



Georgia Dept of Early Care and Learning

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September 9, 2020

Greetings CACFP Sponsors:

In response to COVID-19, the Nationwide Waiver of Monitoring Requirements for Sponsors in the Child and Adult Food Care Program (CACFP) specifically allowed flexibilities in the monitoring requirements for CACFP Sponsors who requested this waiver and received approval from DECAL. However, these flexibilities expired on August 31, 2020.

Sponsors who anticipate challenges with meeting the monitoring requirements for all facilities required per 7 CFR 226.16(d)(4)(iii) in FY2021, may submit an official waiver request to DECAL that will be submitted for USDA approval.

Sponsors who would like to utilize this waiver must:

1. Review the DECAL Policy Memorandum, ***Child Nutrition Program Waiver Request Guidance and Protocol (Revised), July 13, 2018*** and respond to items #4, #5, #6 and #8 in a Word document. A copy of the memorandum can be found [here](#).
2. Issue a notice informing the public that a waiver request has been submitted to DECAL
3. Submit the official waiver request and a copy of the public notice to Sonja.Adams@decalfga.gov.

Onsite Monitoring Requirements

The Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for Sponsors in the Child and Adult Food Program specifically allows for off- site monitoring via desk review/audit has been extended through **September 30, 2021**. The sponsoring organization may submit a waiver for offsite monitoring, which can be utilized for all monitoring visits during FY2021. *Please note: Sponsoring organizations are not required to reapply if they received approval to use the waiver for FY2020.*

To utilize this waiver,

1. Complete the [Combined Waiver Request Form](#) and select the “On-site Monitoring” waiver option.
2. Send your request to Leslie.Truman@decalfga.gov

A Sponsor Monitoring Guide was created to provide guidance on monitoring during COVID-19, monitoring waiver options, and conducting virtual/desk reviews:

- [CACFP Sponsor Monitoring Guidance during COVID-19](#)
- [Record Request Checklist Template](#)

Thank you for all you do to serve children and their families during this unprecedented time!

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