

HKHF TAP Virtual State Partner Forum

Maximizing CACFP in the Time of COVID: Opportunities for Public-Private Partnerships

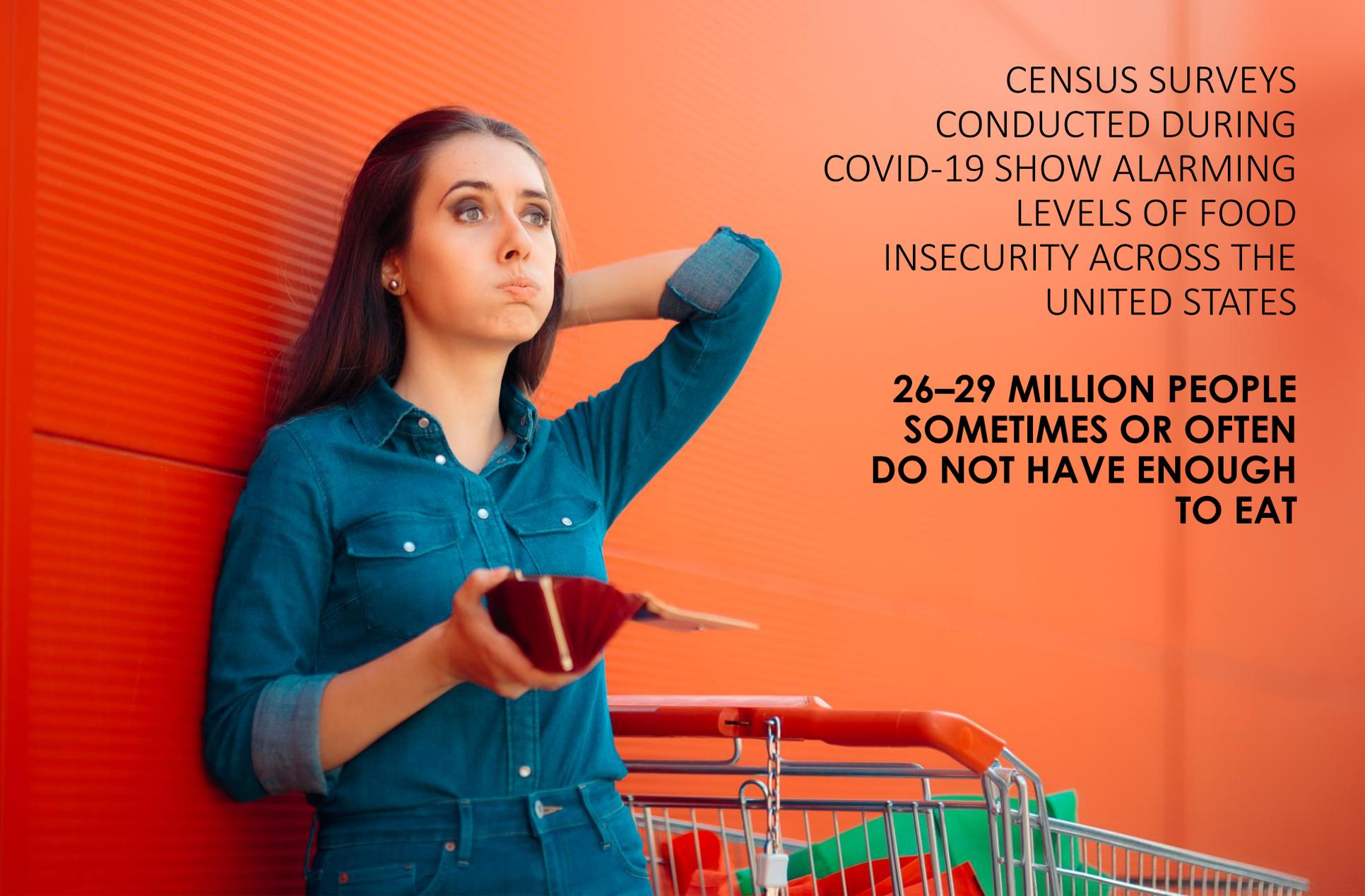
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Opportunities
for Public-
Private
Partnerships

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CENSUS SURVEYS
CONDUCTED DURING
COVID-19 SHOW ALARMING
LEVELS OF FOOD
INSECURITY ACROSS THE
UNITED STATES

**26–29 MILLION PEOPLE
SOMETIMES OR OFTEN
DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH
TO EAT**

*More than 1 in 5 Black
and Latinx adults with children
reported in July that they
sometimes or often did not
have enough to eat.*

