



Pandemic-EBT

Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer provides food benefits to children who temporarily lost access to free or reduced price meals at school this year due to COVID-19.

What exactly is P-EBT?

- Due to COVID-19 related school closures, children who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals will get up to \$370.50 in extra food benefits. These benefits, called Pandemic-EBT, or P-EBT, are intended to help families in Maryland purchase food while schools are closed.

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.

How will Families get P-EBT?

- If you currently receive SNAP Benefits: If your children receive free and reduced priced meals at school and you currently receive SNAP benefits, up to \$370.50 in P-EBT benefits for each eligible child will be added to your existing EBT card. You will receive up to \$370.50 per child. Benefits will be added to your existing EBT card June 30th. Example: You already receive SNAP benefits and your two children receive free and reduced price meals at school, so an additional \$741 will be loaded to your current EBT card.
- If you currently do not receive SNAP Benefits: If your children receive free and reduced priced meals at school or attend a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school, you will receive a confirmation letter in the mail. One P-EBT card loaded with up to \$370.50 for each eligible child will be mailed to you by July 7th.
 - *Example:* You do not receive SNAP but your two children receive free and reduced priced meals at school, so you will get two P-EBT cards with \$370.50 each.

We have been experiencing homelessness the past year, how will we get our P-EBT benefits?

- If your children are eligible for P-EBT benefits but you are currently homeless, please contact Baltimore County Public Schools Coordinator of Pupil Personnel Service Kevin Roberts at 410-887-0404.

When will I get my P-EBT benefits?

- If you are currently receiving SNAP benefits and qualify for the P-EBT program, your P-EBT benefits will be added to your EBT card by June 30.
- If your household does not receive SNAP benefits and your children are eligible for the P-EBT program, a P-EBT card in the name of each eligible child will be mailed by July 7th.





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Where can I use my 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.
 - Some retailers like Shoprite, Walmart and Amazon have begun accepting EBT cards for online and curbside purchases.
 - The benefits must be used within 12 months from when they are received.

How do I activate my new P-EBT card?

- To activate your card please call 1-800-997-2222. When the phone system asks for the “last 4” of the social security number, you should enter 0000 (four zeros).

I moved. Who should I contact to update my address?

- The Maryland Department of Human Services mailed confirmation letters and P-EBT cards to the last address that you had on file with your child’s school. If you have moved please visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDGF70u8hocoEPXTpJEz8nAyBmPHxHL6SoAqsXoT-Grm6YDHg/viewform> to update your mailing address on file.
 - The Maryland Department of Human Services will update their information weekly and new cards will be mailed 7-10 days after the card issuer is notified.

I think that I should have received a P-EBT card or added benefits to my existing card but did not get them.

- Please visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDGF70u8hocoEPXTpJEz8nAyBmPHxHL6SoAqsXoTGrm6YDHg/viewform> to submit an inquiry to the Maryland Department of Human Services.
- To ask questions about P-EBT benefits you may call 1-833-330-PEBT.

How do I sign my children up for free and reduced priced meals?

- Although it is too late to sign up for this past school year and receive a P-EBT card this summer, you may still apply for free and reduced meals for the upcoming school year.
 - Please email food@bcps.org to get on the waitlist for the 2020-2021 application.
- If your household has received notification from the Office of Food and Nutrition Services (OFNS), your child has already been approved for SY20-21 and you do not need to complete and submit a Meal Benefit Application at this time.

