

**MEMO**

**TO** Sponsors of the Summer Meals Programs

**FROM** Vonda Ramp, M.S., R.D.  
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**DATE** May 19, 2022

**RE** USDA Waiver Requests for Summer 2022

**MESSAGE:**

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Division of Food and Nutrition (DFN), has requested a waiver from the following regulations for Summer 2022 to facilitate Program operations and protect health and safety of staff and children in Philadelphia County.

**Seamless Summer Option (SSO) and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP):**

The following waivers provide flexibility to local Program operators in Philadelphia County to provide non-congregate meals in order to protect the safety of children and staff.

- Non-Congregate Meal Service during Summer 2022 [42 U.S.C. 1753(b)(1)(A), 42U.S.C. 1761(a)(1)(D), and 7 CFR 225.6(e)(15)]
- Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup during Summer 2022 [42 U.S.C. 1761(f)(3), 7 CFR 210.10(a), 7 CFR 220.2, 7 CFR 220.8(a), 7 CFR 225.2, and 7 CFR 225.9(d)(7)]

This is a required public notice that PDE, DFN submitted a request to USDA for waivers from the aforementioned regulations and does not imply the waivers have been approved at this time.

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