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Jif Peanut Butter and Snacks made with Peanut Butter Recalled

The J. M. Smucker Co. is recalling select Jif® peanut butter products sold in the U.S. due to potential Salmonella contamination. The recall is also expanding to snack products made with peanut butter and produced by Del Monte, Fudgeamentals and Country Fresh.

The recalled peanut butter was distributed nationwide in retail stores and other outlets. Recalled products include the products with lot codes 1274425 – 2140425. Lot codes are included alongside best-if-used-by date.

If consumers have products affected by the recall in their possession, they should dispose of them immediately.

Questions about the Recall

Consumers who have questions or would like to report adverse reactions should visit www.jif.com or call 800-828-9980 Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM ET.

Resources

- [Original Jif Recall](#) (includes list of recalled Jif Products)
- [Explanation of the lot code for the affected jars](#)
- [Del Monte snack kit recall](#)
- [Fudgeamentals PB fudge recall](#)
- [Country Fresh fruit trays recall](#)
- [Current list of FDA recalls](#)

Reminder - PolicyStat available on Nutrition Services' Webpage

PolicyStat is an *online policy management system* that allows CACFP and Happy Helpings, Georgia's Summer Food Service Program, organizations and DECAL staff to navigate, locate, and access policy documents more quickly. The links for PolicyStat can be accessed at the following two links:

- For CACFP, [click here](#)
- For Happy Helpings, [click here](#)

CACFP and Happy Helpings organizations are encouraged to take a moment to become familiar with the system. **Please Note:** As Nutrition Services works to perfect PolicyStat, please continue to use the current **Policy** and **Memos** links on the DECAL website as your main resource for all CACFP and Happy Helpings related policies and memoranda. For questions, please feel free to contact Robyn Parham at Robyn.Parham@dec.al.ga.gov or Sonja Adams at Sonja.Adams@dec.al.ga.gov.

Update on USDA Waivers

Nationwide Waivers Soon to Expire

In light of the exceptional circumstances of the current public health emergency, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) extended Nationwide Waivers to support access to nutritious meals while minimizing potential exposure to the novel coronavirus. However, those Nationwide waivers are soon to expire. Those waivers are as follows:

For full details on the CACFP waivers below, please click on the links to read the actual waiver memo or [click here](#) for more information on DECAL's website.

- **Area Eligibility in the Afterschool Programs & for Family Day Care Home Providers in School Year 2021-2022: ****Waiver expires June 30, 2022******
- **Reimbursement for Meals & Snacks served to Young Adults in the CACFP : ****Waiver is set to expire August 14, 2022******
- **Parent/Guardian Pick-Up: ****Waiver expires June 30, 2022******
- **Specific Meal Pattern Flexibility: ****Waiver expires June 30, 2022******
- **Meal Times Waiver: ****Waiver expires June 30, 2022******
- **Non-Congregate Feeding: ****Waiver expires June 30, 2022******
- **Onsite Monitoring Requirements: ****Waiver is set to expire August 14, 2022******

CACFP Statewide Waiver Requests Receive USDA Approval

The emergency authority that allowed the USDA to offer the above listed nationwide waivers expires on June 30, 2022. Congress did not extend the USDA's nationwide waiver authority. This means the USDA can no longer offer the full range of nationwide waivers that have been available. However, the USDA can provide limited operational and administrative flexibility through statewide waivers. As a result, DECAL's Nutrition Services submitted requests and have received approval for the waivers listed below:

Waiver	Effective Dates	Request Usage via
Non-Congregate Meal Services	July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	USDA Waiver Module
Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup	July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	USDA Waiver Module
Meal Service Times	July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	USDA Waiver Module

The Non-Congregate, Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup, and Meal Service Times waivers may only be implemented when CACFP meal services are limited by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Therefore, the following criteria is required for these three waivers to be approved and used by CACFP institutions. Waiver requests must be based on at least 1 of the following criteria:

Criteria 1:

The center/facility must be located in a county that is designated as High, Substantial, or Moderate regarding COVID-19 community transmissions as determined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and/or Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) websites:

- CDC, https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list_select_state=Georgia&data-type=CommunityLevels&null=Risk - Under the "Data Type" pull down menu (located mid-page), the user would select "Community Transmission" to access a county's designation; and/or
- GA DPH, <https://dph.georgia.gov/county-indicator-reports> - The user would select the most recent County Indicator Report and click "Community Transmission" in the top right corner of the page to access a county's designation.

