



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** State School Nutrition Directors

**FROM:** Ronald F. Jones  
Director, Office of Health and Nutrition

**DATE:** March 13, 2020

**RE:** COVID-19 Feeding

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has granted our March 9, 2020, waiver request to provide flexibilities on the congregate feeding requirement for summer feeding programs through June 30, 2020.

The USDA has also approved our waiver request to allow summer feeding options to be used during unanticipated school closures. Specifically, Food and Nutrition Services has waived the requirements for serving meals in a congregate setting and the requirement to serve meals at a non-school site for COVID-19-related Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO) meal service operations. Please note that these waivers are being provided only for school closures related to COVID-19. See memo SP 08-2020, SFSP 04-2020, and SP 08 SFSP 04-2020 Attachment-Child Nutrition Program Meal Service During Novel Coronavirus Outbreaks.pdf.

To file an application to operate a SSO or a SFSP program during this Coronavirus outbreak, you must file an application for each individual site using the following application link <https://apps.ed.sc.gov/Survey/index.php?sid=23269&lang=en>. An email approval will be sent to the email address entered into the application link.

For questions, please contact Ronald Jones, Director, Office of Health and Nutrition at 803-734-8205 or rfjones@ed.sc.gov.