

2022 Summer Meals Question and Answer

- 1. If I am currently serving SSO during the school year and I am not typically area eligible, can I still provide meals at no cost using SSO in the summer?**

No, the use of SSO during the school year was granted due to the nationwide waiver [#85 Seamless Summer Option](#), this waiver is set to expire upon completion of the regular school year.

- 2. I am at a serving site that is not area eligible, can I serve meals under SSO?**

No, serving sites must be considered area eligible to participate in SSO. However, the SFA may qualify to participate in other summer meal programs.

- 3. Who is eligible to receive a summer meal at no cost when administering SSO?**

Districts may select if their serving sites are open, restricted open or closed. Open sites all for all children under the age of eighteen to receive a meal at no cost. Restricted open sites allow all children in a geographical boundary of the attendance area of a school to receive meals at no cost, this limitation is based on concerns for security, safety, or control. Closed sites allow for service if only an identified group of children through age eighteen who are participating in a specific program or activity.

- 4. Do I need to apply for SSO if I am in a district that is currently serving meals using SSO during the school year?**

Yes, all districts who wish to serve meals during the summer using the SSO are required to complete and submit a Schedule C-22 (seamless summer application). The submitted application must be approved by CNU prior to serving and claiming summer meals.

- 5. How do the current nationwide covid 19 waivers effect providing summer meals?**

Many of the USDA nationwide waiver are set to expire on June 30, 2022. These include: [#86 Summer Food Service Program Reimbursement Rates](#), [#87 Non-Congregate Meal Service](#), [#88 Meal Times Requirements](#), [#89 Parent and Guardian Pick Up](#), [#90 Specific School Meal Pattern Flexibility](#), and [#92 Offer Versus Serve Flexibility for Senior High Schools](#). Districts who have opted into these waivers may utilize them until their expiration date.

- 6. Can parents/guardians pick up summer meals for their children under SSO?**

If the district opted into nationwide waivers [#87 Non-Congregate Meal Service](#) and [#89 Parent and Guardian Pick Up](#), parents would be allowed to pick up

meals for their children through June 30, 2022. The district must have a plan in place to ensure program integrity when using these waivers. After June 30, 2022 parents would not be allowed to pick up meals for their children since meals would have to be consumed on site by the child.

7. What Reimbursement rate will be used when serving and claiming meals under SSO?

Under the current nationwide waiver [#86 Summer Food Service Program Reimbursement Rates](#) , districts may use the SFSP rate for breakfast and lunch until June 30, 2022. After June 30, 2022, districts will claim based on the current SBP and NSLP reimbursement rates.

8. Will I be able to serve breakfast, lunch and snack when serving SSO meals?

No, when operating under SSO a maximum of two meals may be claimed per child per day. These may be any combination of breakfast and lunch, breakfast and snack, lunch and snack or a single meal program (breakfast or lunch or snack).

9. May districts provide meals at non-school sites i.e. parks, community centers, etc.?

Only schools offering NSLP or SBP may apply to participate in SSO. However, schools may sponsor non-school feeding sites under SSO. Districts wishing to serve at a non-school site will be required to complete a schedule C-22. Each site in which meals are being served must be listed on the schedule C-22 along with corresponding information. Additional details may be requested by CNU prior to approval.