

What is P-EBT?

Recent federal law to support COVID-19 relief created the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) program as an important nutritional resource to families who lost access to free or reduced-price school meals as schools across Colorado closed in response to COVID-19. P-EBT provides households with an EBT card funded with the value of the free school breakfast and lunch reimbursement rates for the days that schools have been closed in March, April, and May, which equals \$5.70 per day. Those funds can then be spent on eligible food items at many local and online retail stores. For a list of eligible items, visit the USDA Food and Nutrition Service [website](#).

****Update, Aug. 3** The P-EBT application is now available and can be accessed through late September. P-EBT benefits have been auto-issued for families with eligible children who were participating in SNAP in March, April and/or May. If you have not been auto-issued benefits for all children or months, we encourage you to apply for that child/month.**

In an effort to support Colorado's families during the COVID-19 epidemic, the Colorado Department of Human Services and Department of Education have teamed up to secure USDA approval to issue Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) benefits to school-age children who would have received free or reduced-price meals during the time that schools have been closed for the 2019-2020 school year. It is also for children who would have been eligible for free or reduced-price meals in schools for March, April, or May due to loss of income in those months. Each household with an eligible child can receive an amount of \$5.70 per child per school day on a Colorado EBT card that will provide extra food benefits to create healthy, wholesome meal options for kids.

For Colorado families that currently receive SNAP benefits and whose children attend a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program, no action will be needed from the family and benefits will be automatically issued starting Wednesday, July 22. Families that currently do not participate in the SNAP program, and whose children attend a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program, will receive instructions and key information through the family's school or school district on how to receive those benefits in July.

P-EBT benefits will be issued to households as a one-time payment reflecting the days that children would have been in school but were not in March, April and May due to COVID-19.

Apply for the Colorado Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) Benefit

Here's how it works:

Share some basic information.

You will be required to provide the students' names, birthdays, the name of the head of household, a phone number and a mailing address. If we can not verify that the student was receiving free and reduced price meals, we will also ask about your income for the months of March, April and May.

We will make sure you're eligible.

We'll check to make sure your family can get P-EBT. Immigration status is not considered in your eligibility for P-EBT. P-EBT is not part of the public charge.

Get a P-EBT card in the mail or use the EBT card you already have.

If approved, you will get a P-EBT card with money on it for groceries. The card will come with instructions on how to use it.

For those who have had an EBT card in the past for any Colorado program such as Food Assistance (SNAP), Colorado Works, or Old Age Pension, your money will be loaded to that card! If you need a replacement card, you will need to [fill out this form](#) requesting a replacement. Make sure you complete this form after applying for the benefit. Apply here: <https://coloradopeak.secure.force.com/PEBT>

You will need to provide your child's SASID number on this application. Please contact Natalie Grubelnik at Aguilar Schools for your child's SASID number at

[1-719-941-4188](tel:1-719-941-4188)