



**STATE OF WYOMING
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER**

ORDER 2026-02

**ESTABLISHING AND DIRECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUN BUCKS
SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the health, well-being, and nutritional security of Wyoming's children are paramount to the future prosperity of the State; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming's children deserve consistent access to nutritious food throughout the summer months when school meal programs are unavailable; and

WHEREAS, one in every five children in the state of Wyoming face food insecurity and endure even more restricted (food) access in summer months. Adequate summer nutrition for children supports healthy development and is essential for mitigating summer learning loss; and

WHEREAS, the SUN Bucks program, authorized by Congress to address summer hunger among children, provides eligible families with resources to purchase food for their children during the summer, and has demonstrated success in improving nutritional outcomes such as increased access to and consumption of nutrition foods; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to develop and deploy a program tailored to the unique demographics, geographical challenges, and logistical infrastructure of our State to maximize effectiveness and availability to decrease food insecurity of Wyoming's children;

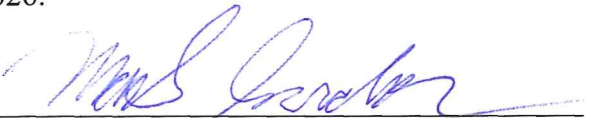
NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Wyoming, I, Mark Gordon, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. The Director of the Department of Family Services shall immediately initiate a comprehensive planning and development phase to design the Wyoming SUN Bucks program. This plan shall specifically provide:
 - a. Clear eligibility criteria consistent with federal guidelines, and develop a robust outreach strategy to ensure maximum participation across all 23 Wyoming counties, with particular attention to rural and remote populations.

- b. Electronic benefits transfer structure and system for the most effective method of delivering benefits to SUN Bucks eligible families, prioritizing accessibility for all Wyoming families and ensuring only eligible foods can be purchased based on SNAP purchasing rules.
 - c. Coordination with the Wyoming Department of Education and other partners to leverage existing infrastructure and programming in deployment of the SUN Bucks services.
 - d. A detailed roadmap with timelines for securing necessary funding, developing technological infrastructure, training staff, and coordinating with retail partners.
 - e. Metrics and mechanisms for monitoring the program's reach, utilization, and impact on food security.
2. The Director of the Department of Family Services shall ensure that the Wyoming SUN Bucks program plan is developed and ready for implementation concurrent with the federal 2026 summer SUN Bucks period, June through August 2026.
 3. The Director of the Department of Family Services shall submit a preliminary SUN Bucks Program Implementation Plan to the Governor's Office no later than May 5, 2026 and a final report detailing the program's execution and recommendations for future summers no later than October 31, 2026.

This Executive Order is effective April 15, 2026 and shall remain in effect until amended or repealed.

Given under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Wyoming this 15th day of April, 2026.



Mark Gordon
Governor