



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Sponsors of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs

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SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #2-10
H1N1 Outbreak Addendum, H1N1 Outbreak Waiver Request and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) School Dismissals for H1N1 Outbreaks: Questions and Answers - Edition #2

As indicated in Operational Memorandum #16-09, school sponsors have the opportunity to provide reimbursable meals to low-income children during school closures related to the H1N1 influenza virus. Such closures would follow a declaration of a public health emergency under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act and would prevent the service of congregate meals through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. (*Note that a declaration of a public health emergency has already been announced in the United States.*) Meals served during these school closures may be claimed either through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or the National School Lunch Program's Seamless Summer Option (SSO).

Before a School Food Authority (SFA) can provide meals to children during a school closure due to H1N1, the district must do the following:

1. Decide if they will participate in the SFSP or the SSO of the National School Lunch Program. An SFSP or SSO **Addendum** to the Agreement (ED-099) will need to be completed and *will be sent upon request*. Note: If the SFA participated in the SFSP or SSO during the summer of 2009, then this Addendum should already be on file with the State agency;
2. Complete an H1N1 Outbreak **Addendum**. This must be signed by the State agency and an Authorized Representative of the SFA; and
3. Complete an H1N1 Outbreak **Waiver Request** form outlining the SFAs procedures for providing meals during a school closure due to H1N1.

Attached are the H1N1 Outbreak Addendum form and the H1N1 Outbreak Waiver form. Also attached is the most recent USDA Questions and Answers addressing H1N1 and school closures. Further information regarding H1N1 may be obtained by going to the USDA's Web sites <http://www.fns.usda.gov/disasters/pandemic/default.htm> and http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/?navid=USDA_H1N1.

The Connecticut State Department of Education encourages interested SFAs in coordinating activities with community organizations. This will help to ensure that meals are provided efficiently, reaching those children most in need of assistance.

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