

WEBINAR

# Update on Summer 2021 Waiver Extensions

Friday, March 19, 2021, 1:30 PM ET

*presented by:*



# HOUSEKEEPING

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# Introductions

- **Carolyn Vega**, Senior Manager & **Emily Pia**, Manager  
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- **Clarissa Hayes**, Senior Child Nutrition Policy Analyst  
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- **Stacey McDaniel**, Anti-Hunger Initiatives Specialist  
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# Agenda

- Overview of Waivers Available this Summer
- Waiver Utilization
  - No Kid Hungry network
  - FRAC network
  - YMCA of the USA network
  - Feeding America network
- Audience Q&A

# WAIVER OVERVIEW

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Flexibilities Available for  
Summer 2021





# Waivers for Summer 2021

- Congregate Meal Service
- Meal Service Time
- Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-Up
- Area Eligibility



# Waivers for Summer 2021

- Meal Pattern
  - Available for **SFSP** through June 30, 2021
  - Available for **SSO only** through September 30, 2021



# Waivers for Summer 2021

- On-Site Monitoring for SFSP
- First Week Site Visit for SFSP
- Offer Versus Serve for Non-School SFSP Sponsors
- Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled SFSP & SSO Sites





# Vaughn Next Century Learning Center

Pacoima, CA

- Bulk options! Served 1-2x per week
  - Chose days/times according to family input collected via surveys and Zoom forums
  - Combination of hot, refrigerated, and frozen meals for the whole week
  - If a family needs special accommodations, Vaughn staff will accommodate

[Read Vaughn's Story Here](#)

# THANK YOU!

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For resources: [bestpractices.nokidhungry.org](http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org)



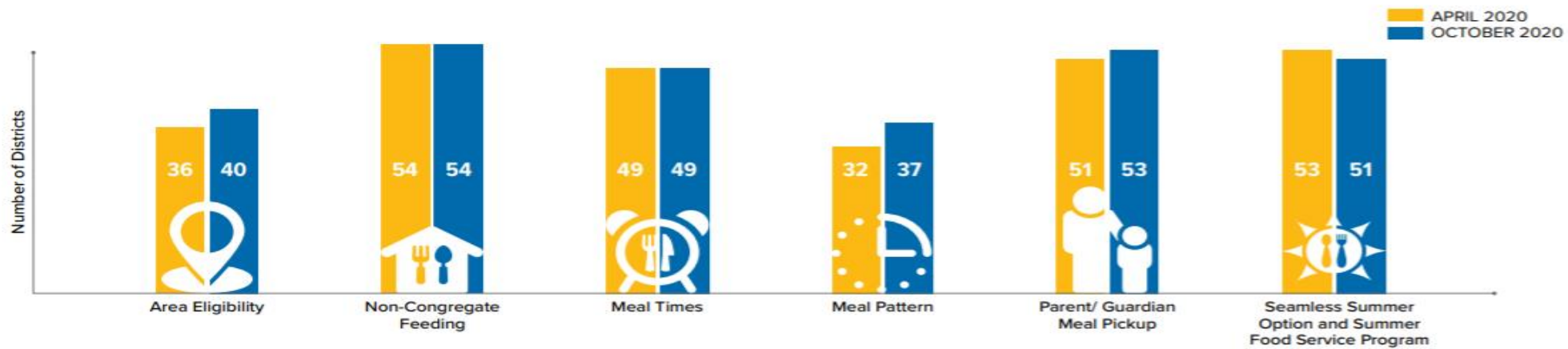
A photograph of four diverse children walking together, smiling and laughing. They are wearing backpacks and walking on a sidewalk in front of a vibrant, colorful mural. The mural features various patterns, including a rainbow flag and abstract shapes. The children are of different ethnicities and are dressed in casual clothing. The overall atmosphere is bright and positive.

# Utilization of Waivers: Insight from FRAC

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# Waiver Opportunities

- Maximizing CACFP Afterschool Suppers & Snacks
  - Support for out-of-school programs
- Area Eligibility Waiver – impact on rural and suburban areas
- Spotlights from the last year



# Thank you!



[The Impact of the Pandemic on 54 Large School Districts](#)

[April 2020: A Snapshot of Participation During COVID-19](#)

[COVID-19 Updates and resources](#)

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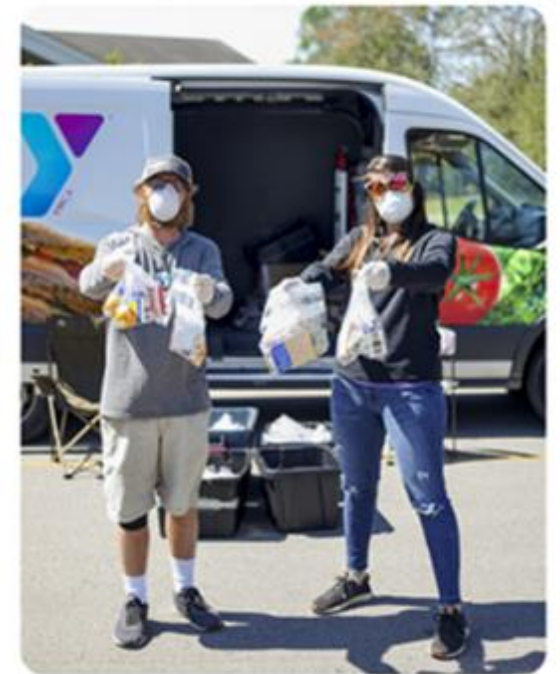
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# UTILIZATION OF WAIVERS

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**#TheYFeedsKids**



YMCA of Greater San Antonio

# YMCA SPOTLIGHTS OF PANDEMIC WAIVER UTILIZATION



**Y of Memphis & Mid-South, TN** is establishing pathways of equity through partnerships – serving 700 kids before pandemic to 23,000 kids now through collaborations with schools, city, and churches -community food distribution centers that began as Grab & Go Sites through the **Non-Congregate Waiver** have also evolved to serve as virtual education learning support labs too!



