

# ***Child Nutrition Program Waiver Request***

## ***Maine Child Nutrition DOE***

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*Site Eligibility*

### **1.State agency submitting waiver request and responsible State agency staff contact information:**

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### **2. Region: NERO**

### **3. Eligible service providers participating in waiver and affirmation that they are in good standing:**

This would be for eligible Maine school districts in good standing.

**4. Description of the challenge the State agency is seeking to solve, the goal of the waiver to improve services under the Program, and the expected outcomes if the waiver is granted. [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(iii) and 12(l)(2)(A)(iv) of the NSLA]:** This request is to able to provide lunch and breakfast to students effected by school closure. The waiver will provide flexibility to provide meals during an unanticipated school closure. The waiver request would address districts that have districts with small pockets that may not appear on census and school eligibility data reports. This would allow a school to be a site that does not qualify but was focusing on free and reduced students in the same general area. This may be because there is not a safe place to setup for meal distribution in a neighborhood/F/R focused. The request is to waive the site eligibility in cases where the area of F/R focus is not an student adequate or safe place for a meal distribution.

**5. Specific Program requirements to be waived (include statutory and regulatory citations). [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(i) of the NSLA]:** 7 CFR 225

**6. Detailed description of alternative procedures and anticipated impact on Program operations, including technology, State systems, and monitoring:** A pocket of F/R to determine a focus area of need. A location to create a site in that area would be investigated to focus on F/R and provide easy access. Failing to find a space where meals could be disbursed to children safely it would be located at the closes school or public building. The accountability and meal regulation would still be met.

**7. Description of any steps the State has taken to address regulatory barriers at the State level. [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]:** Educate DOE and local administrators of current methods under Federal and State regulations and what the waiver would allow. There are currently no state level regulatory barriers that would impact this issue.

**8. Anticipated challenges State or eligible service providers may face with the waiver implementation:** Communication and education about the availability of the program during closure. Guidance on how to determine these small pockets and how to determine unsafe. Instructions on how to file claims for reimbursements.

**9. Description of how the waiver will not increase the overall cost of the Program to the Federal Government. If there are anticipated increases, confirm that the costs will be paid from non-Federal funds. [Section 12(l)(1)(A)(iii) of the NSLA]:** This is to allow meals to be offered to as many free and reduced students as possible. This may reduce costs because it could be the school parking lot.

**10. Anticipated waiver implementation date and time period:** This would be immediate. It would end when schools reopened or closed for the school year which ever came first.

**11. Proposed monitoring and review procedures:** District will contact CN/DOE of their intent to serve meals under this waiver. DOE staff will monitoring implementation of this waiver.

**12. Proposed reporting requirements (include type of data and due date(s) to FNS):** Maine DOE will track districts using this waiver. Documentation may be reviewed during Administrative reviews.

**13. Link to or a copy of the public notice informing the public about the proposed waiver [Section 12(l)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]:** this will shared on Child Nutrition web page.

**14. Signature and title of requesting official:**

Director Child Nutrition Title: Requesting official's email address for transmission of response:  
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY FNS REGIONAL OFFICE:**

*FNS Regional Offices are requested to ensure the questions have been adequately addressed by the State agency and formulate an opinion and justification for a response to the waiver request based on their knowledge, experience and work with the State.*

**Date request was received at Regional Office:**

Check this box to confirm that the State agency has provided public notice in accordance with Section 12(l)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA

Regional Office Analysis and Recommendations: