

Good afternoon!

We have some good news to share with you, and would also like to ask that you **consider signing on to a letter to the USDA.**

### The good news

This morning, the United States Department of Agriculture announced it is **extending** the following waivers nationwide through August 31, 2020:

1. **Non-Congregate Feeding:** The USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is allowing meals to be served to children outside of the normally-required group setting to support social distancing.
2. **Parent Pickup:** FNS is allowing parents and/or guardians to pick up meals and bring them home to their children.
3. **Meal Times:** FNS is waiving requirements that meals be served at certain standard times to allow for grab-n-go options. This also allows for multiple days-worth of meals to be provided at once.

### **PLEASE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT:**

- a. Pennsylvania still needs the **state specific area eligibility waiver for sites that don't normally qualify**; and
- b. There has been **no announcement on the extension of WIC waivers**, which expire on May 31.

Please share this email with any other organization in your network that needs to know this good news.

### The letter:

Joe Arthur and the Central PA Food Bank have also asked that you consider [adding your organization](#) to the [letter to USDA Secretary Sonny Purdue](#) that is being circulated by the Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger, Just Harvest, and Allies for Children.

Many thanks for all you're doing to ensure sustainable access to three healthy meals a day for all Lancastrians!