



**Georgia Dept
of Early Care
and Learning**
BRIGHT FROM THE START

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Greetings CACFP Sponsors and Institutions,

DECAL's Nutrition Services hopes that your communities were not impacted by Hurricane Helene.

For those who were impacted, we'd like to remind institutions of milk flexibilities available in CACFP regulations found at 7 CFR 226.20(e). CACFP institutions that are experiencing disruptions in milk supplies under emergency conditions and as a result are unable to obtain milk or the required milk type by age (e.g., whole milk, 1% milk, fat-free milk), may apply and be approved on a temporary basis to serve and claim meals without milk or with a different milk type than required.

Please see the guidance [here](#) for more information on this flexibility. Only those institutions or facilities experiencing disruptions in milk supplies are eligible.

If seeking approval for the milk flexibility, please email Tammie Baldwin at Tammie.Baldwin@decalfga.gov or Robyn Parham at Robyn.Parham@decalfga.gov.

For those institutions that operate and are approved for the At-Risk Afterschool Meal Component Program, waivers during times of unanticipated school closures due to natural disasters are available for request and approval. Those waivers are as follows:

- **Non-Congregate Meal Services**
- **Parent Guardian Pick up** – requires the [Parent/Guardian Pick-Up Procedures Statement](#), Parts 3-5, to be completed
- **Enrichment Activity**
- **Meal Service Times**

At-Risk Afterschool Operations are limited to claiming one meal and one snack per day. If your institution is approved and operates the At-Risk Afterschool Meal Component Program and is interested in applying for these waivers, operators must request to use the waivers in GA ATLAS.

GA DECAL may not approve a waiver for more than 10 consecutive operating days without approval from FNS and the At-Risk Afterschool facility for which waivers are requested must be located in an area where there is an unanticipated school closure. Operators must be approved prior to utilizing these waivers.

Regards,
Nutrition Services

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