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Hello

In February, Wisconsin's Pandemic EBT SNAP benefit program was approved for the 2020-2021 school year. This program provides additional resources to low-income families with children to cover the cost of groceries during the COVID-19 pandemic. During the first year of the pandemic Feeding America reported an increase of 40% in emergency food system demand with pantries and foodbanks being utilized significantly more than pre-COVID. Last year, the Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) program served over 350,000 children. This year, families are eligible for P-EBT benefits if they meet the following two requirements: (1) their child is enrolled in or eligible for free or reduced-price meals and (2) if the school their child attends reduced their attendance or hours for at least five consecutive days during the 2020-2021 school year (e.g. reduction in personal attendance, shortening of school week, school closure, switch to online learning (either part-time or full-time)).

Please encourage participants of Wisconsin Works to enroll in Pandemic EBT benefits if they meet the eligibility requirements. Families receiving SNAP benefits do not need to apply and will be automatically eligible for P-EBT benefits which will be loaded onto their Quest card. Those who are eligible and enroll now in P-EBT will receive benefits retroactively for the school year. The first payment covers the first four months of this school year and is expected to be received by participants beginning in late March. Benefits covering December through June of the school year will be distributed this summer, see attached flyer for more details about benefit amounts and distribution dates.

Additionally, for more resources and information visit: [Pandemic EBT: Temporary Food Benefits for Students for the 2020-2021 School Year - Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin \(feedingamericawi.org\)](https://www.feedingamericawi.org/)

For P-EBT Program Information & FAQs: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/forwardhealth-pebt.htm>

For the Latest P-EBT

Announcements: [https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIDHS/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=WIDHS\\_626](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIDHS/subscriber/new?topic_id=WIDHS_626)

For Other P-EBT Questions: [PEBTSupport@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:PEBTSupport@Wisconsin.gov)

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## ADDITIONAL FOOD FUNDS for Families During COVID 19 Pandemic EBT SNAP Benefits

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

### Pandemic-Electronic Benefits Transfer

(P-EBT) provides families with financial support to cover the cost of groceries while school is closed. This benefit is provided to ALL families whose children receive free and reduced-price school meals in Wisconsin.

### Who is eligible for Pandemic EBT?

A child is eligible for Pandemic EBT if two conditions are met:

- A child would be eligible for free or reduced-price meals
- School was reduced attendance or hours for at least 5 consecutive days

Your household is eligible if your child would receive free or reduced-price school meals if schools were operating normally. This includes any student in a school that provides free meals to all students through Community Eligibility and if your child is attending school virtually or has a hybrid schedule. P-EBT funds are available to households regardless of immigration status and are not considered in a public charge test.

### How much will my family receive?

The benefit amount is a daily meal cost for the number of school days in the month for each eligible child in your home. Families will receive \$6.82 per child per day for every day school is closed. P-EBT Benefits for each issuance month may vary and is dependent on the number of days your child's school were closed.

| Benefit Date | Months Covered             | Maximum Amount  |
|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| May 25th     | August – November 2020     | \$361.46/child* |
| June 25th    | December 2020 – March 2021 | \$484.22/child* |
| July 25th    | April 2021 – June 2021     | \$293.26/child* |

\*The Pandemic EBT allotment amounts may vary.

### When will I receive Pandemic EBT benefits?

If your family already receives SNAP, you can expect benefits by the end of March. The benefit will cover August – November 2020. There will be additional benefits disbursed in May, July and September 2021.





## What do I do to get Pandemic EBT?

### Already Receiving SNAP?

If you currently receive SNAP benefits, you DO NOT need to apply for P-EBT benefits. You are automatically eligible to receive these benefits. Your additional P-EBT benefits will be loaded on your Quest card along with your regular SNAP benefits. To check your balance or report your P-EBT card lost, stolen or damaged, call **1-877-415-5164**.

### Don't have SNAP, but already qualify for free or reduced school meals?

A new EBT card will be automatically mailed to you with instructions. Make sure your school

has your updated mailing address. If your whole school gets free meals, you will qualify too. Even though Pandemic EBT uses the same type of card as SNAP, Pandemic EBT is NOT SNAP benefits and is not considered in a public charge test.

### Never received SNAP or free and reduced-price school meals before?

- Receiving SNAP benefits can also qualify you, here is how to apply: [www.access.wi.gov](http://www.access.wi.gov)
- A simple way to access the P-EBT benefit is by applying for free school meals here: <https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/program-requirements/free-reduced-meal-eligibility/applications>

## FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART for School Year 2020-2021

| Household size         | Yearly (\$) | Monthly (\$) | Weekly (\$) |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1                      | 23,606      | 1,968        | 454         |
| 2                      | 31,894      | 2,658        | 614         |
| 3                      | 40,182      | 3,349        | 777         |
| 4                      | 48,470      | 4,040        | 933         |
| 5                      | 56,758      | 4,730        | 1,092       |
| 6                      | 65,046      | 5,421        | 1,251       |
| 7                      | 73,334      | 6,112        | 1,411       |
| 8                      | 81,622      | 6,802        | 1,570       |
| Each additional person | 8,288       | 691          | 160         |

**Want to learn more about applying for SNAP, Pandemic EBT benefits and other food resources?** Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin will be hosting monthly informational sessions from **March 2021 – September 2021**. For registration details, please contact Martha Collins, Director of Advocacy & Outreach at: [mcollins@feedingamericawi.org](mailto:mcollins@feedingamericawi.org)

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