



Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) Overview & COVID-19 Considerations



COVID-19 Food and Nutrition
Workgroup - October 2021

What is D-SNAP?

A **temporary** nutrition assistance program with streamlined eligibility, application, and verification standards

Provides **one-month allotment** to eligible households not already participating in SNAP

Benefits provided via an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card, redeemable at authorized SNAP retailers

Requires Major Disaster Declaration with Individual Assistance (IA Declaration), formal request with needs assessment, and FNS approval

Broad authority from both the Food and Nutrition Act and the Stafford Act



How is D-SNAP different?

Eligibility standards – single income test that allows for disaster expenses

Benefit Period – 30-day period used to determine eligibility

Verification – streamlined, but must screen for duplicate participation

Application Period – typically 7 calendar days (can be a mix of consecutive or non-consecutive days)

Application Timeliness – opportunity to participate (eligibility determined & EBT card issued) must be provided within **3 days/72 hours** of filing application, (7 days if there's questionable information)

One month allotment – eligible households receive the maximum allotment for their household size for 1 month



Options for SNAP Households

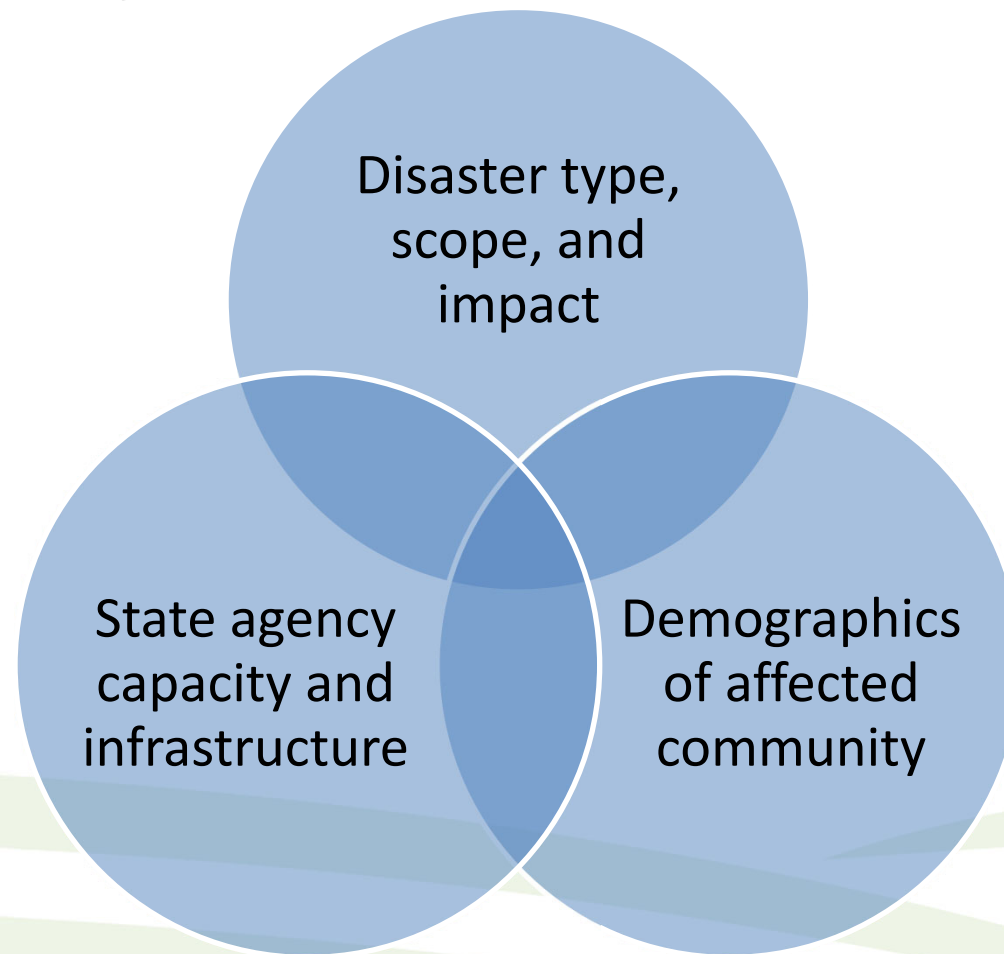
Disaster Supplements (not available if receiving COVID-19 Emergency Allotments)

