Reaching Children during the COVID-19 Pandemic: USDA Child Nutrition Programs

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OVERVIEW

• Modifications to Existing School Programs
• New Program Options
• Other Nutrition Assistance Programs
USDA is working with all of our partners to ensure a thorough and coordinated response to this pandemic.
Families First Coronavirus Response Act

PL 116-27

• Enacted 3/18/2020
• Provided USDA with authorities to modify/expand programs and creates new program options
• Large funding increases
Modifications to Existing Programs

- Non-Congregate Meals
- Area Eligibility Flexibility
- Meal Pattern/Nutrition Requirements
New Program Options

• Pandemic EBT- Cards for Food Purchase

• Meals to You- Home Delivery

Website: Mealstoyou.org
Enhancements to Other Nutrition Assistance Programs

• SNAP – expanded benefits, online purchasing, and more
• Increased Resources for Food Banks and Household Food Delivery
FNS COVID-19 Website

• Find information about USDA FNS efforts to respond to COVID-19