**February 2022 Monthly Newsletter**

**Events, Trainings and Resources**

**Action Required: Important Summer Change (New Texting Number 304-304)**

All summer materials (printed and digital) that contain the previous texting tool phone number must be recycled. The number has changed. TDA will be sending schools new posters (3 per campus) and parent information cards (1 per enrolled student) this month (February) and in March. This is to assist schools in meeting the federal requirement to ensure all enrolled students know about the availability of summer meals. Schools must ensure materials are distributed. Sponsors and sites will be given the opportunity to order new summer materials very soon.

**New Feature for the Food Buying Guide Interactive Mobile App**

There is a feature to be announced that allows users to view new summer meal program requirements per meal component for a selected program and aggregate information using the FBG Calculator on both the Web Tool and Mobile App. This feature allows for easy access to helpful meal pattern guidance to assist in creating delicious meals.

**Four Steps to Food Safety: Clean, Separate, Cook and Chill**

There are four steps to food safety: clean, separate, cook and chill.

**Summer Meals Events Webinar**

Mark your calendars for the Summer Meals Events Planning Webinar on March 11, 2022. More information will be sent to those who register for the webinar. All webinar attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and hear from other school staff members that have been successful in planning summer meal events in the past. All sessions are available for free.

**ACDA Conference**

The annual American Commodity Distribution Association (ACDA) conference offers federal-nutrition-program operators valuable insight into how to maximize their USDA Food Service entitlement. This year’s conference will be held April 24-27 in Orlando.

**Deadlines**

**Review This Month's Program Calendar Due Dates!**

For upcoming deadlines, see the Program Year Calendar.

**Reminder of the User Access Manager Transition**

TDA is transitioning to the User Access Manager and will no longer be accepting the FND-101 form soon.

**Policy Updates and Compliance Reminders**

**Maximum Approvable Average Daily Participation (ADP)**

Returning Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Contracting Entities (CEs) for SFSP program year 2022 may enter in the site applications no more than the amount listed on the Maximum Approvable ADP list. The Maximum ADP list found on www.SummerFood.org under Summer News provides the maximum approvable ADP for the site by meal type for SFSP 2022.

**Make sure you read every monthly newsletter for important information, opportunities and events!**

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