Criteria 2:

Institutions can provide official documentation affirming a meal service has been impacted as a result of COVID-19 transmission. The documentation must be issued by (1) a public state, local, or county official; (2) a school superintendent or principal; or (3) a Center Director reporting a documented case of COVID-19 within the child and/or adult care facility.

Documentation to support the documented case of COVID-19 could be a letter or email that was sent to parents or staff advising of the documented case.

The waivers will be effective for **30 days** upon approval, with the option to re-apply for an additional 30 days, if the criteria are met using the most current data from the CDC, GA DPH, or with new documentation affirming that meal services have been impacted.

Information on Requesting a Waiver

For information on requesting a waiver, please access the following resources:

- [USDA Waiver User Guide](#) – Provides step by step instructions on how to submit a waiver request in GA Atlas (applies to both CACFP and SFSP).
- [Important Reminders when using USDA Approved Waivers](#) - Discusses key recordkeeping requirements.
- [USDA Waiver Addendum](#) – Required when using the Parent Pick-up waiver or when conducting home delivery under the Non-Congregate waiver.

For general questions on requesting a USDA approved waiver, please contact Tammie.Baldwin@dec.al.ga.gov.

For specific policy questions pertaining to waivers, please contact Robyn.Parham@dec.al.ga.gov.

Area Eligibility Guidance from the USDA

Transitioning from COVID-19 Nationwide Waivers & School Data

On May 13, 2022, the USDA issued the memorandum [Area Eligibility for Summer 2022 and School Year 2022-2023](#). This memorandum provides guidance on the transition from COVID-19 Nationwide waivers related to the establishment of area eligibility in Child Nutrition Programs for summer 2022 and SY 2022-2023.

In SY 2021-2022 many schools participated in the Nationwide waiver to operate the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) during SY 2021-2022 and did not have to complete free and reduced eligibility information. This has resulted in an absence of complete SY 2021-2022 free and reduced price school data. As school data and census data are the primary sources used to determine area eligibility in both Happy Helpings and CACFP, the USDA has advised that Program operators may use one of the following two options with regards to school data for sites located in the attendance area of schools that operated SSO in SY 2021-2022 (*these options are not available for sites located in the attendance area of schools that operated NSLP in SY 2021-2022*):

- Use school data from SY 2019-2020 to determine area eligibility. SY 2019-2020 school data is now available on Nutrition Services' website ([Happy Helpings, CACFP](#)).
 - SFAs may use Community Eligibility Provision Data (CEP). Once area eligibility data is established, all NSLP afterschool snack programs, SSO, CACFP at-risk afterschool and family day care homes, and SFSP operators may establish sites based on the determination.
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New CACFP and Happy Helpings Memorandum *Updates to the Non-Discrimination Statement and Complaint Processing*

On May 5, 2022, the USDA issued [Application of Bostock v. Clayton County to Program Discrimination Complaint Processing and Questions and Answers](#). The memorandum and guidance provides direction to State agencies and Program operators regarding processing program complaints that allege discrimination on the basis of gender identity and sexual orientation in programs or activities receiving CACFP and Happy Helpings funding.

As per the memorandum, effective immediately, gender identity and sexual orientation discrimination are now included within the definition of "sex discrimination".