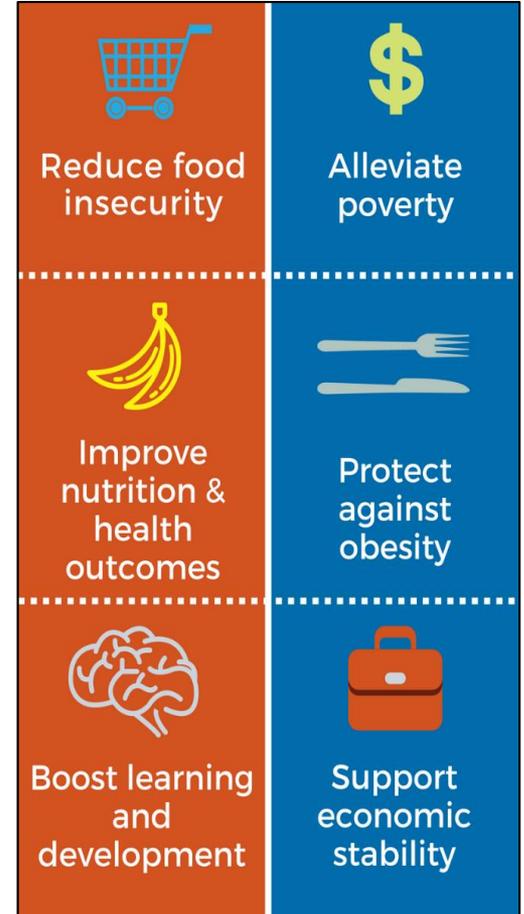
*Not Enough to Eat: COVID-19
Deepens America's Hunger Crisis*

THE IMPACT

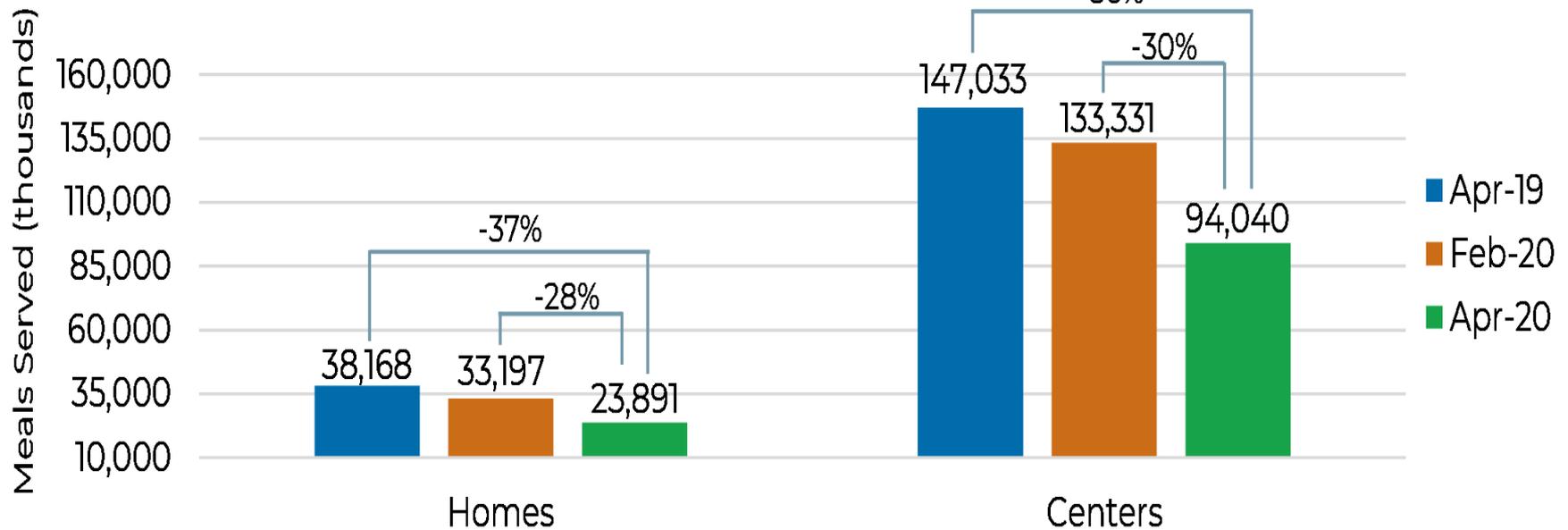
Food insecurity is associated with a range of serious consequences for health, well-being, development & learning



The Child and Adult Care Food Program



Meals Served in CACFP Child Care Homes and Centers (April 2019, February 2020, and April 2020)



Katie Jacobs

Source: Child and Adult Care Food Program Participation and Reimbursement During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Analysis of Preliminary USDA Data, FRAC

COVID-19 Impact on CACFP

Reduction in the number of CACFP Meals & Snacks Served to Children

- Families rely on CACFP meals & snacks
- The loss increases the strain on family budgets
- In some cases the loss may contribute to:
 - Food insecurity &
 - Fewer healthy meals for children at home