*Replacement Benefits & Other EBT Disaster Waivers

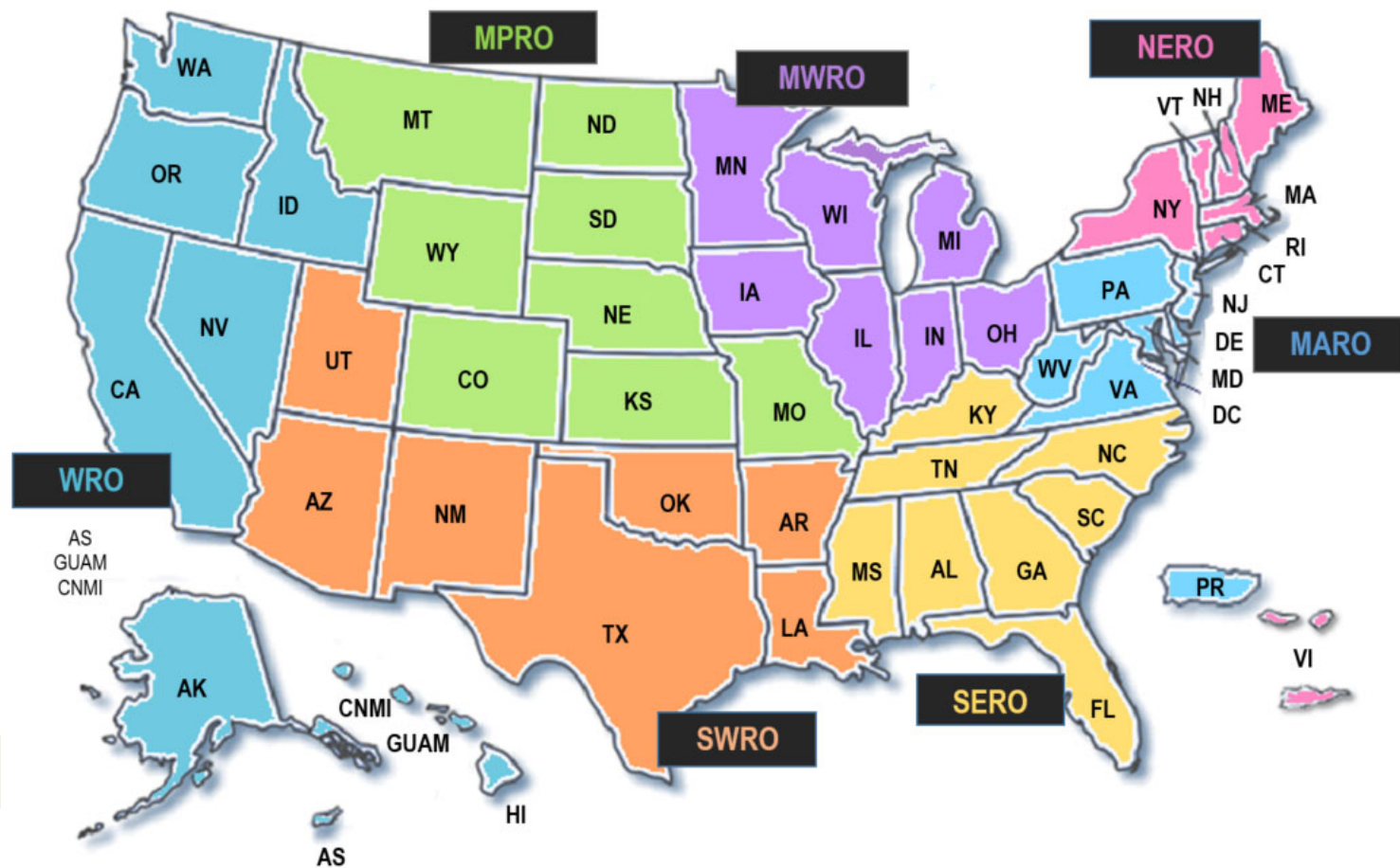
- Timely Reporting of Food Loss - extends the timeframe for households to request replacement of SNAP benefits.
- Automatic Mass Replacements - allows the State to automatically replace SNAP benefits to all households in a selected area.