Therefore, State agencies and Program operators will have to update/revise the following:

- **Program Discrimination Complaint Processing Procedures** - Must ensure that discrimination complaints alleging sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination are processed as complaints of prohibited sex discrimination.
- **Non-Discrimination Statements (NDS)** - The Non-Discrimination Statement in English has been updated and can be found at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/civil-rights/usda-nondiscrimination-statement-other-fns-programs>. The USDA is currently working on updating the statement in other translations. Once updated those translations will be located at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cr/fns-nondiscrimination-statement>.
- **And Justice for All Posters** - State agencies and Program operators will also need to obtain new posters that reference gender identity and sexual orientation discrimination.

Updates Timeline for the Non-Discrimination Statement and *And Justice for All* posters:

- Items that can be changed without further guidance should be updated as soon as possible.
- Websites should be updated with the Non-Discrimination Statement no later than 90 days.
- Documents, pamphlets, brochures, etc., with older NDS language must be updated when current supply on hand is exhausted or by September 30, 2023.
- *And Justice for All* posters are in production and will be available in the coming months. State agencies and program operators must continue to display the September 2019 poster until updated posters are received.

*** Ensuring that discrimination complaints alleging sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination are processed as complaints of prohibited sex discrimination is effective immediately.*

For any questions related to the memoranda, please contact [Robyn Parham](#).

Unique Entity Identifier Field Added to ATLAS

On April 4, 2022, the unique entity identifier used across the federal government changed from the DUNS Number to the Unique Entity ID (generated by SAM.gov).

- The Unique Entity ID is a 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned to an entity by SAM.gov.
- As part of this transition, the DUNS Number has been removed from SAM.gov.
- Entity registration, searching, and data entry in SAM.gov now require use of the new Unique Entity ID.
- Existing registered entities can find their Unique Entity ID by following the steps [here](#).
- New entities can get their Unique Entity ID at SAM.gov and, if required, complete an entity registration.

Effective **August 1, 2022**, the DUNS Number field will be removed from GA ATLAS and the UEI field will be added. All institutions/sponsors will be required to enter their UEI in GA ATLAS. Failure to complete this requirement will impact continued participation in the CACFP, which includes submission of monthly claims for reimbursement.

Training Dates

CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursday Training Webinar Series

Team Nutrition offers free training webinars on hot topics related to the CACFP meal pattern requirements. Please see below for the upcoming and newly recorded training sessions. Accompanying training materials, presentation slides, and other tools for selected webinar recordings are available on the [CACFP Training Tools webpage](#).

Upcoming Webinars

- *Breakfast Basics* on Thursday, July 21, 2022
 - English: 2-2:30 pm [Registration Coming Soon]
 - Spanish: 3-3:30 pm [Registration Coming Soon]

Recorded Webinars

[Grains Ounce Equivalents Tools for CACFP Operators: March 14, 2022](#)

Training Resources

In Case You Missed It: Webinar Recordings Now Available!

If you missed a *webinar*, please visit the [Training and Technical Assistance](#) webpage for previously recorded webinars. This month's training highlight is the [March Memo Monday](#) webinar. It discussed instructions on how to use a new policy resource, PolicyStat. An online policy management system that will allow CACFP and Happy Helpings organizations and DECAL staff to navigate, locate, and access policy documents more quickly.

Let's Make a Snack! Child and Adult Care Food Program Snack Menu Planner for Children 3 Through 18 Years of Age **Revised!**

FNS is currently making a correction to the "Let's Make a Snack! Child and Adult Care Food Program Snack Menu Planner for Children 3 Through 18 Years of Age" with a publication date of April 15, 2022, and removed it from the FNS website on April 20, 2022. This publication included incorrect information about food intolerances.

As per CACFP 14-2017, SFSP 10-2017, Modifications to Accommodate Disabilities in the Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program, "A physical or mental impairment does not need to be life threatening to constitute a disability. It is enough that the impairment limits a major life activity. For example, digestion is a bodily function

that is a major life activity. A child whose digestion is impaired by lactose intolerance may be a person with a disability, regardless of whether or not consuming milk causes the child severe distress.” An updated notification will be issued once the revised version on the publication has been released.

