

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 Arcibo, Ciales, Hormigueros, Juana Díaz, Las Marías, Mayaguez, Morovis, Orocovis 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. **Please see included list of sponsors for detailed information.**
2. Waiver request: Free Meals Elegibility- 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, Arcibo, Ciales, Hormigueros, Juana Díaz, Las Marías, Mayaguez, Morovis, Orocovis 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
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	Utuaado	CCC-258	PHS Municipio de Utuaado
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
SFA'S			
Ponce	Utuaado	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)

<p>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</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>PR Department Of Education (SFA)</p>
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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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