**Waivers Related to Non-Congregate Feeding During School Dismissals or Closures and To Allow the Operation of School Sites During an Unexpected School Dismissal or Closure in the Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option**

The Virgin Islands Department of Education, Special Nutrition Programs (SNP) has requested waivers from USDA, which requires Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Sponsors and School Food Authorities (SFA) operating the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) to maintain children on site while meals are consumed and 7 CFR 225.6(d)(1)(iv), which limits the operation of SFSP and SSO during an unexpected school dismissal/closure to non-school sites.

Specifically, these waivers will allow SNP, Child Nutrition Program Administration, to approve SFA and SFSP sponsors to provide meals in non-congregate settings and at school sites through the SSO or SFSP during an unanticipated school closure or dismissal due to the COVID-19. SFAs will support schools and communities in providing meals to children in areas experiencing school disruptions in response to COVID-19.

The waivers have been approved. Further guidance is available.