Drink Choices – [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

New USDA Food Safety Fact Sheets!

Check out these five new Food Safety fact sheets from USDA!

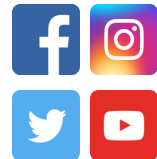
- [Food Safety Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Food Safety Information and Resources for the Farm to School Community](#)
- [Overview: Good Agricultural Practices \(GAPs\)](#)
- [Food Safety Modernization Act and the Produce Safety Rule](#)
- [Overview: HARPC and HACCP](#)

MiPlato en Español

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with MiPlato en español resources! Explore MyPlate's top [Spanish-Language resources](#) like graphics, tip sheets, and recipes! Check out the [MiPlato toolkit](#) to find meal tips, recipes, and more!



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