D-SNAP is Strengthened by Adaptability



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COVID-19 Considerations

D-SNAP is not a suitable response to COVID-19

- [SNAP: COVID-19 Waivers by State | USDA-FNS](#)

Ongoing households are not be eligible for supplements if they're already receiving Emergency Allotments

Mixed impacts observed as some States have adapted virtual components into D-SNAP operations (telephone interviews, online pre-registration)



Virtual D-SNAP Operations

FNS is primarily concerned with equitable access and program integrity

[Memo: Use of Virtual D-SNAP Operations in Remainder of FY 2021 and FY 2022](#) – August 2021

Moving forward, FNS will continue to evaluate States' requests to use virtual models throughout the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency



Other trends

Frequency of disasters outside of Atlantic Hurricane Season (June – November)

Some States experiencing disasters in quick succession or simultaneously

Enhanced focus on serving vulnerable populations



Recent Policy Memos

[Use of Virtual D-SNAP Operations in Remainder of FY 2021 and FY 2022](#) – August 2021

[D-SNAP State Workgroup Recommendations](#) – June 2019

[Addressing Civil Rights Issues in D-SNAP Planning and Implementation](#) – July 2018

[State Agency Responsibilities Relating to D-SNAP](#) – February

2018



D-SNAP Resources for State Agencies

[FNS' D-SNAP Guidance](#) – July 2014

Templates

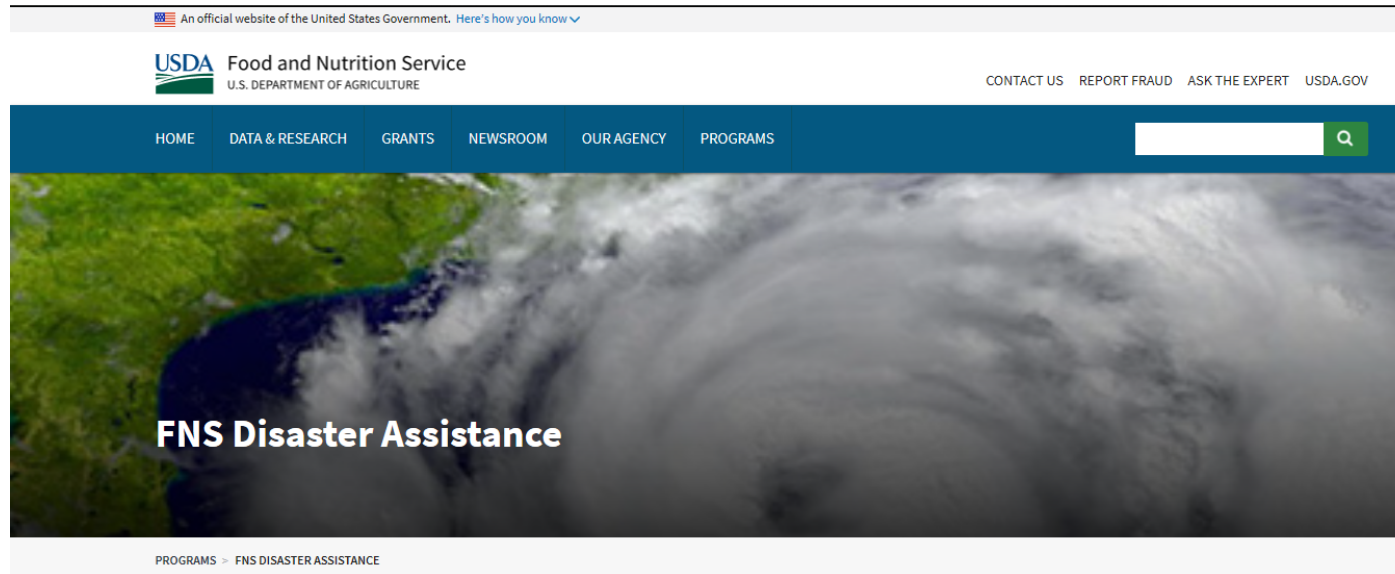
Sample materials (e.g., posters and press releases)

