



Hunger Free Kids Task Force Welcome and Introductions

May 16, 2022

Mission of San Diego Hunger Coalition's Hunger Free Kids Program:
Ensuring San Diego's children have access to nutritious meals wherever they
live, learn, and play.

SDHC convenes these meetings to provide a space to learn more about Policy,
Advocacy, Resources, Programs and to hear from guest speakers, experts and
colleagues.

Introductions: The A Team



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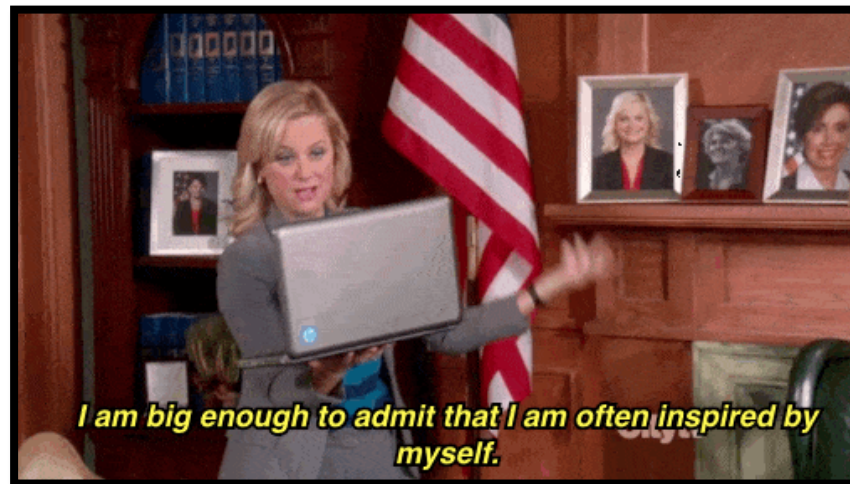


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This is your Monday reminder that you can handle whatever this week throws at you.



Agenda

- 🍎 **Welcome & Introductions**
- 🍎 **No Kid Hungry: Summer Meals Database**
 - Daisy Munguia-Piñon, Associate Director
- 🍎 **Lunch Assist: Summer Policy Pulse**
 - Jennifer McNeil, RDN, SNS
- 🍎 **Keynote Presentation: CDE Summer Meals & Waiver Discussion**
 - Gurjeet Barayah, Staff Services Manager, Nutrition Services Division
 - Katie Tully, Summer Meals Manager
- 🍎 **SDHC Call To Action: HR 6613 Keeping School Meals Flexible Act**
 - Mauricio Medina, Public Affairs Manager
- 🍎 **“State of the Plate” Open Discussion**

A young boy with dark hair, wearing a white t-shirt, is sitting at a desk in a classroom. He is holding a yellow apple to his mouth with his left hand and writing in a notebook with a pink pencil in his right hand. The background is slightly blurred, showing other students and classroom posters.

NO KID HUNGRY SUMMER UPDATES

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SUMMER MEALS RESOURCES

Resource: [Feeding a Crowd - Tips for Congregate Meal Service](#)

Resource: [SFSP & SSO Requirements - Comparison Chart of Usual vs. COVID-19 Waiver Operations](#)

Toolkits:

- [Communicating Summer Meals 2022 Operations Changes to Parents and Families](#)
- [Summer Meals Outreach Toolkit](#)
- [Engagement Toolkit for Mayors](#)

See all of our new summer 2022 resources [here](#).



SUMMER MEALS RESOURCES

WEBINARS

- Summer Meals 101: Back to Basics & USDA Update - recording available [here!](#)
- [Promoting Your Summer Meals Program](#) , May 17th, 11:00 PST

Texting Hotline

- Data comes from the USDA, CDE shares their summer meals information with USDA on a weekly and that updates the hotline.
- We cannot edit individual listings on the map and texting hotline.
- The best ways for schools to have correct information on our hotline is to inform their state agency of any changes in meal times and services throughout the summer.



