

Mississippi Department of Education

Waiver Request to Summer Food Service Program for School Closings Due to H1N1 Outbreaks

This waiver request is implemented in accordance with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) memorandums SP 31-2009, SFSP 05-2009 and SP 33-2009, SFSP 06-2009. These memorandums outline how schools and community organizations may continue to provide reimbursable meals to low-income children during a school closure related to the H1N1 influenza virus. In the event of an unanticipated school closure related to H1N1 influenza virus, schools or community organizations may operate a Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to continue providing meals to students enrolled in the closed school. This waiver request is in compliance with the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act authorizing the provision of meal service to children who are not in school during non-summer months due to an unanticipated school closure.

The primary goal of meal service offered during an H1N1 related school closure is to address the loss of school meals for the low-income children enrolled in the closed school. Any school or community organization seeking to implement this waiver request agrees to operate the Summer Food Service Program in accordance with federal regulations with these noted exceptions:

1. This waiver request may be implemented only by organizations with a current application with the State Agency for participation in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).
2. The State Agency will not allow duplication of efforts for serving meals to the closed school.
3. The organization must notify the State Agency that they are implementing the waiver before serving meals.
4. The Summer Food Service Program requirement for serving and consuming meals in a congregate setting is waived.
5. Pre-operational training and monitoring requirements under the Summer Food Service Program are waived.
6. Limitation of the operation of the Summer Food Service Program during an unexpected school closure during the school year to non-school sites is waived.

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Please complete the waiver request and submit to the State Agency for approval. Meals served before the approval date from the State Agency will not be reimbursed.

INFORMATION ON CLOSED SCHOOL

School District Name:

Name of Closed School:

Date School Closed:

School Enrollment:

Free and Reduced Eligibility %:

(Use last October claim for F/R data)

INFORMATION ON ORGANIZATION REQUESTING WAIVER

Name of Organization Requesting Waiver

Address of Organization

City, State and Zip Code

Contact Person

Phone Number for Contact Person

List the Last Year you operate the SFSP: _____

N/A

INFORMATION ON MEAL PREPARATION SITE

Name of Site Preparation

Address of Site

City, State and Zip Code

Contact Person at Site

Expiration Date of Health Inspection Certificate

INFORMATION ON MEAL SERVICE

Dates of Meal Service: Start Date End Date

| Selection | Meal Type | | Time | | Time | Avg # Daily Meals |
|-----------|-----------|------|------|----|------|-------------------|
| | Breakfast | From | | To | | |
| | Lunch | From | | To | | |
| | Supper | From | | To | | |
| | AM Snack | From | | To | | |
| | PM Snack | From | | To | | |

(Note: You may select only one meal type to serve or a combination of one meal and one snack or two meals (lunch and supper meals can not be selected))

Will you provide: Hot Meals Only Cold Meals Only Both Hot and Cold Meals
(Circle Choice)

Do you contract with a Food Service Management Company for meal service: YES NO

How will you distribute meals: Picked up at Site Transported to other location(s)
(Circle Choice)

(NOTE: IF YOU ARE TRANSPORTING MEALS TO INDIVIDUAL 'S HOMES YOU MUST OBTAIN APPROVAL FROM THE STATE AGENCY PRIOR TO MAKING DELIVERIES.)

If you are not the School Food Authority for the closed site, do you have the approval of the closed site's School Food Authority to provide this service for them ? YES NO

If you will be transporting meals, describe the method of transportation (vehicles and food containers) you will use and how you will ensure food will stay within food temperatures until served:

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Describe how you will target the meal service to low income students from the closed school, including students who may not have free or reduced price eligibility information on file (i.e., new students).

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Describe how you will communicate the availability of this meals service to eligible families.

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Describe how you have worked with or notified local community organizations and institutions regarding school closure and meal service.

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Explain how you will ensure the following:

Meals are served as a unit:

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An accurate meal count is taken:

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Meals are provided only to eligible students and siblings:

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Proper documentation is maintained as required by federal regulations:

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List any other changes to the meal service operation that you need to be waived:

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