

WAIVER REQUEST FOR SCHOOL DISMISSAL DUE TO H1N1 OUTBREAKS OR OTHER PANDEMIC LEVEL COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

WHO MAY SUBMIT A WAIVER

This form may be used to submit a waiver request to offer meal services in response to HINI related unanticipated school dismissals under a declared public health emergency as outlined in Section 319 of the Public Health Service Act. The State agency requires the submission of this form which at a minimum includes the information. Requests for additional waivers of other pandemic level diseases should be clearly identified and are subject to FNS approval.

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM OR SEAMLESS SUMMER OPTION OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

This waiver request is implemented in accordance with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) memoranda NSLP 2010-08 and NSLP 2010-10. These memoranda outline how School Food Authorities (SFAs) may continue to provide reimbursable meals to low-income children through the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) of the National School Lunch Program during a school dismissal related to the HINI influenza virus.

The primary goal of meal service offered during an HINI related school dismissal is to address the loss of school meals for the low-income children enrolled in the closed school. Any SFA seeking to implement this waiver request agrees to operate the SSO in accordance with Federal regulations with these noted exceptions:

1. The requirement for serving and consuming meals in a congregate setting is waived.
2. Pre-operational training and monitoring requirements are waived.
3. Limitation of the operation during an unexpected school dismissal during the school year to on-school sites is waived.
4. This waiver request may be implemented only by *SFAs* with a current agreement with the State agency for participation in the SSO.
5. The SFA must notify the State agency that they are implementing the waiver before serving meals.
6. The sites that do not have approval for summer meals will be approved at the time of the waiver action.

At what point after the declaration of a public health emergency and school dismissal would the meal service start?

Describe which meal distribution method(s) will be used.

What meals will be served? Estimate the average number of daily meals to be served. (Only one meal, or a combination of one meal and one snack, or two meals may be served. Lunch and supper cannot be served to a child on the same day).

Describe how the meal service will be operated, including whether dismissed schools will be served by a central site and whether schools will be served by a SFA.

Provide name, address, and contact information for each meal preparation site.

Describe how the SFA will ensure food safety requirements are met, including maintaining food at proper temperatures.

Describe how the SFA will target the meal service to low-income children from the dismissed school(s), including children that may not have free or reduced price eligibility information on file (i.e., children new to the SFSA).

Describe how the SFA will communicate the availability of meals to eligible families.

Describe how the SFA will ensure proper operation of the program including meal content, meal counts, oversight, etc.

Describe any additional changes to standard meal service operations that will be necessary when serving meals during an H1N1-related school dismissal. (This may include issues of personnel and staffing, availability of suppliers, procurement requirements, and any limitations imposed by current SFA contracts with suppliers or food service management companies, etc.)
