

# School Nutrition Weekly Update



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## March 7-11, 2016 is National School Breakfast Week!



The 2016 NSBW theme, “Wake Up to School Breakfast”, reminds everyone in the school community—students, families, school administrators and staff—that a school breakfast provides a healthy, energizing start to the day for students.

School breakfast offers several connections to classroom learning—students have the opportunity to eat a healthy breakfast each school morning closer to academic instruction time, students who eat a healthy breakfast are better able to focus on classroom lessons, and students can practice the nutrition lessons they learn in the classroom by making healthy choices with school breakfast.

NSBW raises awareness of the availability of school breakfast to all children and promotes the links between eating breakfast, academic achievement and health. Find NSBW info and resources at <https://schoolnutrition.org/NSBW>. To find school breakfast resources tailored to North Carolina, including the *Breakfast is Brain Fuel* toolkit, visit <http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/programs/sbp>.

## Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Application Released

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FF&VP) application process for School Year 2016-2017 was opened on Monday, February 29. School Nutrition Administrators received a special e-mail linked to the 2016-2017 FF&VP application packet which has been posted on the [FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAM](#) page (see: How to Apply) of the School Nutrition website. Also, the 2016-2017 FF&VP electronic application is now accessible in the School Nutrition Technology System (SNTS) for School Nutrition staff with SNTS "Application Entry" access.

For interested LEAs with eligible elementary schools and eligible Charter Schools that are only elementary grade levels, please mark your calendar for the following important FF&VP application dates:

<b>April 8</b>	Deadline for completing FF&VP applications in the NCDPI's SNTS by <b>11:59 p.m.</b>
<b>April 15</b>	Deadline for the 2016-2017 FF&VP Signature Pages and special form ("Number of Days FF&VP will operate for SY 2016-2017) to be received in the School Nutrition Services Section (NCDPI/Raleigh, NC). No late forms accepted. <b>By 5:00 p.m.</b>

If anyone has any questions regarding NC's FF&VP application/selection process, program requirements, or financial operation, please contact Zoe McKay-Tucker, School Nutrition Consultant for Special Programs by email at [zoe.mckaytucker@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:zoe.mckaytucker@dpi.nc.gov) or by phone: 919-807-3517.

## Q&A – Epinephrine Auto-Injectors ON School Property

QUESTION	ANSWER
Can any responsible adult, employed by a school, administer emergency epinephrine auto-injectors to a student who is having an allergic reaction?	The following N.C. General Statute, passed in 2014, answers this question: § 115C-375.2A. School supply of epinephrine auto-injectors. The statute requires at least two auto-injectors present on school grounds for use during the school day and at school sponsored events, and one or more school personnel trained in their use. Their use is for individuals with no known diagnosis of anaphylaxis, but who are suffering from an anaphylactic reaction. The statute specifically states that the Principal shall designate one or more school personnel to receive initial and annual retraining from a school nurse or qualified representative of the local health department on the emergency use and storage of epinephrine auto-injectors. The non-patient specific prescription for these can be written by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner of the local health department. An emergency action plan shall be in place for their use. The school stock injectors are not to be used for students with a known diagnosis who are to still have their own emergency action plan in place with their own injectors.

## New Procurement Rule in North Carolina

In the last legislative session, the General Assembly adopted the *Iran Divestment Act* (NCGS 143C-6A-1 to 6A-9) and it impacts not only the State but local governments as well by imposing new obligations on the procurement process. The newly released guidance and certification form issued by the Department of the State Treasurer is shown at:

[www.nctreasurer.com/slq/Memos/2016-10.pdf](http://www.nctreasurer.com/slq/Memos/2016-10.pdf)

The divestment list referenced in the guidance from the Department of the State Treasurer will be updated on at least a semi-annual basis and may be found here: [www.nctreasurer.com/iran](http://www.nctreasurer.com/iran)

### **Please forward this communication to anyone involved in making purchases on behalf of the School Food Authority.**

Please also attach the certification document to your Standard Terms and Conditions so this requirement may be reflected in all formal and informal purchases, except those purchases of \$1,000 or less that are not subject to this new rule. If you have any questions about this memo please contact Lynn Harvey at (919)807-3506.

