

USDA Extends Free Meals for Kids Through December 31, 2020

By USDA

Washington, D.C. – Last week, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will extend several flexibilities through as late as December 31, 2020. The flexibilities allow summer meal program operators to continue serving free meals to all children into the fall months.

This unprecedented move will help ensure – no matter what the situation is on-the-ground – children have access to nutritious food as the country recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. USDA has been and continues to be committed to using the Congressionally appropriated funding that has been made available.



Update on Gracedale Nursing Home

By Becky Bartlett

EASTON - Since the beginning of the outbreak in March, fifty-seven employees at Gracedale have tested positive for COVID-19. All have finished their quarantine periods and are back at work. Currently, there are zero cases of COVID-19 among the residents and the facility is now in Step 1 of its COVID-Reopening Plan and will move to Step 2 soon if everything continues to go well. Under Step 2, outdoor visitations will be permitted and some volunteers will be allowed to return to the facility.

"Our employees have worked hard to bring Coronavirus infections under control at Gracedale nursing home and their dedication is commendable," says Lamont McClure. "I encourage everyone in Northampton County to continue to wear their masks, keep social distancing and practice proper hand hygiene to help protect our most vulnerable residents."

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