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# **COVID-19 Updates and Resources for Afterschool**

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## Housekeeping: Utilizing Zoom

- Everyone is currently in listen only mode, but we want to hear from you! Throughout the webinar, please:
  - o "Raise your hand" to comment and respond to questions
  - Use the chat box
  - Respond to polls to keep GSAN informed and help us to better support you and your program

#### Agenda

- Hearing from You: What services are you providing?
- State and Federal Updates
- Hearing from partner agency: Department of Early Care and Learning, Nutrition Services
- Hearing from partner organization: Georgia Food Bank Association
- Resource Sharing
- Hearing from You: *How can GSAN better support you?*

# Who is here?

And, how are you doing?

## GSAN's COVID-19 Resources Webpage

#### Check out our COVID-19 webpage

Looking for policy updates, professional development opportunities, and resources? We've got you covered!

Continue to check back for updates at:

http://www.afterschoolga.org/resources/covid19/

## COVID-19 Related Updates & Resources

- Georgia Department of Public Health COVID-19 Daily Status
  Report
- CDC Guidance for Schools and Childcare Programs
- Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security

  Agency
- Georgia Department of Labor COVID-19 Information
- Georgia's COVID-19 Hotline: **(844) 442-2681**
- Georgia Crisis and Access Line: **1-800-715-4225**



Governor Kemp's Office of Planning and Budget and the leaders of the House and Senate budget committees sent a memo to agencies asking for a 14% Budget Cut for FY21 with NO exemptions.

All state agencies will submit their budgets by May 20.

Governor Kemp issued an Executive Order (05/12/20) providing additional guidance for reviving a healthy Georgia in response to COVID-19.

This includes guidance for childcare and summer camps

#### Signage

- Signs at any entrance to tell campers they can't enter if they've been diagnosed, shown symptoms, or had contact with someone who has or is suspected to have COVID-19 within the past 14 days
- Signs at any entrance and throughout facility to tell campers about sanitation, social distancing, and any other instructions

#### **Screening**

- Screen campers for symptoms at drop off and prevent them from entering if they have symptoms
- Requiring ANYONE displaying symptoms to be separated from the group immediately and leaving as soon as practicable
- Require ANYONE staying home sick to have a negative test or be fever and fever mediation free for 72 hours and at least 10 days since symptoms appeared

#### **Check-In and Check-Out**

- Require parents to stay in vehicles
- Utilize contactless forms for check in and check out
- Implement staggered drop-off and pick-up; specific times for each group if possible
- Provide hand sanitizers to campers as soon as practicable upon drop off

#### **Limit Contact**

- Limiting groups to 20 people or less, including workers and campers
- Prohibiting unnecessary visitors
- Discontinue camp tours
- Prohibit contact between campers and other patrons
- Keep the same workers and campers in the same group for the duration of the camp
- Enforce social distancing between groups, prohibit gatherings, and prohibit congregating among campers belonging to different groups
- Providing an isolation area for sick workers or campers

#### **Sanitation**

- Provide a separate designated space for each camper to store personal belongings
- Prohibit use of camp facilities and equipment that can't be sanitized
- Allow only one group to use camp equipment at a time and sanitize after each use
- Require workers to enforce sanitization policy and conduct additional cleanings when equipment is not being used
- Provide hand sanitizer stations for campers and require regular use
- Require campers to wash or sanitize hands during each group restroom, snack, and meal break
- Provide masks or other PPE to workers and campers as available and appropriate to their function

#### Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

- Georgia received \$144 million under CARES Act. For the first phase of fund distributions, licensed Child Care Providers, starting 05/01/20, can apply for the DECAL Short Term Assistance Benefit for Licensed Entities (STABLE) payments.
  - STABLE application can be found in KOALA <u>here</u>. It can be accessed through 05/15/20.
- DECAL provided a list of resources for PPE vendors.
- DECAL created a <u>Nutrition Services Emergency Feeding Vendor</u> Resource List.

#### Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

- Essential Services Workforce Tier 2 includes:
  - Food and grocery store personnel;
  - Convenience store personnel;
  - Pharmacy personnel not included in Tier 1;
  - Food and grocery manufacturing;
  - Food processing;
  - Farming and food production;
  - Food and grocery storage, distribution, or transit;
  - Food and grocery delivery; and
  - Restaurant food preparation, service, or delivery.

#### Georgia Department of Education

• Georgia has been approved by U.S. Dept. of Education for its CARES Act application, which will bring one-time funding to the state for COVID-19 related expenses, including meals, distance learning, mental and physical health, services for at-risk student populations, and continuity of core staff and services, among other items.

## Federal Updates

• The American Camp Association (ACA) and the YMCAs of the United States (Y-USA) are creating a Camp Operations Guide Summer 2020 with the help of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Association of Camp Nursing according to CDC guidelines.

#### **Take Action**

Reach out to Congress and ask them to consider afterschool and summer learning specifically in the next COVID-19 emergency legislation package.

