



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





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**USDA is working with
all of our partners to
ensure a thorough and
coordinated response
to this pandemic.**

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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

[https://www.fns.usda.gov/
disaster/pandemic/
covid-19](https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19)