Summer 2022 Area Eligibility Analysis

In California, there were 5,469 open sites in 2021, but 1,024 of these sites are unlikely to be eligible to serve meals to all kids in 2022. This would leave about 738,902 kids without access to summer meals this summer.

| County | Number of open sites in 2021 | 1. Eligible via Census data | 2. Likely to be eligible via school boundary data but ineligible via Census data | 3. Unlikely to be eligible via school boundary data and ineligible via Census data | Percent of sites unlikely to be eligible | Number of kids without access |
|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|-------------------------------|
| Imperial | 35 | 29 | 6 | 0 | 0% | 0 |
| Los Angeles | 1563 | 1023 | 362 | 178 | 11% | 116,045 |
| Orange | 321 | 158 | 89 | 74 | 23% | 57,353 |
| Riverside | 324 | 207 | 86 | 31 | 10% | 28,388 |
| San Bernardino | 315 | 216 | 79 | 20 | 6% | 25,816 |
| San Diego | 530 | 232 | 136 | 162 | 31% | 133,212 |

The main purpose of this analysis is twofold:

- To inform strategies on the ground to identify and fill gaps.
- To show the impact of the loss of the waivers.

Data Sources

- Open SSO and SFSP site data: USDA's publicly-available data (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/developer-tools>)
- Census Area Eligibility: Data comes from USDA (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/area-eligibility>)
- Free and reduced-price school data: NCES data for SY19-20.

CalFresh Social Marketing Toolkit

This toolkit was created to help you get the word out to families about CalFresh food benefits. This toolkit includes a variety of ready to use assets to help you quickly and easily communicate with families. Scroll down for social media images and sample social media posts. You can also click on this hyperlinked table of contents for instant access to any section (see below).

Assets are available in 13 languages, including Arabic, Chinese Simplified, Chinese Traditional, English, Farsi, Haitian Creole, Hmong, Korean, Russian, Samoan, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. These images are designed for Instagram and can be used for Twitter and Facebook as well. Click on any image to expand, then right click and select save to desktop.

Available at <https://state.nokidhungry.org/california/calfresh-2/>



SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

- If you could use some extra help putting food on the table for your kids, you're not alone. Learn about how CalFresh can help your family. Visit: www.GetCalFresh.org or www.BenefitsCal.com
- Because of the pandemic, a family of four can receive more than \$800 every month to purchase food from CalFresh. Learn more: www.GetCalFresh.org or www.BenefitsCal.com
- If your income has changed recently, CalFresh can help with groceries. Learn more: www.GetCalFresh.org or www.BenefitsCal.com
- CalFresh is safe to use for you and your family. Accessing CalFresh will not affect your immigration status! Visit: www.GetCalFresh.org or www.BenefitsCal.com

Policy Pulse

with

Jennifer McNeil, RDN, SNS

LunchAssist



Summer 22' | Area Eligibility

For SFSP and SSO during summer programs:

1. ☆ **NEW** Use the school's Identified Student Population (ISP) x 1.6
example: $ISP\ 31.25 \times 1.6 = 50\% \text{ Free} = \text{Area Eligible!}$
⚠ valid for summer 2022 only
2. ☆ **NEW** Use SY 19-20 free and reduced-price application data
valid through summer 2024
3. Be in the attendance area of another school that is area eligible
4. Use census data:
 - USDA's [Area Eligibility Mapper](#)
 - No Kid Hungry [Averaged Eligibility Map](#)

Summer 22' | Area Eligibility



Sites that are not area eligible but have an academic summer program:

- Operate NSLP/SBP
 - Breakfast* meals can be \$0
 - Reduced-price meals can be \$0
 - Paid lunch meals must be charged **unless** you qualify for a Paid Lunch Equity exemption
 - If approved for a Paid Lunch Equity exemption: charge \$0 for lunch and cover the costs of free lunches using the Cafeteria Fund.
 - Meal applications must be made available

*USDA has no minimum price for breakfast and “Universal Breakfast” is an option for schools to implement and cover the costs of free breakfasts using the Cafeteria Fund.



CA State Meal Mandate

At least **one** meal must be served each day during the academic summer school program. Breakfast counts!
If you can't serve meals during summer school, you can apply for a [State Meal Mandate exemption](#) from CDE.

Summer 22' | Area Eligibility



Sites that are not area eligible and have non-academic summer programs

- Enrichment only programs? Check with CDE.
 - If your program is not area eligible and the program is enrichment only, then there are limited options for providing meals to families.