Afterschool Alliance: Action Alert

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# DECAL Nutrition Division Services

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#### Who We Are & What We Do

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning is responsible for meeting the child care and early education needs of Georgia's children and their families.

#### The Nutrition Division:

- Administers two federal Nutrition Programs
  - Child and Adult Food Care Program (CACFP)
    - At Risk Afterschool Program
  - Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)



# Transitioning from CACFP At Risk to SFSP

- Organizations currently participating in the at-risk afterschool meals component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) are well-positioned to offer summer meals.
- Although CACFP at-risk afterschool meals may not be served during the summer months, organizations may be eligible to serve summer meals through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- Doing so allows organizations to establish a year-round presence in the communities in which they serve



# **COVID-19 Emergency Feeding in Georgia through SFSP**

- 40 Sponsors
- 453 meal sites
- 1.2M Meals (Mar and Apr 2020)







## Serving as a Feeding Site

- A site is the physical location where SFSP meals are served during a supervised time period
- May be located in a variety of settings that are deemed area eligible, including
  - schools,
  - recreation centers,
  - playgrounds, parks,
  - churches,
  - community centers, and more
- Feeding Sites work under sponsoring organizations



#### Serving as a Feeding Site

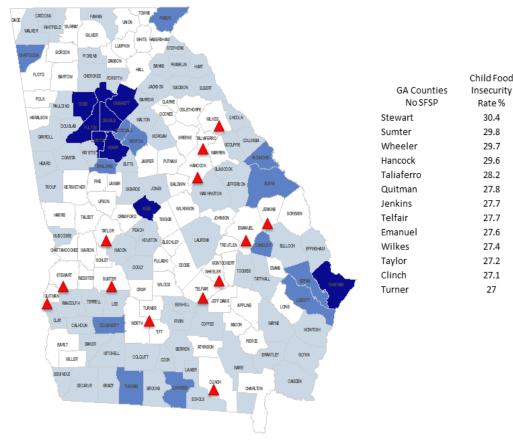
#### <u>Site Supervisors</u> are responsible for:

- Attending sponsor's training
- Supervising meal service at your site
- Supervising enrichment activities, if applicable
- Managing volunteers
- Distributing meals by following SFSP guidelines
- Keeping daily records of meals served
- Storing food appropriately
- Keeping the site clean and sanitary
- Helping your sponsor promote the program in the community



#### Serving as a Feeding Site

• The need is great in these 13 counties:



Contact Cindy Kicklighter at <a href="mailto:cindy.Kicklighter@decal.ga.gov">cindy.Kicklighter@decal.ga.gov</a> or by phone at 678.841.3170

# Finding a Meal Site Location

- Emergency Feeding Sites on <u>decal.ga.gov</u>
- Meals for Kids: <a href="https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids">https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids</a>
- Text "Summer Meals" to 97779



# **SFSP Waivers Currently Available**

# Onsite Monitoring Waiver for Sponsors

For sponsors only - FNS waives that SFSP monitoring requirements included at 7 CFR 225.15(d) be conducted on site. \*\*Waiver in effect through June 30\*\*

#### **FSMC Contract Waiver During SFSP**

For SFSP FSMCs only - Waiver allows Sponsors utilizing Food Service Management Companies to enter into a one-year noncompetitive procurement contract during SFSP FY20. \*\*Waiver is effective immediately until September 30.\*\*



For more info, text "SUMMER MEALS" to 97779 | Decal.Ga.gov Georgia Dep of Early Car

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# **SFSP Waivers Currently Available**

#### **Meal Pattern Flexibilities**

The requirement to serve meals that meet the meal pattern requirements is waived during the public health emergency.

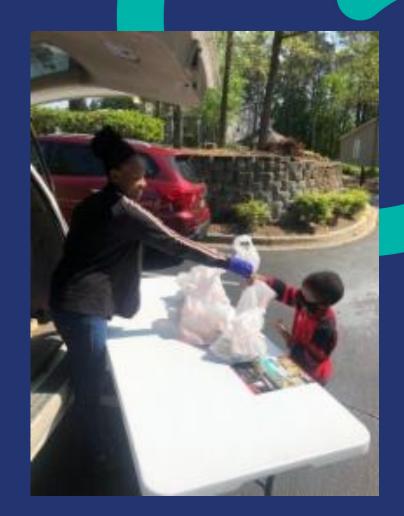
\*\*Waiver extended until May 31\*\*

#### **Meal Times Waiver**

This waiver allows program operators the flexibility to adjust the times meals and snacks are provided in order to streamline operations. \*\*SFSP Waiver extended until September 30\*\*

#### **Non-congregate Feeding**

The requirement that meals be served in a congregate setting and must be consumed by participants on site is waived during the public health emergency. \*\*Waiver remains in effect through June 30\*\*





#### SFSP Waivers Currently Available

#### **Parent Pick-up**

Under this waiver, Program operators in a State with an approved waiver allowing non-congregate meal distribution during COVID-19- related operations may distribute meals to a parent or guardian to take home to their eligible children. \*\*Waiver in effect through June 30\*\*

