

## Kansas Senior Nutrition Programs **COVID-19 Guidance**

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### Senior Nutrition Services Measures

Throughout the COVID-19 emergency period, the agency expects Area Agencies on Aging and Nutrition Providers to continue operating nutrition programs as an **essential service** to older Kansans and their caregivers.

1. Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) funding shall be used on a “last in, first out” basis, and services should continue to be tracked according to funding sources. Please refer to KAMIS Manual [Chapter 25](#) and [Chapter 26](#), as well as the previous KDADS Nutrition Services guidance, for more information.
2. To ensure continuous service delivery, home-delivered meal programs traditionally supported by volunteer staff may choose to begin recruiting and paying staff who may be currently unemployed due to the pandemic. According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), the median hourly wage for a food delivery driver Nationally is \$11.88. The bottom 10% make \$8.56, while the top 90% make \$23.50 hourly. It is suggested that hourly food delivery employees for the purpose of OAA Nutrition Services be paid near or below the median hourly wage.
3. Requests for capital expenditures for Nutrition Programs may be submitted according to the existing KDADS procedure. A revised Area Plan and Capital Expenditure Justification form should be submitted to [Gabrielle.Risley2@ks.gov](mailto:Gabrielle.Risley2@ks.gov) and [KDADSOAASCA@ks.gov](mailto:KDADSOAASCA@ks.gov), as well as your KDADS Grant Monitor. AAAs shall leverage existing OAA allocations for Capital purchases, as the FFCRA and CARES funding is designated for direct nutrition service delivery.

[This guidance shall be in place until rescinded.](#)

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