COVID-19 Emergency School Nutrition Funding

Calling all Principals, School Nutrition Managers, School Nutrition Directors and District Superintendents

GENYOUth is providing grants of up to $3,000 per school to supply much-needed resources for meal distribution and delivery efforts to get food to students during COVID-19. From soft-sided coolers, bags and containers for individual servings, to protective gear for food service sanitation and safety, this equipment will help ensure our children continue to receive the nutritious meals they need.

Please take just a couple of minutes to fill out the application below so that GENYOUth may better understand your need. Applications will be reviewed and approved on a rolling basis, so keep an eye out for an email from fundsadminoffice@mmseducation.com.

For the application process, go to:

https://covid-19.genyouthnow.org/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=8a76d75f-e9a9-4ebb-9502-71b7bfdda69f

Arkansas Farm to School has been working on a Google map displaying all sites for school and community feeding. Please share this link with your families and communities. If your sites are not on the map, please contact Myia McBride myia.mcbride@arkansas.gov

https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1P8QLfCgOvqWmgoqYyU2zLcWQe4i22IZ3&ll=34.8153993795025%2C-92.15460664435966&z=9
### Frequently Asked Questions for CNU During Closure due to COVID-19*

1. **Can we use commodities for SSO?** Yes, you can use commodities for SSO. Information from DOD is they still have fresh fruits and vegetables available for delivery at this time.

2. **Do we need to do production records for SSO?** Yes, production records must be maintained for each site serving and distributing meals. Records must indicate that creditable food was provided, that the meal pattern(s) were met, and that each meal included all components to be considered a reimbursable meal.


4. **Can we continue SSO through summer?** The district must have an up-to-date SSO form on file with the Child Nutrition Unit that includes the dates they plan to serve during the summer. The waivers for SSO during the COVID-19 crisis are set to expire on June 30, 2020, or at the end of the declared public health emergency, whichever comes first.

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*Districts closed due to COVID-19 must have an approved Seamless Summer Option (SSO) site and complete the non-congregate feeding waiver in order to distribute meals.

*Per USDA, waivers will remain in effect until September 30, 2020

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### Helpful COVID-19 Resource Sites:

#### LunchAssist

LunchAssist helps School Nutrition Professionals around the country navigate complex regulations, and empowers them to return their primary focus to what matters most - feeding children well.


#### Criminal Justice Institute

**Arkansas Center for School Safety**

The Arkansas Center for School Safety (ACSS) provides education, training, resources, and technical assistance to Arkansas educators and law enforcement professionals to assist them in providing our kids with a safe environment to reach their academic potential.