Reduction in CACFP Reimbursements to Child Care Providers & Sponsors

- Providers rely on CACFP reimbursements to support fixed costs, as well as, food costs
- The loss contributes to budget deficits in already overburdened child care budgets



The Families First Coronavirus Response Act

Three Key CACFP Provisions



Gives USDA the authority to issue nationwide child nutrition - CACFP waivers in order to eliminate paperwork for states & help child care, afterschool programs, & community organizations quickly adopt & implement flexibilities during this crisis



Waivers to allow CACFP to operate as non-congregate sites: offering meals off-site, “grab and go” & delivered



“The kids who normally attend USC’s Head Start program are now home with their families, isolating due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Every weekday morning, though, a little bit of Head Start comes to them.”

University of Southern California News

CACFP Centers: Grab and Go Meals

It Takes A Village To
Feed One Child
Program:

- Provides prepackaged CACFP meals
- 2 meals and 1 snack a day – 5 days each week to enrolled children
- Serves over 250 children from 8 child care centers
- Provides educational supplies, home learning activities and additional food items



Waivers to adapt meal pattern requirements in response to a disruption to the food supply as a result of COVID-19

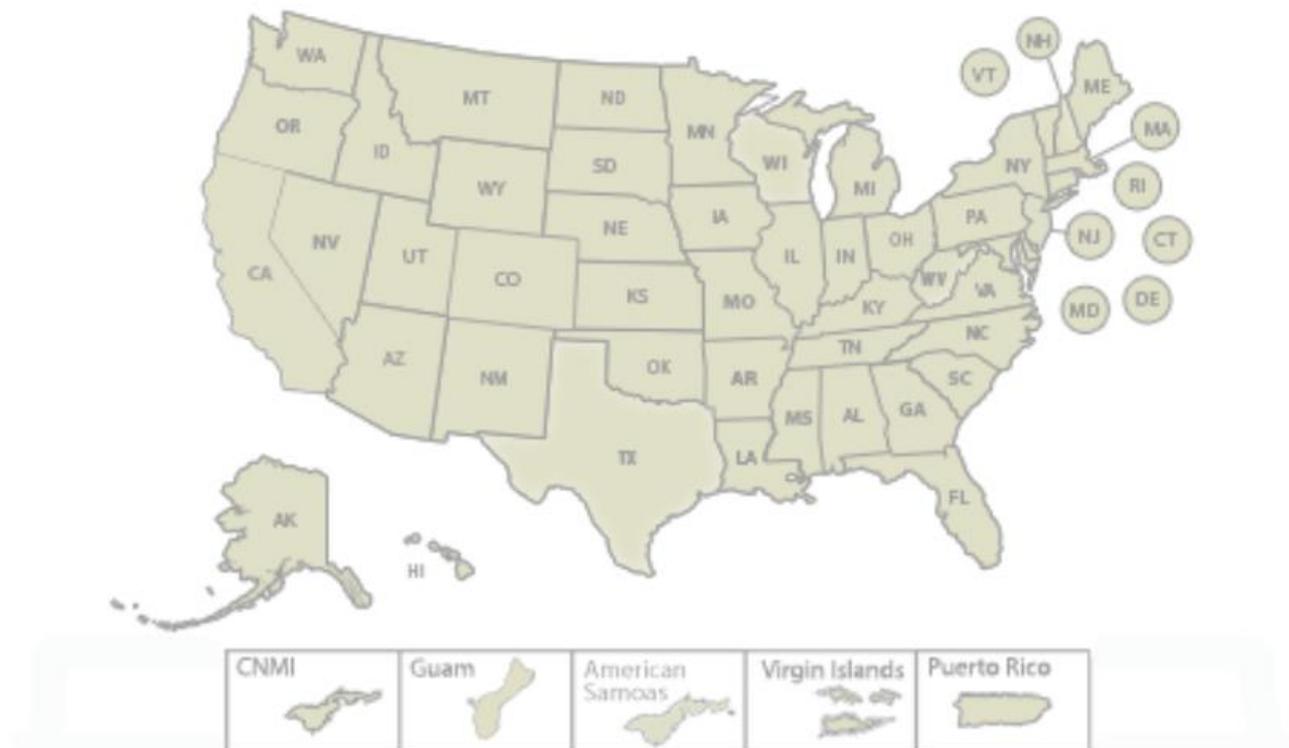




Additional CACFP waivers related to review & oversight during COVID-19:

- ★ Waiver the 60 day reporting requirement
- ★ Waiver of annual review requirements for State agencies (on site monitoring requirements)

Child Nutrition Programs: COVID-19 Waivers by State



Select from the following list to see all of the COVID-19 waivers issued for your state in child nutrition programs.

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19/cn-waivers-flexibilities>

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