ELOP Guidance

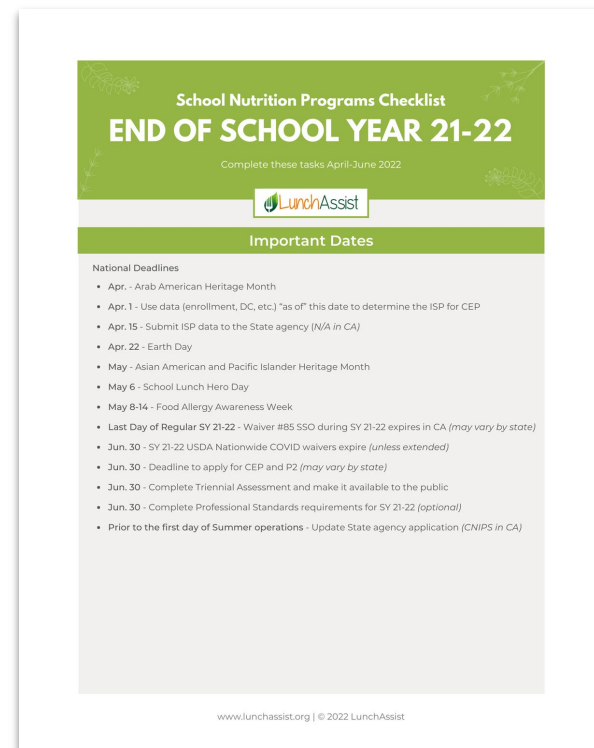
If an ELOP program is offered at a site that is not area eligible and is not offering an academic summer program, then NSLP and SBP meals are not an option. If meals are provided, they might need to be charged to the general fund. Check with CDE for more details.

2022 End of SY Checklist

- Includes action items and resources for:
 - Important Deadlines
 - New Funding
 - CEP & Provision 2
 - CA Universal Meals
 - Financial Management
 - Wellness Policy & Triennial Assessment
 - Procurement
 - Professional Standards
- **PRO Tip:** Join LunchAssist PRO to receive updated checklists every quarter!



Downloadable Resource: LunchAssist 2022 End of SY Checklist

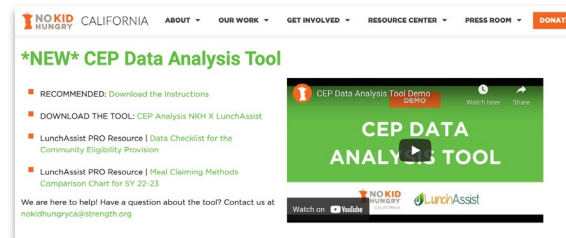


2022 End of SY Checklist

- Update your summer program CNIPS applications
- Promote Summer Food Service Programs (SFSP)
... even if you are not operating SFSP or SSO!
- Check that all nutrition staff have completed SY 21-22 Civil Rights training
 - Visit www.lunchassist.org/civilrights for a 10-15 min video in English & Spanish!
- Apply for CEP or P2



NKH x LunchAssist CEP Resources
[Data Analysis Tool & CEP Checklist](#)



CA Universal Meals & KIT Funding

Info Session + Live Q&A
Thursday, June 9th @ 1:30 pm




PRO Resource:
[Meal Claiming Methods Comparison Chart for SY 22-23](#)



California Universal Meals
Meal Claiming Methods: Comparison Chart
SY 22-23

| | Standard Claiming by Free, Reduced, & Paid | Provision 2 (P2) | Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| When is this method required? | N/A | Schools where at least 40% of the students are "identified" as Free via Direct Certification, foster, homeless, migrant, etc. must participate in either P2 or CEP. | |
| Minimum Requirements to Participate | None | None | At least 40% of the students are "identified" as Free via Direct Certification, foster, homeless, migrant, etc. |
| Meal Applications | Required every year | Required once every 4 years (during the 1 st year). | Not allowed |
| Alternative Income Forms* | Optional | Optional during the 1 st year. | Required from all students during the 1 st year. |
| *For LCFF purposes only | | Required during future years for newly enrolled students. | Required during future years for newly enrolled students. |
| Meal Reimbursement (California) | Under Universal Meals legislation, the state will make up the difference in reimbursement so that all meals are reimbursed at the free rate. | | |