Creative Ways to Get Kids to Eat Vegetables

- **Have A Plant – Produce for Better Health Foundation** has tips for getting kids to try more vegetables, such as placing pictures of produce on their eating trays. Try these creative ideas with the kids in your care. [[Get Creative Now](#)]

Cooking and Nutrition Videos

- **Common Threads** offers a variety of resources for children, parents, and educators. Explore multiple healthy recipes, training material, professional development opportunities, and free interactive cooking videos and classes. [[Explore Now](#)]

What is a Whole Grain?

- Serving whole grains is an important part of the CACFP meal pattern and a healthy diet in general. Visit the **Grain Foods Foundation** to learn exactly what is a whole grain, the benefits of serving whole grains and tips on how to offer more whole grains in your program. [[Discover Whole Grains](#)]

Infant and Toddler Feeding from Birth to 23 Months Resource Guide

- The International Food Information Council provides information on infant and toddler feeding from birth through 23 months of age, including information on breastfeeding, infant formula, the introduction of solid foods and infant safety while eating. [[Download Resource Guide](#)]

How to Start a Garden at a CACFP Site Blog

- **The National CACFP Sponsors Association** has created a blog series on how to walk program operators through the steps of starting and maintaining your own garden. [[Get Gardening](#)]

Garden Memory Game

- The **National CACFP Sponsors Association Learning Center** has developed this free activity page to teach children about seasonal summer produce while also having fun! [[Free Download](#)]



Nutrition Ed Nook

Berry Delicious! Blueberries

Berry Delicious! May's Harvest of the Month ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)) spotlight is blueberries. Blueberries are simple, healthy, and delicious. Blueberries are available fresh, frozen, canned, and dried for nutrition and convenience. If selecting fresh, choose firm, plump, dry

blueberries with dusty blue color.

Fresh blueberries are available year-round but might be the highest quality and lowest price when available locally. Peak season is July to September. Blueberries are free of fat, saturated fat, cholesterol, and sodium. Blueberries are an excellent source of vitamin C, which promotes a healthy immune system. They are also a good source of fiber and copper, and high in vitamin K and manganese.

Fun Fact: Each blossom on a blueberry bush becomes one blueberry - first hard and green, then reddish-purple, and finally blue, sweet, and ready to eat!

Integration:

- **Whole-Wheat Blueberry Muffins**
- **Berry Blast Off**
- **Watermelon and Fruit Salad**
- **Fruit Pizza**
- **Un-beet-able Berry Smoothie**

Education:

- **Grow** blueberries. Blueberries thrive under clear blue skies, with hot days and cool nights. They're native to North America, where the harvest runs from April to late September.
- **Incorporate** blueberries into your meal. Add them into a salad, smoothie, oatmeal, cereal, or enjoy them as a snack throughout the day.
- **Talk** with families about how children can help with meal preparation including washing and drying blueberries to be served with a meal. **Bonus:** Send recipes that incorporate blueberries home for families to try together!

Conversation:

- Have the children you serve eaten blueberries before?
- What is their favorite way to eat blueberries?
- What other types of berries do they like to eat?



May's Harvest of the Month

BONUS Item: Vidalia Onions

The May Harvest of the Month Bonus spotlight is Vidalia Onions. Onions boost flavor and add antioxidants for cell and tissue health. Onions are available fresh and frozen for good nutrition and convenience. Choose whole onions that are

firm and heavy for their size, and have no scent.

Look for a dry, papery outer skin. Avoid cut, bruised, or sprouting onions. Types of onions include yellow, white, red, sweet, green, chives, and leeks. When cooked, Vidalia Onions become sweeter! Caramelize, grill, sauté, steam, or roast them or dice them up and add them raw on top of tacos or a salad to boost the flavor!

Share your Harvest of the Month stories and menu integration of blueberries and Vidalia onions with Nutrition & Physical Activity Supervisor, Diana Myers, MS, RD, LD at diana.myers@dec.al.gov!



