

CACFP Meal Pattern Challenges

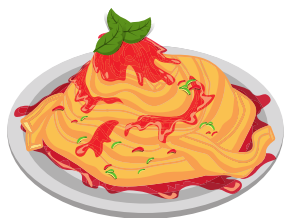
During the COVID-19 Pandemic



This document is designed to support facilities in meeting the CACFP meal pattern during the COVID-19 pandemic.

First: Try to Make a One Time Menu Substitution

If an item on your menu can't be purchased, you are encouraged to **serve a different creditable item from that component** to continue to meet the meal pattern. Creditable menu substitutions are always allowed.



Can't Find:

Spaghetti
Pasta, Rice

Applesauce

Meat, Poultry

Eggs, Canned Beans



Swap for:

Bread, Rolls,
Crackers, Tortillas

Fresh Apples

Cheese, Yogurt, Peas,
Peanut Butter, Lunch Meat



If an item you planned for can't be purchased in the quantity you need, try to **combine creditable items within that component**.

Can't Find Enough:

Canned Chickpeas



Swap for:

Tuna/Chickpeas/Cheese

Can't find enough milk? The Dairy Council of AZ will provide a 50 lb bag of dry milk for \$60. Email Pat Johnson at pjohnson@dairycouncilofaz.org!

All substitutions must be written on your posted weekly menu.

If Needed: Submit a Meal Pattern Waiver Request

If you are unable to make substitutions to meet the meal pattern, submit a **Meal Pattern Waiver Request** to ADE. Once approved, the meals and snacks served can still be claimed for reimbursement.

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