



# What is Pandemic-EBT?

Pandemic-EBT is a state-wide program that will distribute funds to families with school-aged children to cover the cost of meals that students would have received at school if not for school closures during COVID-19. Every family in NYC with children who attend public schools will receive \$420 in food assistance per child. These funds can then be used at most supermarkets, corner stores, bodegas, and farmers markets to buy groceries and produce.

## When and how will Pandemic-EBT benefits be issued?

There will be three different ways, depending on your situation:



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### If you have an existing EBT card

By early June:

The first payment of \$193 per child will be added to your current EBT card.

By the end of June:

The second payment of \$227 per child will be added to your current EBT card.

### If you have Medicaid (but not SNAP)

End of June: One payment of \$420 per child will be added to your Medicaid Common Benefit Identification Card (CBIC).

### If you do not currently receive public benefits

Early July through August: A card will be issued and mailed to each household and will contain a one-time payment of \$420 per child.

## FAQs:

### Does my family need to apply for Pandemic-EBT?

No, there is no application process. Families will automatically be enrolled.

### Will my family receive funds if my child attends a charter or parochial school?

If your child's school participates in the federal school meals program, your family will receive Pandemic-EBT.

### Will school meals still be available for pick up?

Yes, meals will still be available for pick up at designated sites throughout NYC. [You can find them here.](#)

### Is P-EBT available to all immigrants and does it effect my family's public charge status?

P-EBT will be issued to all families, regardless of immigration status, and does not impact public charge status.

[Learn more on the New York State website.](#)

Contact Hunger Free NYC at 332-600-5415 (English) or 646-627-7630 (Spanish).