

Frequently Asked Questions - #1
Guidance for Area Agencies on Aging for Coronavirus Disease 2019
(COVID-19)

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1) Do AAAs have the flexibility to provide take-home or brown bag meals for congregate clients?

Yes. AAAs have the flexibility to allow take-home meals or brown bags meals to congregate clients. Meals will be counted as Title IIIC-1 meals. Note - meals must meet Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA) and provide 1/3 of Dietary Reference Intakes (DRI) to be counted.

2) Can in-home eligibility re-assessments for home-delivered meal (HDM) clients be deferred due to risk of COVID-19?

Yes. Scheduled eligibility reassessments for HDM clients can be conducted via phone during the COVID-19 state of emergency and the reason for phone visit noted in the client's file. Scheduled in-home visits for eligibility reassessments are to be reinstated when the state of emergency or county state of emergency has lifted.

3) Can service providers purchase and distribute emergency meals (shelf stable meals or brown bag meals) in the event that they are unable to prepare meals in the kitchen?

Yes. AAAs may purchase and distribute emergency meals in the event they are unable to prepare meals. Meals will be counted as C-1 or C-2 meals as appropriate. Note - meals must meet Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA) and provide 1/3 of Dietary Reference Intakes (DRI) to be counted.