

## **Closed Sites for Seamless Summer and Summer Food Service Program Waiver**

- 1. State agency submitting waiver request and responsible State agency staff contact information:**

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- 2. Region:**

**Midwest**

- 3. Eligible service providers participating in waiver and affirmation that they are in good standing:**

**All Ohio Child Nutrition Sponsors in good standing and providing meals under the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO) in summer 2021.**

- 4. Description of the challenge the State agency is seeking to solve, the goal of the waiver to improve services under the Program, and the expected outcomes if the waiver is granted. [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(iii) and 12(l)(2)(A)(iv) of the NSLA]:**

**COVID-19 was declared a public health emergency by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Based on the exceptional circumstances of this public health emergency, Ohio has utilized a combination of statewide and nationwide waivers to allow SFSP and SSO sponsors to provide meals to children. The Ohio Department of Education will utilize this waiver to allow SFSP and SSO sponsors who provide summer school sessions the option to operate open or closed sites due to the need for safety, security, or control.**

- 5. Specific Program requirements to be waived (include statutory and regulatory citations). [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(i) of the NSLA]:**

**7 CFR 225.14(d)(2) If the sponsor administers the Program at sites that provide summer school sessions, it must ensure that these sites are open to children enrolled in summer school and to all children residing in the area served by the site.**

**SP 09-2017 National School Lunch Program's Seamless Summer Option: policy memo states that site eligibility requirements are the same as SFSP.**

**6. Detailed description of alternative procedures and anticipated impact on Program operations, including technology, State systems, and monitoring:**

**The state agency will provide technical assistance to sponsors for program operations to comply with this waiver. The waiver will impact program operations by decreasing administrative burden in this unprecedented year. There will be no impact on state systems or technology.**

**7. Description of any steps the State has taken to address regulatory barriers at the State level. [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]:**

**There are currently no State level regulatory barriers related to this specific issue.**

**8. Anticipated challenges State or eligible service providers may face with the waiver implementation:**

**At this time, the Ohio Department of Education does not anticipate challenges from the waiver.**

**9. Description of how the waiver will not increase the overall cost of the Program to the Federal Government. If there are anticipated increases, confirm that the costs will be paid from non-Federal funds. [Section 12(l)(1)(A)(iii) of the NSLA]:**

**The establishment of this waiver will not increase the overall cost of the Program to the Federal Government.**

**10. Anticipated waiver implementation date and time period:**

**Waiver implementation would start immediately and expire September 30, 2021.**

**11. Proposed monitoring and review procedures:**

**State agency staff in the Office of Integrated Student Supports will monitor implementation of this waiver.**

**12. Proposed reporting requirements (include type of data and due date(s) to FNS):**

**Ohio Department of Education will adhere to all reporting requirements as prescribed by the USDA.**

**13. Link to or a copy of the public notice informing the public about the proposed waiver [Section 12(l)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]:**

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Coronavirus/Supporting-Whole-Child-Nutrition>

**14. Signature and title of requesting official:**



Title: Child Nutrition Program Manager

Requesting official's email address for transmission of response:

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY FNS REGIONAL OFFICE:**

*FNS Regional Offices are requested to ensure the questions have been adequately addressed by the State agency and formulate an opinion and justification for a response to the waiver request based on their knowledge, experience and work with the State.*

**Date request was received at Regional Office:**

**Date Received:**.....

**Check this box to confirm that the State agency has provided public notice in accordance with Section 12(l)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA**

- **Regional Office Analysis and Recommendations:**

**Recommend Approval**

**Recommend Denial**

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