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We feel it is critical to do everything in our power to keep you and the children and adults you serve safe. Your health and safety are our priority.

The virus that causes Coronavirus 2019 Disease is easily transmitted, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety. Because of the risk of the rapid spread of the virus, and the need to protect the most vulnerable members of the community, the National CACFP Sponsors Association Board of Directors voted today to move the 34th Annual National Child Nutrition Conference to a virtual platform.

That means you should keep the dates for us on your calendars!

We will begin working with all of our presenters immediately to transition programming to various formats that will allow you to experience the training we have been planning for you.

We will also be working with exhibitors to deliver a virtual exhibit hall where you can discover resources, products, and solutions online.

Because we are not cancelling the event, but rather transitioning it to a virtual experience where you will be able to access online training from your office or home, together with access to resources, and documentation of training, the current NCA conference policy for no refunds will remain in effect. For additional questions, please contact us at conference@cacfp.org.

Additionally, we are asking the USDA FNS to support the CACFP community in several ways during this pandemic. One way is to limit the spread of COVID-19 by modifying monitoring requirements. We ask that you share other concerns with us here as we advocate for flexibilities in the program during this time.

Finally, we encourage you to remind your program operators and participants of these following key steps in the prevention of any virus:

- Wash your hands frequently.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you sneeze or cough.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched and used objects and surfaces.
- Limit one-on-one contact (hugs, handshakes, etc.) with individuals.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick, or who appears to have symptoms of a respiratory illness. Stay home if you’re feeling under the weather.

Here are some helpful links from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).