

Food and Nutrition  
Service

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**SUBJECT:** Extension Approval of Disaster Household Distribution in Response to the National Emergency Declaration Due to COVID-19

**TO:** Cheryl Kennedy  
Regional Administrator  
Mountain Plains Regional Office

This memorandum is in response to Santee Sioux Nation's request to extend its use of U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Foods to operate disaster household distribution beyond its initial approved end date of May 1, 2020. This request is in response to food assistance needs resulting from the COVID-19 National Emergency declared by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020.

Santee Sioux Nation requested that USDA extend its initial approval to use USDA Foods from the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) for disaster household distribution. Santee Sioux Nation is approved to continue to use the same distribution methods to provide food assistance to a cumulative total of 214 individuals over the course of the 30-day approval period.

**An extension is granted for disaster household distribution beginning May 8, 2020 through June 6, 2020.** Santee Sioux Nation is authorized to use the previously approved disaster household distribution food package to continue providing food assistance to impacted households. Santee Sioux Nation must also follow the same Terms of Approval as stated in our original approval letter dated April 4, 2020.

Should Santee Sioux Nation need additional assistance, other resources may be available through FEMA, <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/04/12/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-purchase-and-distribution-food-eligible-public>, and other USDA programs such as Farmer's Feed Families, <https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food-to-usda/farmers-to-families-food-box>.



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