



The John C. Stalker Institute
of Food and Nutrition
AT FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY



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What's New for School Year 20-21?

This school year will be one of change. In the spirit of that change, JSI has shifted our focus from in-person to virtual professional development. Please visit our newly redesigned website at johnstalkerinstitute.org, where you will find a full array of virtual training options in the Nuts & Bolts of School Nutrition Programs, as well as new live Virtual Workshops to Go to request for your staff. Stay tuned! More remote training options coming soon!



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The John C. Stalker Institute of Food and Nutrition is a partnership of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Framingham State University.

Email us at johnstalker@framingham.edu to join our email list and stay up-to-date on all the latest professional development opportunities!

NEW! Virtual Workshops to Go

Food safety and food allergies remain top priority training topics for school nutrition programs, however with social distancing recommendations, in-person JSI Workshops to Go have been put on hold through the rest of 2020. With this in mind, JSI is pleased to offer two newly updated *Virtual Workshops to Go! Essentials of Food Safety and Food Allergies*: These are live 90-minute workshops for your staff and managers presented via Zoom, which cover all the important learning points coupled with essential considerations for operating during COVID-19. Cost: \$199. Please visit johnstalkerinstitute.org for details and to request your virtual workshop!



NEW! School Wellness Coaching Program

Strengthen district collaboration and wellness efforts with the help of a wellness coach! The coach will facilitate four virtual wellness committee meetings for your wellness committee to assess the district wellness policy, set goals, establish a plan of action and celebrate success! Apply today for this new virtual program at bit.ly/3jj20db. Space is limited and applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For additional information, please email Nicole Good at nicole.good@mass.gov, DESE School Wellness Specialist.

4-week Online Wellness Courses from Framingham State University

Back by popular demand in January and March 2021! These graduate courses will be offered at a reduced cost of \$40 to expand capacity of school wellness committees. Enrollment details coming soon!

School Wellness for Student Success • *Move More, Learn More: Linking Physical Activity to Academic Performance* • *Growing Your School Garden*



Your choice, on your schedule! All sessions available virtually at no cost at johnstalkerinstitute.org/profdev/nb

Virtual Series

Sixteen 15-60 minute recorded training sessions from DESE on essential school nutrition topics including COVID-19 guidance.

On Demand

Interactive online training series on fundamental topics in School Meal Programs. Perfect for new staff, as a refresher, and for the annual Civil Rights training requirement.

Continuation Series

Live virtual sessions from DESE in support of School Meal Programs including the latest COVID-19 guidance. Visit the JSI website to view session descriptions and to register for the SY 20-21 sessions.

Please note: The presentation portion of each session will be recorded and posted on the JSI web page. The Q&A portion of each webinar will only be available during the live session.



SY 20-21 Schedule:

September:

- Using the Virtual Gateway for Direct Certification
- Meal Benefit Issuance — Compliance, Refreshers and Common Challenges

October:

- Deciphering the Verification Process
- Counting and Claiming Meals — Tips and Tricks for Ensuring Accuracy

November:

- Solutions for Real Life Challenges to Serving a Reimbursable Lunch or Breakfast
- Completing the 742R Report

December:

- Communicating Program Access to Your Community
- Documenting Meal Pattern Compliance

January:

- Residential Child Care Centers — Serving Meals in a Group Home Setting
- Increasing Access and Engagement Through Afterschool Meals

February:

- USDA Foods Spend Spotlight Series of three sessions

March:

- Community Eligibility Provision Series of four sessions

April:

- School Wellness: It's Everyone's Responsibility
- Navigating Procurement Challenges in Farm to School