DECAL's Nutrition Spotlight:

Temika Moore, Business Operations Representative

Temika Moore serves as a Business Operations Representative for the Nutrition Services Division. She has held this position since 2019, but joined the division as a temp in 2017.

As a Business Operations Specialist, Temika reviews and determines eligibility for the Child and Adult Food Care Program sponsored facilities and Happy Helpings meal sites. Additionally, she reviews and approves new CACFP facility & Happy Helping meal site applications and monthly updates for

participating institutions and Sponsors.

In this role, her goal is to provide great customer service that ensures the experience for the sponsor and institution flows effortlessly.

Prior to joining DECAL, Temika worked for Ricoh, a printer and copier company, as a parts administrator.

Temika is originally from Mansfield Ohio. She moved to Atlanta at age 12 and attended Grady High School. She has two children, Jessika, 33 and EJ, 27. She loves riding horses and traveling to the beach.

Temika is also a breast cancer survivor. It was a very hard experience for her, but she was very blessed to have a great support system. The advice she gives to anyone going through cancer is to “surround yourself with people that love you.”

CACFP Resources:

The following documents were covered in previous newsletters:

Futher DECAL Procurement Guidance

Administrative Cost Reminders for Sponsors

Did you know Health Inspections are an allowable cost under CACFP?

Reminder: Check your Email Messages in GA ATLAS

Managing Virtual Monitoring and Supply Chain Disruptions Fact Sheet

Flexibilities During COVID-19 Supply Chain Disruptions

Non-profit Food Service and Procurement Procedures Monitoring

New Mailbox for Budget Department

Nutrition Services Resumes Pre-COVID Business Operations

Updating your Banking Information

Stay Informed: CACFP Policy Updates

Claim Deadlines FY22

Healthy Cooking in CACFP with Chef Asata Reid: 5 Part Video Series

Annual Renewal Requirements must be completed to participate in CACFP

How to Handle FDCH Carry Over

CACFP Meals for Young People Experiencing Homelessness

Happy Helpings Announced

Procurement Tips for CACFP

CACFP Budget Submission Required for FY2022

USDA Webinar: Meal Service Flexibilities for the FY 2021-2022 School Year

Guidance for Serving School-Age Children in the CACFP during COVID-19

Oct 1: Deadline to Implement Grain Ounce Equivalents in Menu Planning

Expiring Soon: Updated CACFP Meal Pattern Flexibilities

Reminder: Review Your Online CACFP Applications for Accuracy

Celebrating Breastfeeding as the Best Source of Nutrition

CACFP Reimbursement Rates: July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

You can find archived CACFP Newsletters [here](#).

Dates to Remember

DATE:	June 2022
July 21	• Breakfast Basics Webinar
August 1	• Unique Entity Identifier Field Added to ATLAS

How was my Customer Service?

Provide feedback on your experience with the Nutrition Team



Click on the icon at right to participate in the customer service survey. Responses are anonymous.

Join Us for a NEW DECAL Download!

Day in the Life: Fachelle Garner, Inclusion and Behavior Support Specialist

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Georgia Dept of Early Care and Learning
 BRIGHT FROM THE START

The DECAL Download is bringing you another one of our “Day in the Life” features where we learn more about a member of our DECAL team and what they do for Georgia’s youngest learners and their families.

Today we’re learning more about our Inclusion and Behavior Support Services Unit

that helps early learning professionals and families learn more about inclusion and social emotional development. We’re spending a “Day in the Life” of Fachelle Garner, one of our Inclusion and Behavior Support Specialist here at DECAL.

We’ll also have a watercooler question for Commissioner Jacobs and the DECAL Download Quiz where you could win a prize from The Alliance Theater, Chick-fil-A, Georgia Lottery, The School Box, Stars & Strikes, Shake Shack, Waffle House, World of Coke or the Georgia Aquarium!

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