

Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) Program

Food Benefits for Children During School Year 2020-2021 COVID-19 School Closures

What is P-EBT?

The Pandemic EBT Program, or P-EBT, provides food benefits via an electronic benefit card to eligible students to replace meals they would have received through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) at their school in the 2020-2021 School Year.

Also, childcare aged children (ages 0-6) who received SNAP benefits in Nevada, in the months of October 2020 through June 2021, are eligible to receive P-EBT. Note: These children are only eligible for P-EBT for the months in which they received SNAP from October 2020 through June 2021. The benefit level for these children will be based on the predominate mode of learning of the school closest to their residential address on file will the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services.

How Do I Apply For P-EBT?

There is no application. If eligible, the NSLP&SBP and SNAP childcare aged children will automatically receive P-EBT. For children currently on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program, the benefit will be placed on their household's existing Electronic Benefit (EBT) card. For P-EBT only children, the benefit will be placed on a P-EBT card issued in the child's name and sent to the address on file for the primary parent/guardian on file in the child's school's registration system. For example: Infinite Campus.

How much will my child receive?

There are two different benefit levels.

- Hybrid benefit – Where the P-EBT eligible child's school only offered a hybrid learning mode and the child was on campus an average 2.5 days per week. These children will receive \$6.82 for half of the operating school days for that month. For example: If there were 20 operating school days in a month, the hybrid benefit will be \$6.82 x 10 days, for a total monthly issuance of \$68.20.
- Full benefit – Where the P-EBT eligible child was not on campus at all in that month, due to mandated school closure. These children will receive \$6.82 for each operating school day for that month. For example: If there were 20 operating school days in a month, the benefit for that month will be 20 days x \$6.82, for a monthly issuance of \$136.40 per child.

Note: Children who attended schools that offered full in-person learning, will not be eligible for P-EBT, regardless of the learning mode selected by the child's parent or guardian.

When and how will I get P-EBT?

Who:



Families that receive
SNAP Benefits

Families that receive
TANF Benefits

**All other eligible
children**

How:

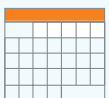


On your current EBT
card

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On a new EBT card in the name of
the child. The card will be mailed
to the primary parent/guardian's
address, on file in the child's
school's registration system.

When:



In order not to burden retailers and to meet the USDA's requirements; P-EBT benefits will be issued in three separate issuances. Each issuance will be staggered across ten days. Which means not all children will receive their P-EBT benefits at the same time.

The first set of P-EBT benefits for the months of August 2020 – November 2020 will go out September 14-23.

The second set of P-EBT benefits for the months of December 2020 – March 2021 will go out October 14-23.

The third set of P-EBT benefits for the months of April 2021 – June 2021 will go out November 14-23.

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Other Things You Need to Know

- Your immigration status does not matter. Using P-EBT does not affect your or your child's immigration status. The Public Charge rule does not apply to P-EBT.
- P-EBT is **not** a Welfare benefit. P-EBT is a benefit that was established by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (enacted 03/06/2020) and extended by the American Rescue Plan Act (enacted 03/11/2021).
- Children in Community Eligibility Provision Schools are automatically eligible for the NSLP and SBP, and therefore eligible for P-EBT.
- Your child can use other nutrition programs like summer meals, SNAP, and WIC while using P-EBT. Your child can also continue to get school meals from their enrolled school.
- You cannot give your card to another person or household to use.
- Starting on September 6, 2021, a P-EBT Check My Benefits Portal will be available on the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Access Nevada website at <https://accessnevada.dwss.nv.gov>.

Where can P-EBT benefits be used?

- P-EBT benefits can be used to purchase food at any SNAP retailer. Most retailers have signs stating they accept SNAP or EBT. Authorized SNAP retailers are listed at Retailer Locator at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/retailer-locator>.
- Families can also visit EBT Edge or download the EBT Edge Mobile app from the Apple or Google Play store to find retailers that accept EBT cards.
- P-EBT benefits can also be used to make online food purchases for delivery at Amazon and Walmart. Find more information at Amazon or Walmart.

What can families purchase with P-EBT benefits?

- Breads and cereals
- Fruits and vegetables
- Meats, fish, and poultry
- Seeds and plants that produce food

What can families not purchase with P-EBT benefits?

- Beer, wine or liquor, cigarettes or tobacco
- Vitamins and medicine
- Prepared foods
- Non-food items, such as soaps, paper products and household supplies.

Questions?

Contact the P-EBT Center @ 1-866-5NV-PEBT or 1-866-568-7328.

Operating hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm (excluding state and federal holidays).