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A Reminder: We provide a blanket exemption for all kids during summer vacation so there's no need to note school excuses for June-Aug.

Dear Providers,

Southwest wishes everyone a happy and safe 4th of July Holiday!
Here are your notes for July:

1) Income Standards For Determining Program Eligibility have been Updated

COVID-19 has affected many of our clients who may now qualify for higher or additional benefits. For Tier Two homes to qualify for Tier One (higher) meal rates on the basis of household income, download the Income Eligibility Packet [Click Here](#).

Tier One providers may claim their own residential children's meals if their families meet these [Income Eligibility Guidelines](#). Also Tier Two homes may qualify for non-residential children's meals at the higher rate by using this same form. [Click Here](#) for the Single Form.

2) Governor Abbott, HHSC Extend Deadline For Pandemic Food Benefits For Families Affected By COVID-19 School Closures

Governor Greg Abbott today announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is extending the application deadline for the federal Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer program (P-EBT) to July 31. Extending the deadline will help ensure eligible families have time to apply for this one-time food benefit.

P-EBT is a one-time benefit of \$285 per eligible child and can be used in the same way as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits to pay for groceries. Eligible families include

those with children who lost access to free or reduced-price school meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) due to school closures.

"The extension of the P-EBT deadline helps ensure that Texans have time to apply for this program and provide nutritious food to their families as the state continues to combat COVID-19," said Governor Abbott. "Ensuring access to healthy food in our communities is an important part of our response to this pandemic."

"We remain committed to ensuring access to healthy and nutritious foods for eligible Texans, and P-EBT provides that to those who need it most," said HHS Access and Eligibility Deputy Executive Commissioner Wayne Salter. "This extension provides more time for families to apply for this emergency assistance." [Click Here to Read More](#)

3) USDA Provides Flexibilities to Ensure Kids Receive Meals This Fall

Local schools and childcare providers are empowered to adapt meal service operations for the upcoming school year

(Washington, D.C., June 25, 2020) – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced a range of nationwide flexibilities to ensure America's children receive the nutritious food they need throughout the upcoming school year. These waivers give states, schools, and childcare providers time to plan for how they will serve children in the fall, including allowing for new and innovative feeding options as the nation recovers from the coronavirus.

"As the country re-opens and schools prepare for the fall, a one-size-fits-all approach to meal service simply won't cut it," said Secretary Sonny Perdue. "The flexibilities announced today give states, schools, and child care providers the certainty they need to operate the USDA child nutrition programs in ways that make sense given their local, on-the-ground situations and ensure America's children can count on meal service throughout the school year." [Click Here to Read More](#)

Non-Congregate Meal Service has been extended until August

31st

[Click Here for the Non-Congregate Meal Service Survey if you want to participate in Grab and Go and/or Home Delivery.](#)

Covid-19 Links

[Governor Abbott Announces Phase One To Open Texas](#)

[Governors Report to Open Texas \(Full Report - PDF\)](#)

[CDC Guidance for Child Care](#)

[CACFP Social Distancing Webinar](#)

[FNS Response to COVID-19](#)

[Texas Health and Human Services Covid-19 Page](#)

[Coronavirus Loans for Small Business](#)

[Texas Workforce Commission Covid-19 info page](#)

[Covid-19 Food Safety Resources](#)

[No Kid Hungry Best Practices](#)

[The Institute of Child Nutrition Covid-19 Prevention Page](#)

[Tom Copeland Blog: An Update on the Financial Impact of the COVID-19 on Family Child Care Providers](#)

Food Program Resources:

[CACFP Crediting Handbook](#)

[CACFP Reimbursement Rates](#)

[Income Standards For Determining Program Eligibility](#)

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Team Nutrition

Team Nutrition is an initiative of the USDA Food and Nutrition Service to support the child nutrition programs through training and technical assistance for food service, nutrition education for children and their caregivers, and school and community support for healthy eating and physical activity.

[Team Nutrition Resources for Child Care](#)

News From Cacfp.org:

Get this week's eNews for Baked Eggplant Stick snack recipes, best practices handout, certification celebration, waiver updates, and more! conta.cc/2CVfEtM [#CACFP](#)

July Snack Attack! Shop now for a week's worth of [#CACFP](#) snacks.

Whole grain-rich tortilla chips and avocado

Whole grain-rich crackers and cheese

Whole grain-rich pretzels and hummus

Whole grain-rich toast and egg

Whole grain-rich cereal and banana

At least one serving of grains, per day, must be whole grain-rich. [#CACFP](#)
[#MealPatternMonday](#)

[Click Here](#) for this Months Parent Provider Connection Letter!

Mealtime Memo:

Mealtime Memo for Child Care offers information for child care providers participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, focused on good nutrition for young children.

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