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TO: All New Jersey School Food Authorities and Sponsoring Organizations
Participating in the United States Department of Agriculture Child Nutrition
Programs

FROM: Rose Tricario, Division Director 

DATE: April 6, 2020

SUBJECT: Nationwide Waiver of 60-Day Reporting Requirements
for January and February 2020

Pursuant to the COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response Act and based on the exceptional circumstances of this public health emergency, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is granting a nationwide waiver to help minimize potential exposure to the novel coronavirus. This waiver applies to the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the School Breakfast Program (SBP), the Special Milk Program (SMP), the Child and Adult Food Care Program (CACFP), and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), collectively, the Child Nutrition Programs.

Under the Child Nutrition Programs statutes and regulations, claims for reimbursement must be postmarked or submitted to the state agency no more than 60 days after the last day of the month covered by the claim. However, USDA FNS recognizes that during this public health emergency, extensions of these deadlines are necessary to provide critical flexibility to state and local agencies.

Therefore, USDA FNS is waiving the 60-day reimbursement deadline for all state agencies, school food authorities, and CACFP and SFSP sponsoring organizations for the months of January 2020 and February 2020. **This waiver shall only apply to claims covering operations in the months of January 2020 and February 2020. Deadlines for these claim months are extended for 30 calendar days from their original required date of submission.** This waiver is effective immediately. To the extent practicable, program operators should continue to complete their 60-day reporting requirements in a timely fashion in cases where waiver flexibility is not needed

If you have any questions, please call our Division's fiscal office at 609-984-1439.