



PANDEMIC FOOD BENEFITS FOR K-12 STUDENTS



Due to COVID-19 school closures, families may be eligible to get help with food benefits called Pandemic EBT Emergency School Meals Program, or P-EBT. It is a one time benefit based on the number of missed school days from March through June 2020.

Who is P-EBT for?

Any family with a child in grades K-12 who is eligible for free or reduced-price school meals, including children who go to a school where meals are free for all students. The student does not need to receive Basic Food benefits in order to be eligible.

P-EBT is for all students regardless of citizenship or immigration status. P-EBT is not subject to public charge and will not affect your immigration status.

DSHS will confirm your child's free or reduced-price meals status with the school. No interview is required. Applications will be processed within 30 working days.

The deadline for applying has been extended to 5 p.m. September 11th, 2020.

To apply online, visit washingtonconnection.org or call 877-501-2233



Pandemic EBT (P-EBT): Emergency School Meals Program Get help buying groceries while schools are closed

Is your child eligible for free or reduced-price school meals or did your child's school provide all meals free before the school closure in March?

YES

NO

Do you receive Basic Food benefits?

YES

NO

You will automatically receive P-EBT on your EBT Card.

Benefits will be added to your EBT card by July 7.

You need to apply for P-EBT by visiting WashingtonConnection.org or by calling 877-501-2233.

Your EBT card will arrive in the mail within 35 business days of applying.

Your child is not eligible for P-EBT. To find free meals for kids 18 and under in your community, text "FOOD" to 877-877

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students going to a K-12 school that offers a school lunch program during the school year AND

- Is eligible for free or reduced-price school meals; OR
- Is attending a school where meals are free for all students

CAN IMMIGRANT HOUSEHOLDS APPLY?

Yes. Using P-EBT benefits does not count as a public charge. P-EBT does not change a parent or child's immigration status. P-EBT is for all children that are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT?

For children who received free or reduced-price meals when schools closed in March, each family will get \$399 per child. For families that enrolled in Basic Food or applied for school meal benefits after schools closed, each child will get less than that. The value depends on when you applied for food assistance.

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