The **Y of Greater Boston, MA** utilizes the **Non-Congregate Waiver** to provide home delivery of meals to apartment complexes. Through a grant with the Housing Authority they are also able to include adult meals. In partnership with the Greater Boston Food Bank, the Y is also able to distribute bags of groceries in their community. Altogether the Boston Y has served 4.2M meals since the pandemic began!

# YMCA SPOTLIGHTS OF PANDEMIC WAIVER UTILIZATION



The **On-Site Monitoring Waiver** has helped Ys across the country like **Capital Area YMCA in Trenton, NJ** quickly onboard other Ys as sites in their state to ensure more communities have access to the meals kids need and provide hands on training for potential new sponsors!



**YMCA of Detroit, MI** utilizes **Meal Service Time Waiver** for Multiple Day Distribution to help provide a week's worth of food on different days at different sites to expand their staff capacity and reach in the community to serve more youth!



The **Greater Valley YMCA, PA** utilizes the **Area Eligibility Waiver** to serve at sites that previously did not meet the threshold for 50% FRL. The Y noticed that these new sites had over 100 youth participate on the first day and many parents shared they were facing extended unemployment in these areas.





# THANK YOU!

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SOLVING HUNGER  
**TODAY**  
ENDING HUNGER  
**TOMORROW**



# Food Bank Spotlight: Food Gatherers in Ann Arbor, Michigan

## Importance of Current Waivers:

- The USDA waivers that the Michigan Dept of Education secured were **CRUCIAL** to our ability to feed kids.
- Non-congregate waiver (families can take meals home)
- Meal-time waiver (multiple meals can be distributed at once)
- Parent pickup (kids did not have to be present to be served)
- Area eligibility (allowed us to serve families in areas <50% FRP)



## Looking Ahead: Child Nutrition post-pandemic

- These waivers will allow us to meet the needs in the community even in non-pandemic times.
- Area eligibility or flexibility is so critical to be able to serve families in need in rural communities.
- Combination of non-congregate, meal time, parent pick-up waivers helped at *most* sites and would be ideal in the future!
  - Rural sites, when travel time is a barrier. More efficient to pick up a lot
  - Young kids who stay home but can't go to a community center (even if in housing community) "to eat on site".
  - Families with different daily schedules, kids sleeping in during summer
- Having the option (when safe) to serve meals on site if that works best

# Feeding America Network Practices

- **Pre-packed boxes with enough food for the entire family**
  - Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley (Youngstown, OH) shifted from Backpack to School Pantries with items that are student-friendly and easy to prepare
  - Harry Chapin Food Bank (Fort Myers, FL) shifted away from choice School Pantries to food kits to comply with strict safety protocols
- **Mobile distributions**
  - Southeast Missouri Food Bank (Sikeston, MO) increased their ABC mobiles when schools closed
  - Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana (Indianapolis, IN) partnered with a local school district to use their school buses to deliver meals to their community when schools shut down
- **Providing PPE for schools to order**
  - Maryland Food Bank (Baltimore, MD) offered PPE to schools alongside food that they could order for their School Pantry program
- **Doubling the impact: Groceries plus meals**
  - Redwood Empire Food Bank (Santa Rosa, CA) offered groceries alongside congregate meals
  - Many food banks offered pre-packed family-style boxes alongside school meals
  - Feeding the Gulf Coast (Theodore, AL) did produce drops at summer meal sites in rural communities over the summer; they also shared recipes, Census info, and SNAP application info
- **Maximizing flexibility**
  - Good Shepherd Food Bank (Auburn, ME) and HACAP Food Reservoir (Hiawatha, IA), among others, used different models to get the meals out: drive thru, delivery, or smaller packs for students to bring home



# Feeding America's Child Nutrition Resources

**Public Advocacy Site:** [FeedingAmericaAction.org](https://FeedingAmericaAction.org)

Key Resources:

- [The Impact of the Coronavirus on Food Insecurity in 2020 & 2021](#)
- [The Impacts of the Coronavirus on Child Food Insecurity](#)
- [Teen Hunger Research](#)
- [As Child Food Insecurity Grows Amid a Pandemic, Summer Feeding Matters More Than Ever](#)
- [4 Ways Food Banks are Feeding Kids During the New School Year](#)
- [Food Bank Fieldnotes: 3 Food Banks Describe How They Fed Kids This Summer Amid a Pandemic](#)
- [Data Visualization: Summer Feeding Matters](#)



# Thank You

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# Q&A

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Please send your questions  
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