

Public Notification:

Date: March 18, 2020.

PR Governor declared by executive order a government shutdown and a curfew due to the emergency of COVID-19 until March 30, 2020. This causes a delay on the recovery of sponsors affected by the January 7, 2020 earthquake. This closure paralyzes all activity on the island. However, our sponsors have asked us to extend the flexibilities once they can re-open for meal service (These flexibilities were granted until March 31, 2020). Considering this entire factor, Puerto Rico State Agency is requesting an extension for the following flexibilities until **June 30, 2020**:

1. Waiver Request: Meal Pattern- PR State Agency is requesting an extension of this flexibility for some institutions located in the municipalities of Adjuntas, Cabo Rojo , Corozal, Guánica, Guayanilla, Jayuya, Lajas, Lares, Maricao, Peñuelas, Ponce, San Germán, San Sebastian, Utuado, Villalba, Yauco Arecibo, Ciales, Hormigueros, Juana Díaz, Las Marías, Mayaguez, Morovis, Orocovic and Sabana Grande because access to food in these areas is difficult for sponsors to meet the requirements of meal patterns. The State Government and the Federal Government are aware of the losses in the basic aspects to operate in food services and the difficulties in acquiring food during the recovery period. With the curfew order by the government, access to some food is even more difficult because the population has bought excessively, creating a shortage of products. Sponsors are still having problems finding fresh fruits, vegetables and whole grains. It is for this reason that we are requesting the opportunity to extend the flexibility to offer the meals without having the pressure to comply with the meal pattern, specifically for the 11 SFA'S and 18 CACFP sponsors. In addition, I would like to include in this waiver SFSP for the 25 municipalities mentioned above. **Please see included list of sponsors for detailed information.**
2. Waiver request: Free Meals Eligibility- PR State Agency is requesting an extension of this flexibility for some institutions located in the municipalities of Adjuntas, Cabo Rojo , Corozal, Guánica, Guayanilla, Jayuya, Lajas, Lares, Maricao, Peñuelas, Ponce, San Germán, San Sebastian, Utuado, Villalba, Yauco, Arecibo, Ciales, Hormigueros, Juana Díaz, Las Marías, Mayaguez, Morovis, Orocovic and Sabana Grande because the families in the mentioned municipalities are in the recovery process, many of them are still located in shelters and have not been able to recover their jobs affecting the socioeconomic level of the students. Also, we have to add the curfew order by the government which creates an even worse economic situation. There for is impossible for families and the administration of educational Institutions to assume the expenses for food. The State Agency is requesting an extension of this flexibility for 11 SFA 'S and 18 CACFP

sponsors. **Please see included list of sponsors for detailed information.**

Hope USDA-FNS can give us an extension to the flexibilities requested so we can continue helping the participants of Child Nutrition Programs.

| REGION | Municipality | # CONTRATO | Name of Sponsor |
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| CACFP Sponsors | | | |
| Ponce | Ponce | CCC-041 | CCD Pre-Escolar YMCA de Ponce |
| Ponce | Ponce | CCC-043 | CCD Pontificia Univ. Católica |
| Ponce | Ponce | CCC-049 | PHS Municipio de Ponce |
| Ponce | Ponce | CCC-055 | CCD Centro Sor Isolina Ferré |
| Ponce | Adjuntas | CCC-140 | PHS Mun. de Adjuntas |
| Ponce | Yauco | CCC-189 | CCD Municipio de Yauco |
| Ponce | Jayuya | CCC-204 | CCD Dulzura Infantil |
| Ponce | Peñuelas | CCC-253 | PHS Municipio de Peñuelas |
| Ponce | Utua | CCC-258 | PHS Municipio de Utua |
| Ponce | Ponce | CCC-287 | CCD Tesoritos Day Care |
| Mayagüez | Sabana Grande | CCC-035 | CCD Municipio de Sabana Grande |
| Bayamón | Morovis | CCC-036 | CCD Municipio de Morovis |
| Arecibo | Arecibo | CCC-099 | CCD Municipio de Arecibo |
| Arecibo | Arecibo | CCC-163 | Early Head Start Servicios a la Juventud |
| Bayamón | Orocovis | CCC-215 | CCD Arrullo Maternal |
| Mayagüez | Sabana Grande | CCC-224 | EHS Municipio de Sabana Grande |
| Mayagüez | Sabana Grande | CCC-254 | PHS Municipio de Sabana Grande |
| Mayagüez | San Germán | CCC-269 | EHS Municipio San Germán |
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| SFA'S | | | |
| Ponce | Utua | 019 | Academia Dailén |
| Ponce | Ponce | 031 | Academia Cristo Rey |
| Mayaguez | Mayaguez | 033 | Mi Angel de la Guarda |
| Ponce | Adjuntas | 051 | El Faro Cristian Academy |
| Ponce | Ponce | 052 | Colegio San Judas Tadeo |
| Ponce | Ponce | 014 | Colegio La Milagrosa and its satellites |
| Ponce | Ponce | 086 | Colegio Ponceño |
| Ponce | Ponce | 012 | Santa María Reina |
| Mayaguez | Hormigueros | | La Monserrate |
| Mayaguez | Mayaguez | 026 | Academia La Inmaculada (Lugar de la AEAI Notre Dame) |

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| Arecibo, Ciales, Hormigueros, Juana Díaz, Las Marías, Mayaguez, Morovis, Orocovis Sabana Grande,Adjuntas, Cabo Rojo , Corozal, Guánica, Guayanilla, Jayuya, Lajas, Lares Maricao, Peñuelas, Ponce, San Germán, San Sebartian, Utuado, Villalba and Yauco | 1 | PR Department Of Education (SFA) |
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Information regarding the approval or denial of these waiver requests will be posted here and will be provided to all sponsors via email once USDA makes the determination. For more information, please contact Mildred R. Carrasquillo, NLSP and SBP Coordinator at Carrasquillo_mil@de.pr.gov, Aida L. Medina, CACFP Coordinator at medina_a@de.pr.gov or by phone: (787) 759-2000 ext. 6294.

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