

Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) Frequently Asked Questions

*Pandemic- Electronic Benefit Transfer provides food benefits to children who have temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price meals at school due to COVID-19. Benefits coming soon **JUNE 2020**.*

Who is Eligible?

All children eligible for free or reduced priced meals at school.



Where Can I Use My P-EBT Benefits?

You can use your P-EBT benefits at any store that accepts SNAP. Most retailers have signs stating they accept SNAP or P-EBT.



How Much Money Will I Receive?

Households will receive \$5.70 per eligible child per day.



Are There Other Qualifications to Get P-EBT?

Families are not required to be receiving SNAP to qualify for P-EBT Benefits or meet SNAP financial or nonfinancial eligibility requirements.

All children that are eligible for free or reduced meals are eligible for P-EBT regardless of citizenship.



Will P-EBT Funding be Backdated?

Yes, the Department of Human Services (DHS) will implement P-EBT benefits backdated to the date of school closures in March.

March, April, May P-EBT will be issued in June, and P-EBT benefits will continue to be issued for the duration that schools are closed due to COVID-19.



What Happens to Unused Funds?

Unused funds will carry over from month to month. Benefits that are not used for over a year will be removed from the card.



How Will I Receive P-EBT Benefits?

If receiving SNAP benefits, your P-EBT benefits will be added to your existing EBT card. If not actively receiving SNAP benefits, you will receive a confirmation and a P-EBT card in the mail.



Do I Need to Apply?

You do not have to submit an application to receive P-EBT if your child was receiving free and reduced price school meals before the schools closed. Please contact your child's school if you don't know whether your child is eligible to receive free and reduced price school meals. The school will also give you information on how to apply for free and reduced price school meals if you believe that you are eligible.