Planning materials

Checklists



FNS Disaster Assistance



Helping...

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) coordinates with state, local and voluntary organizations to:

- Provide food for shelters and other mass feeding sites.
- Distribute food packages directly to households in need in limited situations.
- Issue Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) benefits.



Q&A

You have

Questions

We have

Answers



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COVID-19 Food and Nutrition Working Group

Thursday, October 21, 2021

NEW Funding Opportunity

COVID-19 and Socioeconomic Recovery Efforts – Impacts on Children's Health and Well-Being

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FUNDING ALERT



Healthy Eating Research Special Solicitation: COVID-19 and Socioeconomic Recovery Efforts

A special funding opportunity is available through Healthy Eating Research focused on how COVID-19-related relief and recovery policies and programs impact child health and well-being.

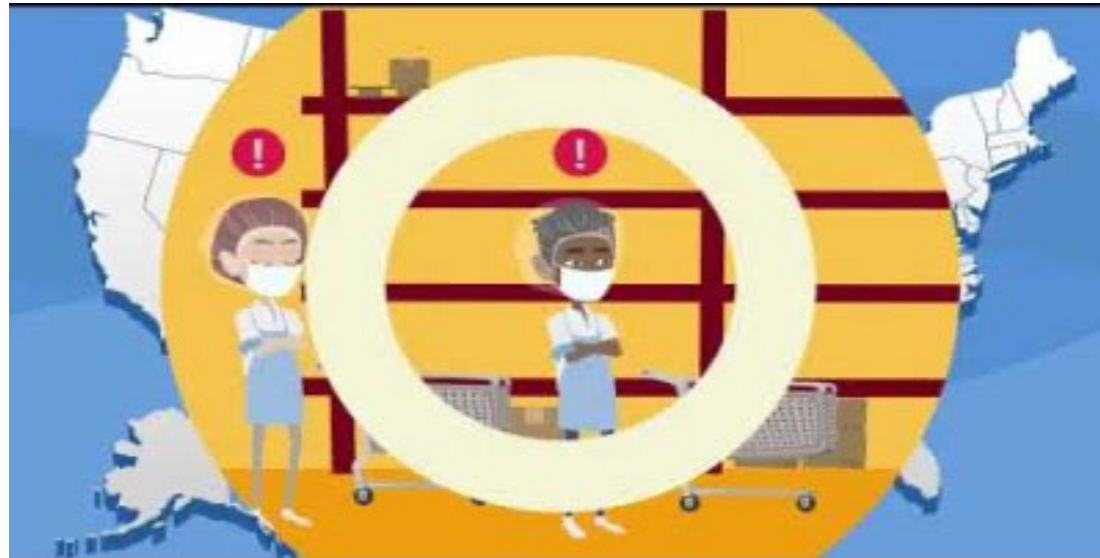
HER is interested in understanding how social and economic programs and policies related to poverty reduction—such as financial payments to families, income assistance programs, housing assistance or housing security programs, and increased access to social services—impact child obesity, diet quality, food security, and other relevant child and family health outcomes among lower-income and families of color.

