

# 2020/2021 Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) Update

The Ohio Dept. of Job and Family Services has partnered with the Ohio Dept. of Education to provide another round of P-EBT benefits for the 2020/2021 school year. **Families do not need to apply for the P-EBT benefits.**

## How will families know if their child is eligible?

Your child is eligible as long as they are:

- in school preschool (Pre-K) through 12th grade AND
- enrolled in programs to receive free or reduced-price school meals AND
- do not receive free or reduced-price meals at the school because:
  - the school is closed (includes virtual learning) for 5 consecutive days
  - OR the school has been operating with reduced attendance or hours (includes hybrid schedules) for 5 consecutive days

*The P-EBT program does not include children who attend online charter schools or a school that does not participate in the National School Lunch Program.*

## Examples of potentially eligible children:

- Children in fully remote/virtual learning for 5 consecutive days
- Children in hybrid learning; have in-class learning combined with virtual learning
- Children who have attend fully remote learning (e.g. Virtual academies), even though the school is operating fully in-person.
- Children who normally attend school in-person full time but have had to quarantine due to COVID for at least 5 consecutive days



## How much will an eligible child receive?

Each child is eligible for \$6.82 each day the child does not receive free or reduced-price meals at the school because the school is closed (includes virtual/remote learning) or has been operating with reduced attendance or hours for at least 5 consecutive days. The amount issued per child is based on their individual schedule. Children in the same household might receive different amounts.

## 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 and reduced-price school meals which is not considered in a "public charge" determination.



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## When will families get the P-EBT benefits?

- The P-EBT benefits for children matched to a current SNAP case will be available as of **early February 2021**.
- 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 and children not matched to a current SNAP case are anticipated to arrive in the mail by **mid-February 2021**. You must keep this new card as it will be used for any future P-EBT benefits your child is eligible for.
  - If you received a P-EBT card for prior benefits it will still be active and can be used if there is a balance.



## How often will this benefit be issued?

If your child meets the P-EBT eligibility criteria in a month, benefits will be provided as follows:

- The October and November benefits (and August and September benefits for children now eligible under the new law) are to be issued in as early as February 6, 2021.
- December benefits will be issued by the end of February.
- January benefits will be issued by the end of March.
- February benefits will be issued by the end of April.
- March benefits will be issued by the end of May.
- April benefits will be issued by the end of June.
- May benefits will be issued by the end of July.
- June benefits will be issued by the end of August.

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

- For further information about P-EBT benefits visit: <http://ohiopebt.org/>
- Any questions about your child's eligibility or if you have not received the benefit, please contact your child's school district.
- If you have any questions about the program or cards, please contact **1-866-244-0071**.