

# PANDEMIC ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER

# P-EBT

Get help feeding your family in Prince George's County, MD during COVID-19

## What is P-EBT?

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) provides nutrition assistance to families whose children have lost access to free or reduced-price school meals due to COVID-19-related school closures. Families will receive money on a new or existing EBT card to help make up for these lost meals.

## How do I know if I'm eligible?

- If your child receives free or reduced-price school meals, or your child attends a school that offers free school meals to all students, then you may be eligible to receive P-EBT benefits.
- If you or your family member have recently lost a job or wages, you may now be eligible. Prince George's County residents can apply for the free or reduced-price program online at [bit.ly/2LJZ1m0](https://bit.ly/2LJZ1m0). Households whose free or reduced-price meal application is approved will also be eligible to receive P-EBT.

## How much money will I receive?

Eligible recipients will receive \$5.70 per child for each school day that your child's school is closed due to the pandemic.



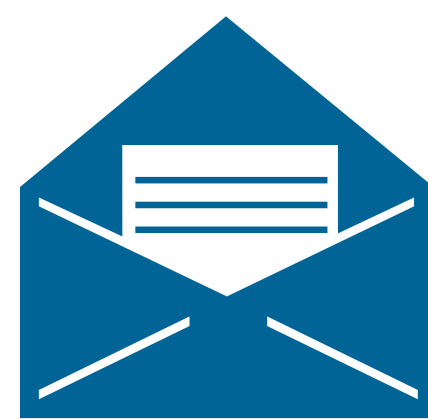
## HOW TO RECEIVE BENEFITS

You do not have to submit an application for P-EBT if your child was receiving free or reduced-price meals before the school closure.



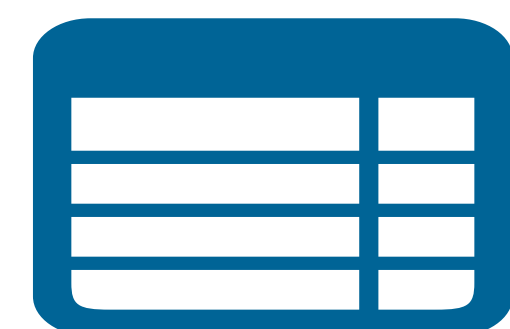
### FAMILIES WITH EBT CARDS

If you already receive benefits (such as SNAP or TANF) on an EBT card, you will receive P-EBT benefits automatically in June 2020.



### FAMILIES RECEIVING FREE & REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

Families whose children receive free or reduced-price meals (but do not have an EBT card) will be mailed a loaded and ready to use P-EBT card.



### NEW APPLICANTS

If you recently lost a job or wages, you can contact your local school system to see if you are eligible for the free and reduced-price meal program and to apply.

You can also apply for SNAP benefits, and if eligible, your child will automatically be enrolled in free school meals. For more information on applying for SNAP, please visit [dhs.maryland.gov/food-supplement-program](https://dhs.maryland.gov/food-supplement-program).



# SIX THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT P-EBT

1

Recipients will be notified when benefits are loaded on existing EBT cards. If you are eligible but do not have a card, the Maryland Department of Human Services will send you an EBT card with benefits loaded onto the card and ready for your use.

2

Recipients will be sent instructions on how to access your P-EBT benefits using a P-EBT or EBT card.

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Benefits will carry over month-to-month and will remain on your EBT card for up to 365 days from the date they were made available to you.

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Benefits will be calculated retroactively from the beginning of the mandated statewide school closure, which was March 16th. Benefits will continue to be issued through the end of the 2020 school year.

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Receiving P-EBT benefits does not affect immigration status, your ability to receive immigration benefits, or your ability to receive any other public benefits.

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Free grab and go meal sites are available for all P-EBT recipients. P-EBT does not replace this service. To find a meal site near you, visit [MDsummermeals.org](http://MDsummermeals.org).

## DO YOU NEED EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE?

If your family needs immediate food assistance, you can find emergency food distribution locations on the Prince George's County website at [bit.ly/36cbw36](http://bit.ly/36cbw36) or the DC Food Project map at [bit.ly/2zOyHV9](http://bit.ly/2zOyHV9). Additional resources and food provider locations can be found on the Food Equity Council's website at <http://pgcfec.org/resources/covid-19-resources.html>.

For assistance finding a food provider location near you, please call the County's emergency hotline by dialing 2-1-1.

You can apply for SNAP benefits in addition to receiving P-EBT. Information on how to apply to SNAP can be found on the Maryland Hunger Solutions website at [bit.ly/2yij2bu](http://bit.ly/2yij2bu). Applications for SNAP assistance are still being processed while DHS offices are closed. Online applications can be submitted on the MyDHR portal: [dhr.state.md.us](http://dhr.state.md.us).

If you or someone you know does not have internet access or requires special assistance with filling out this online application, Maryland Hunger Solutions can assist over the phone. For application assistance over the phone, please call and leave a message at: 866-821-5552.



The Prince George's County Food Equity Council is a local food policy council that works to help residents grow, sell, and choose healthy foods.



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