

**OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

**Waiver of Congregate Feeding Requirement
For Outdoor Feeding Sites Experiencing Extreme Heat**

Name of Sponsor: _____ Agreement # _____

Name of Site: _____

Request to allow meals to be consumed off site due to extreme heat conditions

Date waiver to be in effect: _____ # of Meals taken off site _____

You must have PRE-APPROVAL from the State Agency before implementing waiver. Please complete # of meals served off site after the meal service for that date.

Person Submitting Request: _____ Date: _____

Approved ☐ Denied ☐

State Agency Staff: _____ Date: _____

The congregate feeding requirement is waived only on days when the National Weather Service has issued a Heat Advisory, an Excessive Heat Warning, or Excessive Heat Watch for the area in which the outdoor site is located. Outdoor sites must comply with the congregate meal requirements on all other approved days of operation. This waiver is intended to allow summer operators to maintain service to children who would otherwise lose access to meals in circumstances when excessive heat makes operation of congregate feeding impracticable.

Requirements pertaining to the number and type of meals that may be served each day continue to apply. Only one meal may be provided to each child present at the meal site. Meals may not be provided to adults or other children to take to children not present at the site. All meal counting, claiming, and State and sponsor monitoring and oversight requirements continue to apply.

If you have been approved and wish to use this option:

1. Make a copy of the approval form
2. Make a copy of the alert published by the National Weather Service stating an Extreme Heat Advisory, Excessive Heat Warning or Excessive Heat Watch
3. E-mail the copies to the State agency (each day)
4. Keep a copy of the email for your records with your Daily Meal Count Sheets for the sites included