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LunchAssist PRO featuring Brigaid

- **Weekly Newsletter**

- Policy updates, new resources, & upcoming events

- **Templates, Tools, & Resources**

- Quarterly checklists
- Fillable templates
- Compliant policies & procedures
- Cheat sheets
- Curated resource library

- **Staff Training & Professional Dev.**

- 12+ Hours of Training
- Culinary Training by Brigaid
- Civil Rights Training
- Food Handler Cards (coming soon!)
- ☆ **District-wide training solutions**
 - **USDA-compliant tracking reports**
 - **Group training options**
 - **Lessons in ENG/SPA**



Allowable use of

KIT Funds!



Waivers | What's Next?

- Congress did not extend USDA's *nationwide* waiver authority 🚫 🚫
 - Cannot issue nationwide waivers past Jun. 30, 2022
 - No authority to approve waivers that increase costs or weaken the meal pattern



Contact your legislators about S.3979 “Support Kids Not Red Tape Act” and H.R.6613 “Keeping School Meals Flexible Act” with [NKH](#)’s action alert!



California Department of Education

Summer Meals Overview

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Summer Meals 2022

**California Department of Education
Nutrition Services Division**





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Transition Time

- State agencies can submit a waiver checklist to request state specific waivers
- Use limited only to when operations are directly impacted by COVID-19





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Approved Summer Meal Waivers (1)

Approval to waive the following Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Regulations:

- Required reviews are conducted onsite
- Pre-approval visits are conducted onsite





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Approved Summer Meal Waivers

- (2) First Week Site Visits for **SFSP only**
 - Must still conduct review within first four weeks
- Available only to experienced operators with no significant operational problems in previous review
 - California Department of Education (CDE) to directly contact agencies that are not eligible





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Approved Summer Meal Waivers (3)

- Closed-Enrolled Site Area Eligibility Data Sources
 - Must still establish area eligibility but can use school or census data
 - Requirement to use **meal application** data waived
- Available for SFSP *and* Seamless Summer Option (SSO)





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Approved Summer Meal Waivers

- (4) Meal service time restrictions
 - Amount of time that must elapse between meals and duration of mealtime are waived
 - Must still establish meal service times and update accordingly in the Child Nutrition Information and Payment System (CNIPS)
- Available for SFSP *and* SSO





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Waivers awaiting USDA approval

**Not Yet Approved
by USDA**

**Will be limited to
use when
operations directly
impacted by
COVID-19**

- SFSP and SSO
Operations:
 - Non-congregate Feeding
 - Parent Guardian Meal
Pick Up





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Area Eligibility Flexibilities

- May 12 USDA Policy Memo SP 10-2022
 - Use SY 2019 – 20 FRPM data
 - Area eligibility determination effective through summer 2024
 - Use CEP ISP data
 - Area eligibility determination effective *only through summer 2022*

Listserv announcement coming





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Upcoming Webinars

| Topic | Date |
|--|----------|
| Universal Meals Listening Session State Update | 05/17/22 |
| Town Hall State Update and Guest Speaker (1.5 hours) | 05/24/22 |
| Town Hall State Updates Only (1 hour) | 06/28/22 |





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Thank you!



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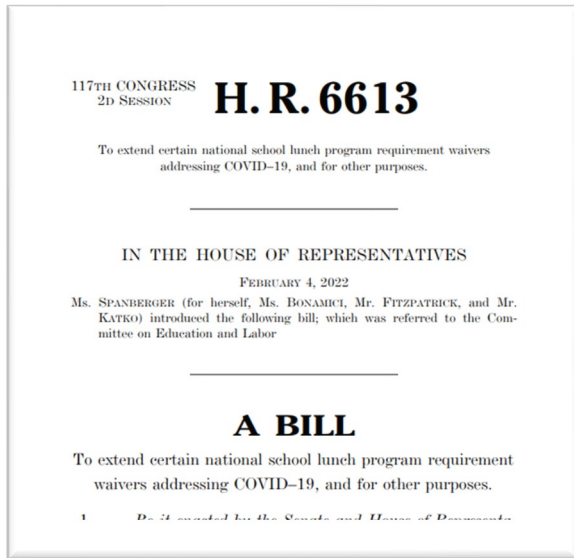
San Diego Hunger Coalition Call to Action!

