

2022-23 School Year COVID-19 Waiver Flexibility Request

FNS has provided nationwide approval for states to allow the flexibility of the items listed below to help support access to nutritious meals during the school year. FNS recognizes that in this public health emergency, waiving requirements is vital to ensure appropriate safety measures for the purpose of providing meals and meal supplements during upcoming school year. The following flexibilities are valid through **June 30, 2023**.

Please complete this form and email to Sandy Dawes at Sandy.Dawes@tn.gov and copy your regional consultant. The state director will sign electronically and return to the School Nutrition supervisor via email to retain for his/her records.

On behalf of _____, I, _____, am requesting the following flexibilities to be waived during the 2022-23 school year due to the disruption of meal service due to COVID-19.

Flexibilities requested:

School Year Administration (NSLP/SBP/SFSP):

The following waivers allow state and local program operators to overcome administrative challenges resulting from COVID-19 and to appropriately allocate their limited staffing resources to ensure safe service of meals to children as they respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. FNS expects program operators will only use these flexibilities for the duration and extent that they are needed.

- Waiver 7: Local School Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment [42 U.S.C. 1758b(b) and 7 CFR 210.31(e)(2)]
(July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

Justification of how flexibilities improve services to program participants:

Signature of SFA Representative: _____ **District:** _____ **Date:** _____

Electronic Signature of State Director- Indication of Approval: