USDA Food and Nutrition Services

This is the most reliable, up-to-date site to find information on waivers issued to ease program operations and protect the health of participants. In addition to finding nationwide waivers there are links to find waivers by state.

Institute of Child Nutrition

ICN has prepared a landing page with educational resources for good personal hygiene and cleaning and sanitizing techniques. Many resources are available in both English and Spanish and include posters, fact sheets, standard operating procedures and videos. Topics focus on hand washing, employee healthy and personal hygiene and how to prevent bare hand contact with ready-to-eat foods.

School Nutrition Association

SNA is hosting a series of webinars addressing COVID-19 to support school nutrition operators. HKC member Dayle Hayes co-presented a webinar in SNA’s COVID-19 Series: Tips for Effective Communication with Your Community During COVID-19 School Closures.

TIPS for School Meals that Rock

HKC member Dayle Hayes manages the Facebook public group, TIPS for School Meals that Rock. This is a valuable resource where the school foodservice community can share tips, menus, operating procedures and other materials. Of particular interest, HKC member Jessica Shelly generously shared their non-congregate feeding HACCP SOP and their department pandemic plan for student dining services.

Chef Ann Foundation

The Chef Ann Foundation has collected a number of valuable resources from school districts around the country, including fellow HKC members. Look for information on topics from employee safety SOPs to meal storage and heating instructions.
No Kid Hungry is offering emergency grants to support local school districts and nonprofit organizations in their efforts to ensure kids get the nutritious food they need.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics has created a professional resource hub that brings together the best available evidence-based guidance and resources. Of particular value to school nutrition is the section on preparedness and response. In addition to the collection of resources for professionals is a hub of reliable resources for consumers at eatright.org/coronavirus.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Of course, the CDC provides the most up-to-date resources for COVID-19. Many of the materials, such as the flyer Stop the Spread of Germs, are available in multiple languages. There is also a page on guidance for schools and child care programs: before and during an outbreak.

Food and Drug Administration

Dealing with a pandemic is new territory and, at times, seems to be somewhat of a moving target. Of particular interest on the FDA’s site is the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Daily Roundup which reports actions by the FDA in the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
The United States Government
This one-stop site provides information curated by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Task Force at the White House.

Datassential
The food industry market research firm, Datassential, is providing all of their Coronavirus related reports and resources free of charge to help the food industry navigate these uncertain times. One of the recent reports deals with maintaining trust around food safety.