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**PUBLIC NOTICE:
CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM
STATEWIDE WAIVER REQUEST
EXTENSION OF NATIONWIDE WAIVER -
UNANTICIPATED SCHOOL CLOSURE
MAY 21, 2020**

In accordance with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Nutrition Services (FNS) policy memorandum, CACFP12-2018, SFSP05-2018 - *Child Nutrition Program Waiver Request Guidance and Protocol-Revised*, May 24, 2018, the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) is seeking an extension of a nationwide waiver which waives several statutory and/or regulatory Program requirements.

Specifically, the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (GA DECAL) is requesting that it be allowed to permit Program operators (including school sites) to operate under current unanticipated school closure requirements (emergency feeding) through **August 31, 2020**.

This waiver is in response to FNS' Nationwide Waiver Response #21 which delays the transition from SFSP operations during anticipated school closures associated with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic to traditional SFSP operations to June 30, 2020.

Specifically, Georgia DECAL requests the following Program regulations be waived:

- **7 CFR 225.6(b)(1)**
- **7 CFR 225.6(b)(4)**
- **7 CFR 225.6(c)(1)**
- **7 CFR 225.6(c)(2)(i)(G)**
- **7 CFR 225.6(c)(3)(i)(B)**
- **7 CFR 225.6(e)(1)(iii)**
- **7 CFR 225.7(a)**
- **7 CFR 225.7(d)(1)(i)**
- **7 CFR 225.14(a)**
- **7 CFR 225.15(d)(1)**

Please Note: **7 CFR 225.6(d)(1)(iv)** – *Previously approved by FNS on February 12, 2020 and is effective through April 30, 2022.*

A copy of the official request can be found here:

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/Nutrition/SFSPWaiverRequests.aspx>

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