## Time as a Public Health Control (TPHC) Procedures: Following the Food Code Requirements

This webinar is part of a planned series of monthly ongoing continuing education for North Carolina school nutrition professionals. Information in this continuing education session is directed towards all school nutrition professionals so you may share with all schools in your School Food Authority.

Bacteria that leads to foodborne illness like to grow in the danger zone of between 41 degrees F. and 135 degrees F. but growth is not instantaneous. It takes time for the bacteria to get used to its environment, find food, and multiply to dangerous levels or create toxins that cannot be destroyed by cooking. In certain situations it makes sense to use time to control bacterial risks and prevent foodborne illness. This process is called Time as Public Health Control (TPHC). Join this webinar to learn more about the importance of TPHC and the best practices for discarding, tracking and using foods.

All participants must login to the session to receive a certificate for 1 contact hour of continuing education.

**\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE\*\* We are no longer doing a formal registration through email. [CLICK HERE](#) for specific details on how to participate in the webinar and to obtain your continuing education certificate.**

## **Important School Nutrition Dates**

*Remember: Any time a due date/deadline falls on a weekend or a holiday, the deadline automatically extends to the next business day.*

### **March 2016**

Mar 2016.....	<a href="#"><u>National Nutrition Month</u></a>
Mar 7-11 .....	<a href="#"><u>National School Breakfast Week</u></a>
Mar 8-10 .....	NC Safe Plates Workshop (Mills River, NC)
Mar 9.....	<a href="#"><u>Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day</u></a>
Mar 10 (Thurs) .....	Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement for <i>NSLP/SBP/ASSP/SFSP/SSO</i> (for Feb 2016)
Mar 10 .....	Best Practice Awards Nominations Due in State Agency office
Mar 15 (Tues).....	Deadline to submit <i>FFVP</i> claim for reimbursement (for Feb 2016)
Mar 16.....	SFSP Workshop (Deep River)
Mar 17.....	Time as a Public Health Control (TPHC) Procedures: Following the Food Code Requirements
Mar 23.....	SFSP Workshop (Hickory Metro Convention Center)
Mar 25.....	Good Friday (State offices closed)

### **April 2016**

Apr 1.....	Deadline to complete Self-Assessments (Charter/RCCI/Non-Public SFAs) (Keep on file at SFA)
Apr 8.....	Deadline to complete FF&VP Applications (SN Tech system)
Apr 10 .....	Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement for <i>NSLP/SBP/ASSP/SFSP/SSO</i> (for Mar 2016)
Apr 15 .....	Deadline to submit <i>FFVP</i> claim for reimbursement (for Mar 2016)
Apr 15 .....	March Nutrient Analysis Reports Due (Submit to Zone Nutrition Specialist)
Apr 15 .....	Deadline to submit Golden Key Achievement Award Summaries
Apr 20 .....	HACCP: A Preventive Food Safety Plan for School Nutrition Programs Workshop (Greensboro)
Apr 21 .....	SFSP Workshop (New Bern Convention Center)
April 25-27 .....	NC Safe Plates Workshop (Raleigh, NC)
Apr 28 .....	Norovirus: Effective Cleaning and Sanitizing After Exposure in Kitchen and Dining Areas (Webinar)
April 28-29 .....	Smart Options Workshop (Beaufort, NC)

## May 2016

May 6 .....	<a href="#">School Lunch Hero Day</a>
May 9-13 .....	<a href="#">National School Nutrition Employee Week</a>
May 10 .....	Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement for <i>NSLP/SBP/ASSP/SFSP/SSO</i> (for Apr 2016)
May 15 .....	Deadline to submit <i>FFVP</i> claim for reimbursement (for Apr 2016)
May 30 .....	Memorial Day (State Offices Closed)

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