

PANDEMIC-EBT: Guide to Eligibility for Parents with School-Age Children



Does your child receive free or reduced-price school meals or does your child's school provide all meals free?

YES

NO



Do you receive SNAP benefits?

YES

NO

Call your local school to apply for free/reduced-price school meals and then apply for SNAP benefits.

You will automatically receive P-EBT on your LINK card.

You should apply for SNAP by visiting abe.illinois.gov or by calling 800-843-6154.

If you qualify for SNAP, you will automatically receive P-EBT. If you do not qualify for SNAP, you can still apply for P-EBT.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Illinois households with a child who is certified to receive free or reduced-price school meals or who attends a school that offers school meals to all students through the National School Lunch Program are eligible.

CAN IMMIGRANT HOUSEHOLDS APPLY?

P-EBT is available to households regardless of immigration status. P-EBT does not count toward the Public Charge test.

You do not need a social security number (SSN) to enroll in P-EBT but providing a SSN will process your application faster. If the parent does not have a social security number (SSN), apply using the SSN and date of birth of the oldest child with a SSN.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT?

P-EBT provides the value of school meals at the free rate for each eligible child in the household, for a total of \$5.70 per child per school day. If you apply for May, you will receive benefits for 21 school days in May, or \$119.70. P-EBT is also available for June.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

- P-EBT is still available for May and June. If you apply now you will receive benefits back-dated to the first of the month.
- Even though schools are closed, most schools still have administrative staff taking applications. Contact your local school to apply for free or reduced-price school meals for your child.
- If you need help understanding your eligibility or how to apply for benefits, call the **Food Depository Benefits Hotline** at **773-843-5416**.
- To qualify for SNAP, your income must be under 165% of federal income limits (\$35,838 for a family of 3.) To qualify for P-EBT, your income must be under 185% (\$40,182 for a family of 3.)

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