

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



# SUMMER MEAL

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## January 2022 Monthly Newsletter

### Events, Trainings and Resources

#### **MegaCon 2022 - Registration Coming Soon!**

Join TDA for this multi-program mega conference in Austin, May 2-6. You'll get updates on regulations and guidance, interact with peers and TDA staff, attend interactive training sessions, and find new ways to achieve program success!



#### **Food Safety Starts With You: Handwashing**

Food safety tips for summer meal programs. Practicing proper hand hygiene reduced the risk of both food borne illness and COVID-19. Educate staff on proper hand washing: Wash hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds then rinse and dry with a clean towel or cloth. [Click here](#) to review when staff should wash their hands. Download handwashing posters and order free printed materials [here](#).

#### **New feature alert for the Food Buying Guide Interactive Web-based Tool**

Team Nutrition is excited to announce that users can now view the meal pattern requirements per meal component for a selected Program and age/grade group while using the FBG calculator. This feature allows for easy access to helpful meal pattern guidance to assist in creating shopping lists.

#### **New Limited English Proficiency (LEP) tool**

The U.S. Department of Justice's Federal Title VI Interagency Working Group (IWG) – Limited English Proficiency Committee has developed a new tool to improve access to websites and digital platforms for individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP): Improving Access to Public Websites and Digital Services for Limited English Proficient (LEP) Persons.

#### **New Team Nutrition Meal Components Web Quiz**

USDA's Team Nutrition initiative is excited to announce the release of the Meal Components web quiz. This quiz is now available and focuses on meal components and meal pattern requirements for all Child Nutrition Programs.

### **Webinar Panelists Wanted**

Have you hosted a kick off or spike event to promote your Summer Meal Site? We want to hear from you! Sign up to share your experiences during TDA's upcoming peer to peer learning session in the spring. Go to [www.SummerFood.org/OutreachTools](http://www.SummerFood.org/OutreachTools) to sign up!

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## **Deadlines**

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

For upcoming deadlines, see the Program Year Calendar.

### **Transitioning to the User Access Manager**

TDA will begin a full transition to the User Access Manager for all entities and will retire the FND-101 form in Spring of 2022.

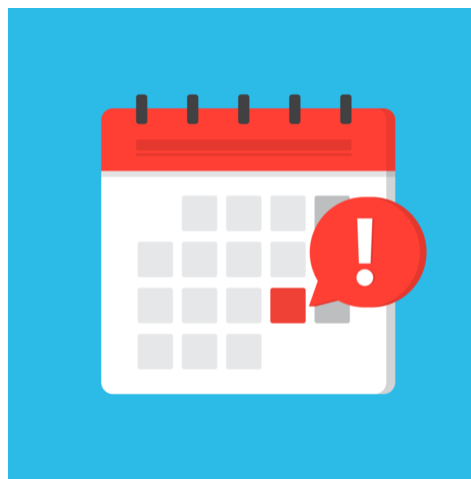
### **2022 Texas Summer Mandate Notification and Waiver**

Submit your intent for summer 2020 or submit a mandate waiver request in TX-UNPS by the January 31, 2022 deadline.

### **Summer Food Service Program Year 2022 Due Dates**

TX-UNPS Application Packets, or if applicable the Intake Form, MUST BE submitted by the designated due dates to be eligible for SFSP 2022 approval.

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## **Policy Updates and Compliance Reminders**

### **Upcoming Texas Administrative Code rule review**

This is a preliminary notice that TDA will be conducting an official routine review of the Texas Administrative Code, Title 4 Appeal Procedures, CACFP and SFSP rules. Notice of these rule reviews will be posted in the Texas Register, and TDA will be requesting comments from the public.



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



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