MEMORANDUM

TO: School Food Service Directors/Supervisors

FROM: Ronald F. Jones
       Director, Office of Health and Nutrition

DATE: March 20, 2020

RE: COVID-19: Milk Availability

We realize that sponsors and institutions may be running into issues regarding milk. Please be aware of these regulatory citations regarding milk:

- 7 CFR 226.20(e) Unavailability of fluid milk—(1) Temporary. When emergency conditions prevent an institution or facility normally having a supply of milk from temporarily obtaining milk deliveries, the State agency may approve the service of breakfast, lunches, or suppers without milk during the emergency period.
- 7 CFR 225.16(f)(6) Temporary unavailability of milk. If emergency conditions prevent a sponsor normally having a supply of milk from temporarily obtaining milk deliveries, the State agency may approve the service of breakfasts, lunches or suppers without milk during the emergency period.

Milk Exemption Request

Please submit an email notification to Krystal Waldrop at kwaldrop@ed.sc.gov indicating the following:

1. Indicate the following hardships for milk exemption requests, to include, but not limited to:
   a. financial hardship;
   b. limited product availability; and/or
   c. product quality due to food safety requirements.
2. What sites do you want a milk exemption request for?
   a. List all sites that you are operating.
   b. List which sites will and will not implement a milk exemption request.

Once the request has been received, via email, and approved, you will receive an email notification. An official notification letter will be mailed to you.

If you have any questions, please contact Krystal Waldrop at kwaldrop@ed.sc.gov or 803-734-8196.