# (60) Day Reporting Requirements for January & February 2020 Claims

The requirement to submit claims for reimbursement no more than 60 days after the last day of the month has been waived for claims covering operations during the months of January and February 2020. \*\*Deadlines for these two claims months are extended for 30 calendar days from their original required date of submission.\*\*





# Partnering with School Systems

- 1. Prepare Meals
- 2. Transport/Deliver Meals
- 3. Host feeding sites at school



# Flexibilities - CACFP At Risk to SFSP

- CACFP institutions currently in good standing are not required to submit further evidence of financial and administrative capability when applying for SFSP participation.
  - Good Standing = no current serious deficiencies
- A CACFP at-risk afterschool center applying to participate in SFSP is not required to re-establish area eligibility since eligibility determination is good for 5 years.

# Flexibilities - CACFP At Risk to SFSP

- A sponsor's excess funds from either CACFP or SFSP may be used in its operation of either program, or any other Child Nutrition Programs.
- At-risk afterschool meal sites in good standing are not required to attend training prior to submitting an SFSP application (but sponsor admin staff would be required to attend SFSP training)



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Together we can feed Georgia's Children!



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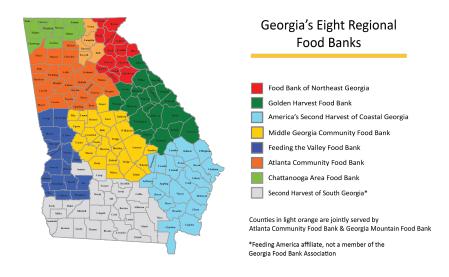


#### **HUNGER IN GEORGIA**

- 1 in 7 Georgians seniors, children and working families need food assistance.
- 1 in 5 children in Georgia live in food insecure households, meaning they do not have access to adequate food due to lack of money or other resources.
- 156,500 individuals are served each WEEK by Georgia's regional food bank network and their partner agencies and pantries. 74% of these agencies are congregations/faith based entities.

#### ABOUT GEORGIA'S 8 REGIONAL FOOD BANKS

- 8 regional Food Banks part of the Feeding America network
- 150 million pounds of food distributed **annually** the equivalent of 125 million meals
- 2,400 partner agencies and congregations
- 159 counties served
- 156,500 individuals served WEEKLY
- 30+ years of trusted, accountable operation



#### Resources

- Department of Early Care and Learning's <u>School Age Resources</u>
- Regional Education Laboratory Program's <u>COVID-19</u>: <u>Evidence-Based</u> <u>Resources</u>
- State Bar of Georgia's <u>Georgia Small Business/Nonprofit COVID-19</u> Remote Pro Bono Clinic
- National AfterSchool Association's <u>Standard-Aligned Digital Resources</u> <u>For Positive Afterschool Experiences</u>
- Salvadori Center's <u>Free STEAM Lessons</u>

## Upcoming Professional Development and Learning

- National Summer Learning Association's <u>The COVID-19 Slide and the</u> <u>Future of Summer Learning Part II</u> Tomorrow, May 14, at 3:00pm
- GUIDE, Inc.'s <u>Tips and Tricks for Engaging Online Audiences</u> Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am 12:00pm
- Mental Health America of Georgia's <u>Question, Persuade, and Refer</u> <u>Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training</u> Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 am - 12:15 pm
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)'s <u>Resilience in a Time of</u> <u>Unprecedented Change</u> Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 – 1:00pm

## Upcoming Ways to Engage with GSAN

- <u>Maintaining the Physical and Behavioral Health of Children Hear</u> <u>from Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Experts</u> Tomorrow! May 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 10:30am
- <u>Virtual and In-Person Icebreakers</u> Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 3:00pm

Stay tuned for more webinars and professional development in May – with a focus on preparing for summer!

## Summer Activities and Challenges Coming Soon!!

GSAN is developing a suite of activities and resources designed to support youth-serving summer programs in delivering programming – whether in-person, virtual, or sent in take-home packets.

#### What you can expect:

- 150 activities and challenges segmented by age (5-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18)
- Webinars and guides to help you implement the activities in-person, virtually, or as send-home packets
- Quick guides to guide you and families and caregivers in supporting youth through challenging times

Stay tuned for more information later this week and get ready to start using the activities this summer!

#### Mizzen by Mott

Mizzen by Mott is a new app that helps afterschool programs support kids — wherever they are!

Get hands-on activities that foster wellbeing and learning in arts, STEM, storytelling, music, yoga and youth voice.

Supported by the Mott Foundation, Mizzen is free to download from your favorite app store.

www.mizzenapp.org/meet-mizzen-by-mott/georgia



# How can we best support you?

#### Self-Care



#### Reminders from Mental Health America of Georgia:

Manage	Manage stress
Practice	Practice relaxation techniques
Eat	Eat a healthy and nutritious diet
Exercise	Exercise regularly
Sleep	Get enough sleep
Smart	Be smart about caffeine, alcohol, and nicotine

# Questions?

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