

August 31, 2023

Greetings CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meal Component Operators,

Nutrition Services hopes that you and your communities were not adversely affected by Hurricane Idalia and that any impact was minimal.

On August 30, 2023, DECAL was approved by USDA to grant CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meal Component facilities waivers for the following:

- Non-Congregate Meal Service
- Parent and Guardian Meal Pick-up
- Meal Service Times
- At-Risk Enrichment Activities

These waivers can only be utilized during unanticipated school closures resulting from natural disasters, unscheduled major building repairs, court orders relating to school safety or other issues, labor-management disputes or when approved by DECAL for similar unanticipated causes.

In order for an At-Risk Afterschool Meal Component facility to utilize the abovementioned waivers, the facility:

- Must be approved to operate the At-Risk Afterschool Meal Component program;
- Must be located in an area impacted by an unanticipated school closure resulting from natural disasters, unscheduled major building repairs, court orders relating to school safety or other issues, labor-management disputes or when approved by DECAL for similar unanticipated causes; and
- Must limit the use of the waivers to no more than 10 consecutive days. In situations that may warrant a longer time period, Food Nutrition Service (FNS) approval will be required.

CACFP organizations must seek approval to utilize these waivers and can request their usage through the waiver module in GA ATLAS.

Please note: If desiring to utilize the Home Delivery or Parent/Guardian Pick-up meal service models, CACFP organizations must complete and attach in the waiver module, the USDA Waiver Request Addendum, which can be found **here**.

For questions, please contact Robyn Parham or Tammie Baldwin.

Regards,

Nutrition Services

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