

One Hour Lapse Requirement Between Meal Service Times for  
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

PURPOSE: To clarify our position on the amount of time that must lapse between the start of one meal service and the beginning of another meal service for all meals, including snacks, served during participation in the SFSP.

SCOPE: All sponsors participating in the Summer Food Service Program.

DESCRIPTION: SFSP Sponsors that are approved to serve multiple meals per day must have at a minimum one (1) hour lapse from the time one meal service begins, including snacks, until another meal service may begin. The requirement applies to any combination of meal service (breakfast and lunch, breakfast and AM snack, etc.) Additionally, one (1) hour must lapse from the beginning of one meal service to the start of another at all types of sites including enrolled sites, such as day and residential camps.

This requirement is necessary for proper documentation of meal service times within the CNPweb system and also clarifies the USDA policy regarding waiving meal time restrictions to Indiana SFSP Sponsors.

SOURCE: Indiana Department of Education, School and Community Nutrition