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To: Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program (FFVP) Schools
From: Janet Celi, FFVP Coordinator
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Subject: Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program (FFVP) During Covid-19

Thank you for your dedication and hard work in serving meals during the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency. Pursuant to United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) memorandum SP 12-2020, dated April 9, 2020, we are pleased to announce that schools serving FFVP snacks to students during school closures now have more flexibility in providing these snacks to students, as outlined below.

FFVP Distribution:

FFVP Schools can provide FFVP snacks in addition to the meals they are providing but not in place of the fruit/vegetable they are serving as part of their meal components. Schools operating FFVP may distribute the FFVP snack at the same time as they are distributing their emergency meals.

FFVP Locations:

FFVP Schools that are approved for the 2019-2020 school year may offer the FFVP snack at this site. If the FFVP school is serving other elementary students not enrolled at this school, you may provide all children picking up meals at this site with the FFVP snack.

FFVP Budget:

Be sure to monitor your current budget to insure you keep within your allocated grant funds. If your school runs short of funds, please contact me to see if additional grant money is available.

Supplies:

You may continue to claim items such as bags, soufflé cups, forks, napkins, sanitizer, and low fat or fat free dip in the "Supplies" category on your FFVP voucher.

Questions:

Please feel free to contact me at 609-744-3562 if you have questions. I am always available to assist you in implementation of the FFVP during this difficult time.