COVID-19 Meal Pattern Waiver Extended

USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announced the extension of a nationwide school meals waiver allowing meal pattern flexibility during the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn More

SNAPA COVID-19 Coronavirus SNPAPA Update

Please CLICK HERE our COVID 19 Resource Page for great resources including:

1. Pennsylvania’s Allied Organization Updates
2. USDA Waivers and Updates
3. Sample Menus
4. Business & Industry Resources - NEW RESOURCES ADDED WEEKLY!
5. Mental Health Resources

*NEW

CDC Releases Considerations for Reopening

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released COVID-19 considerations for schools as they develop plans for reopening, including language regarding school meals. CDC advised that "schools can determine, in collaboration with state and local health officials to the extent possible, whether and how to implement these considerations while adjusting to meet the unique needs and circumstances of the local community." Read More
Pennsylvania School Board Association Discusses a Legislative Look Back – State Budget, Mandate Waivers & Reopening Schools

Click here to review the 12-minute video discussion.

In Under Three Months, St. Paul Public Schools Delivered Over Two-Million Meals
WCCO4

School’s Mobile Food Pantry Rolls Up with Breakfast and Lunch
WILX10

“Heroes” Push Through Pandemic to Keep El Paso Students Fed
KVIA7

Cafeteria Heroes Share Their Front-Line Perspectives
Wicked Local

East Davidson High School “Lunch Ladies” Celebrated for Hard Work
Fox 8 News

Online network launches to open bottlenecks in Pa’s food supply chain
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Culinary Creativity During COVID-19

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WEBINAR
Pennsylvania Harvest of the Month Program

The Pennsylvania Department of Education, Division of Food and Nutrition in collaboration with Penn State (Project PA) is introducing a Pennsylvania Harvest of the Month Program for school year 2020-21. A calendar of PA-produced items was developed through conversations with produce suppliers and school food service directors. Promotional materials including posters, fact sheets, newsletters, and signage will be available for use in promoting the items.

Join us for this webinar to learn about the Pennsylvania Harvest of the Month Program. You will hear from three school food service directors who pilot-tested the Program in their schools earlier this year. You will also learn about the materials that will be available through the Harvest of the Month Program and ways you can implement the Program in your own schools.

This webinar is being offered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Division of Food and Nutrition, in collaboration with Penn State (Project PA). This project is funded by a 2019 USDA Farm to School grant. If you are not able to attend the live webinar, you will be able to find the recording on the Project PA website afterward. Professional standards credit for 1.25 hours can be counted for attending or viewing this webinar.

Wednesday
June 10, 2020 1:00pm – 2:15pm

How to join this webinar:
Approximately 15 minutes before the start of the webinar:

1. Click on, copy/paste, or type (into your web browser) the webinar link below.
   Go to: https://psu.zoom.us/j/96824335499 (Meeting ID: 968 2433 5499)

2. If Zoom application is installed on your computer already, you will be directed to the meetings’ login via the Zoom application.

3. If Zoom application is not detected as installed, the “Zoom Launcher” download link will appear.
   a). Click on this link to initialize download.
   b). Navigate to your computer’s download folder. Click on the “zoomusInstaller.zip” file to begin the install process. Note some web browsers will automatically begin the application install procedure.
   c). After installation is complete, you will be forwarded to the Zoom Meeting login page via the Zoom application.

Please make sure your computer audio is turned on.

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