

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

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Senior Nutrition Services Measures

Throughout the COVID-19 emergency period, to encourage social distancing and stop the spread of the pandemic, the agency strongly recommends that providers and participants limit participation in congregate nutrition settings until [rescinded](#). Alternatively, the agency strongly encourages the continuous provision of nutrition services.

1. Kansas' Major Disaster Declaration has been approved by the President of the United States. As such, any portion of the OAA funds made available under Title III-B, C-1, C-2, D, and E may be used for disaster relief for older individuals or family caregivers served under OAA. This may include, but is not limited to, providing drive through, take out, or home-delivered meals, - providing well-being checks via phone, in-person, or virtual means, and - providing homemaker, chore, grocery/pharmacy/supply delivery, or other services.
2. AAAs have been allocated Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) funding for C(1) and C(2) Nutrition Services.
3. All Plans of Care must be updated in KAMIS according to the following Service and Funding Codes, beginning April 1, 2020.
4. Nutrition Service Codes shall be tracked as follows:
 - a. CMEL: Traditional Congregate meals, grab-and-go
 - b. CMELH: Home-Delivered Meals to congregate meal customers who are staying at home due to COVID-19
 - i. NOTE: Field Service Manual 4.3.1A.6 is waived, allowing for more than 30 consecutive days per calendar year.
 - c. HMEL: Home-Delivered Meals to homebound customers
5. Nutrition Services Funding Codes for FFCRA funding shall be tracked as follows:
 - a. CMEL: DISAST
 - b. CMELH: DISAST
 - c. HMEL: DISAST
6. Field Service Manual 4.1.7G is waived, allowing up to (3) meals per day per participant.
7. ACL is holding harmless meal counts from 2019 and will apply them to 2020 and 2021 NSIP allocations. This will alleviate the need to count COVID-19 meals for purposes of NSIP. This means that you should continue to track meals using COVID-19 Disaster funding as indicated in the guidance above. However, whether meals meet the requirements for NSIP is not of concern.

[This guidance shall be in place until rescinded.](#)

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