How to Apply: The first step is submitting a concept paper, which is due by November 17, 2021 at 3 p.m. ET. [Details are available on our website.](#)

Where to Learn More: Visit our website for the full funding details and frequently asked questions.



SNA Supply Chain Disruption in School Cafeterias Video



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMFHRCzW3hg>



Back to School 2021 Report

A SUMMARY OF SURVEY RESULTS

ABSTRACT

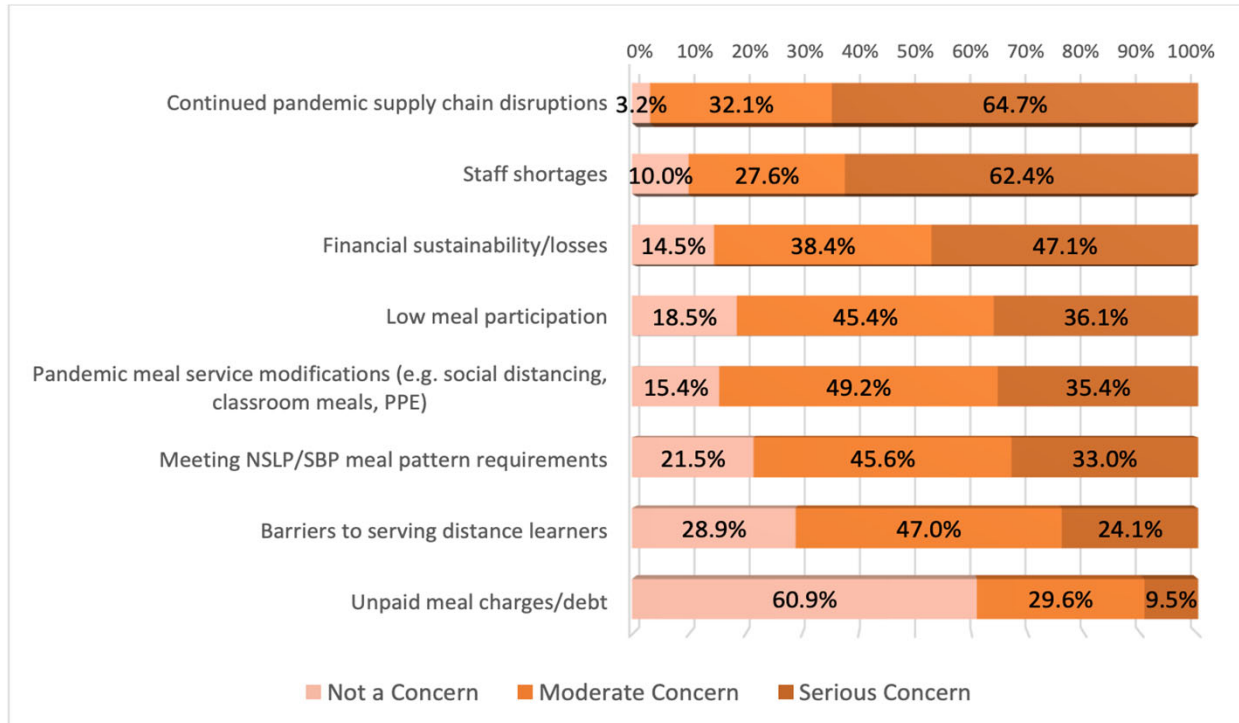
SNA surveyed its school nutrition director members during May – June 2021 to understand the effect of offering meals at no charge, readiness to meet meal pattern mandates and associated challenges, the financial state of school nutrition programs and current concerns in planning for SY 2021/22.

