

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)

The Ohio Dept. of Job and Family Services is partnering with the Ohio Dept. of Education to provide families with children in kindergarten through twelfth grade, that have been eligible for free or reduced-price meals with temporary Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to help with the cost of nutritious meals. **Families do not need to apply for the P-EBT benefits.**



How will families know if their child is eligible?

This benefit includes all students that are enrolled at a school that falls under the free and reduce priced meals community eligibility option. The P-EBT program does not include children who are home-schooled or attend a school that does not participate in the National School Lunch Program. A flyer will be mailed from the child's school with details about the program. There will also be messages on social media, eligibility system websites, and on the EBT vendor phone message.

How much will an eligible child receive?

Each child is eligible for \$5.70 for each day a school is closed due to COVID-19. The amount is for the average number of closed school days in Ohio. For children eligible for free and reduced-price meals since the beginning of :

- March 2020, the total amount will be \$302.10; or
- April 2020, the total amount will be \$239.40

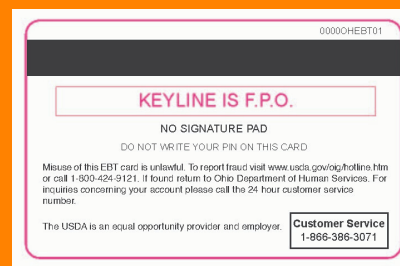
How will families get the SNAP P-EBT?

- Current SNAP households will receive the additional benefits on their current Ohio Direction Card.
- Non-SNAP households will receive a special P-EBT card in the mail for each eligible child in their name based on the address reported to the school district. Instructions for activation and use will come with the card.

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When will families get the P-EBT benefits?

- The P-EBT benefits will be available in current SNAP accounts (for children currently on SNAP) by the end of May 2020.
 - If a child cannot be matched to a current SNAP case, a P-EBT card will be mailed for them.
- P-EBT cards for non-SNAP families should be received by mid-June.

How is the special P-EBT card activated?

Call the phone number on the back of the card.

The following information is needed:

- P-EBT card number on the front of the card
- Zip code
- Date of birth of the child named on the card

When prompted for the last 4-digits of the child's Social Security Number, enter the child's four digit year birth (for example 2010).

You will then need to set a new four-digit PIN number to use the card.

How long will families have to use the P-EBT benefits?

The P-EBT benefits will be available on the cards for 12-months. After that, the P-EBT benefits will be removed from the cards. At this time, this is a one-time benefit.

Is P-EBT available to immigrant children?

Yes. Like the National School Lunch Program, P-EBT is available to all school children regardless of immigration status. P-EBT is a replacement for free/reduced-price school meals which is not considered in a "public charge" determination.

Who should families contact with questions about the P-EBT benefit?

- For general program questions or questions about benefits or the P-EBT card, please have the family contact the **ODJFS customer service line at 1-866-244-0071**.
- If the family has questions about whether or not a child was eligible for free and reduced-price meals on or before April 29, 2020, they should contact their local school district.
- Learn more at <http://ohiopebt.org/>



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