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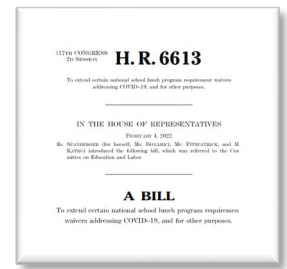
Keep School Meals Flexible Act H.R. 6613



H.R. 6613 extends authority through June 30, 2023, for the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to waive certain requirements for the school meal programs to address COVID-19.

Keep School Meals Flexible Act

H.R. 6613

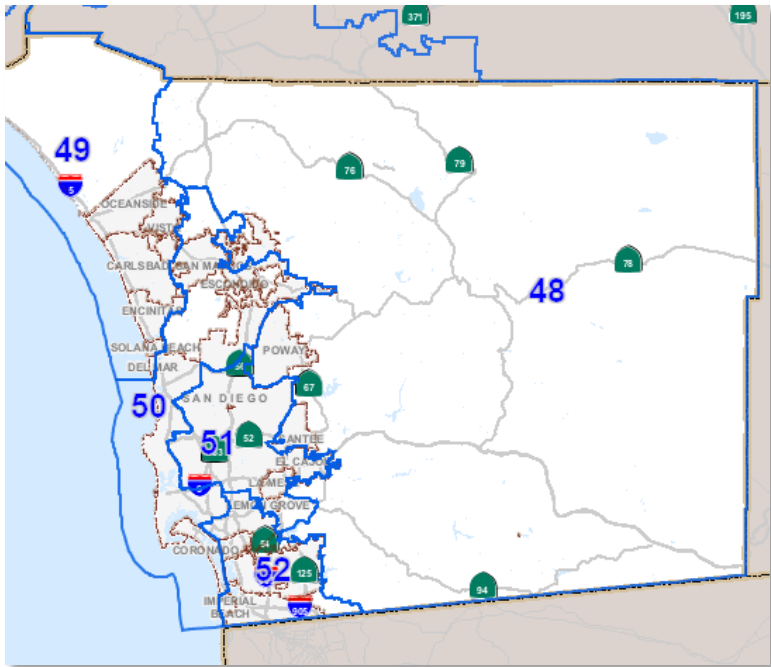


The bill extends the authority for USDA to

- Issue a single waiver of child nutrition program requirements to all states under the National School Lunch Program for purposes of providing meals and snacks with appropriate safety measures with respect to COVID-19;
- Grant waivers of requirements to allow non-congregate feeding in the Child and Adult Care Food Program for purposes of providing meals and snacks with appropriate safety measures with respect to COVID-19; and
- Grant waivers related to the nutritional content of meals served in child nutrition programs if it determines the waiver is necessary to provide meals and snacks, and there is a food supply chain disruption due to COVID-19.

San Diego Support for H.R. 6613

*current as of 5/16/22

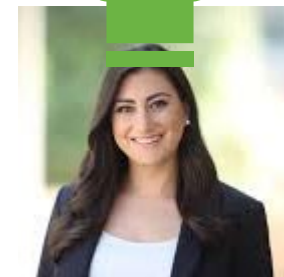


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Call to Action



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CALL SCRIPT:

Hello, my name is [..]. I am a [ROLE within the district] calling to urge [Rep. _____] to cosponsor H.R. 6613, which extends USDA’s child nutrition waiver authority from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023

School nutrition departments continue to face supply chain disruptions, financial hardships and need to continually adapt meal services in order to provide healthy meals to students. This bill will ensure that schools are able to utilize these critical flexibilities so all children can maintain access to school meals.

Losing these waivers last school year drastically and negatively impacted school meal access, efficiency, participation, and funding. We MUST learn from our inaction and give schools the flexibility they need to feed children. **Please sign on to co-sponsor H.R. 6613.** Thank you.



State of the Plate Discussion





THANK YOU!



Next Meeting
May 16th @ 2pm

Please send us your comments and feedback:
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