School Nutrition Association



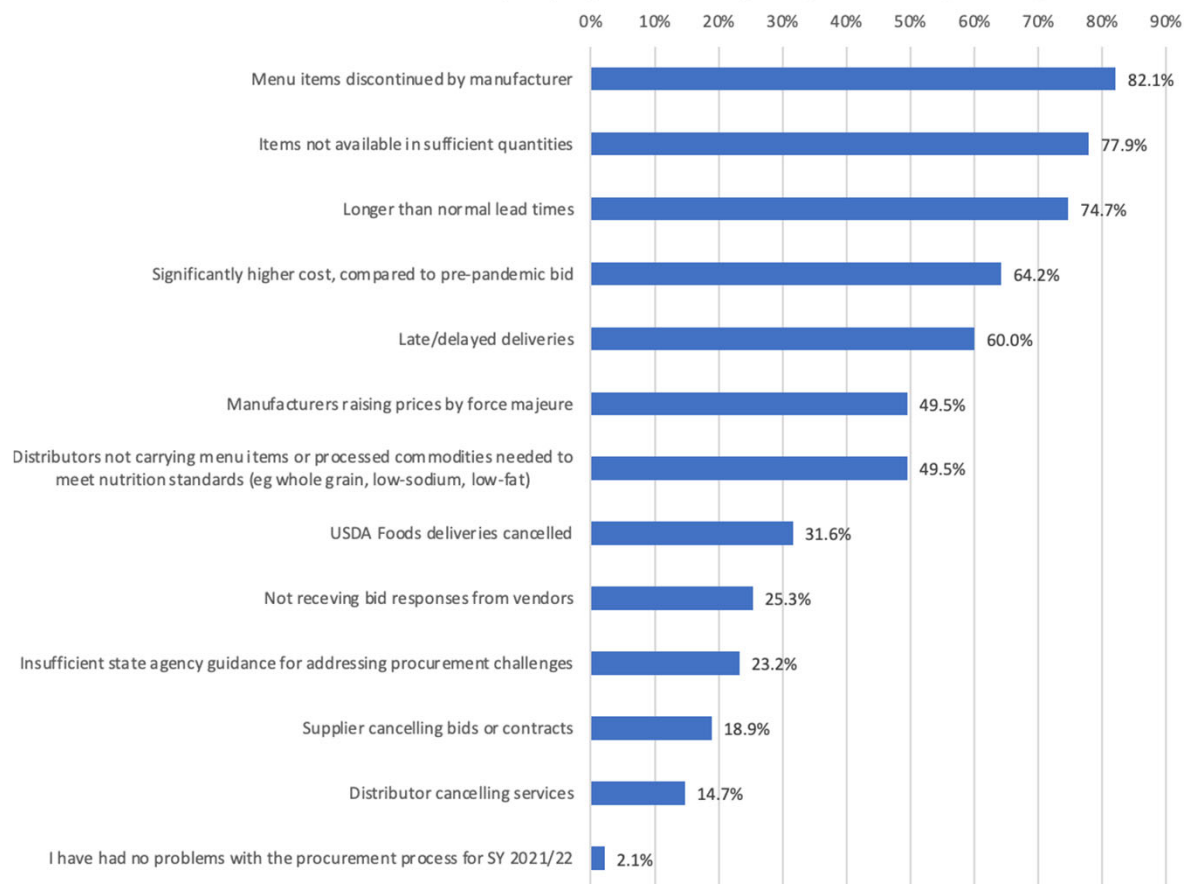


Figure 14. In planning for SY 2021/22, please indicate how much of a concern each of the following is at the current time.





Please indicate whether your program is currently facing the following challenges...



Working Group Reminders

Google Form: <https://forms.gle/2par8QRdpKrotpRm9>

Weekly Digest: Send relevant resources to include to
covid19weeklydigest@gmail.com

Joining listserv and work group: Email Jessica Soldavini, PhD, MPH, RD,
LDN at Jessica6@live.unc.edu



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Questions?

**NEXT MEETING:
Thursday, November, 18 2021**