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Pandemic-EBT

Get SNAP benefits or cash assistance by 718-SNAP-NOW (718-762-7669), Access Human Resources Administration (HRA) [online](#), or [NY Access HRA app](#). You can check your family's SNAP/P-EBT food benefits balance by visiting www.connectebt.com, calling: 1-888-328-6399 or emailing: otda.sm.eisp.PEBT@otda.ny.gov

What is P-EBT?

Pandemic -EBT (P-EBT) enables all NYC public school students (Pre-K 3-twelfth grade), all of whom receive the free breakfast and lunch program in school, to receive temporary Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits through the P-EBT program. Confirm your address on file is correct in your myschools.nyc.gov account.

When can I access P-EBT?

Type of Recipient	How to Access	When
Cash Assistance/SNAP	Money will be deposited onto your card	Two deposits: First week of June/end of June
Medicaid	Money will be deposited onto your State Benefit Card (<u>not</u> a health insurance company card, if you have a managed care plan). <i>If there is no head of household on the Medicaid account, P-EBT amounts for a household are put on the oldest child's State Benefit Card. Some Medicaid-only families may need to request a new State Benefit Card if they only have their health insurance company card.</i>	July
Non-public assistance recipient (including undocumented immigrants)	Robocall will confirm your address registered with school. <i>Even if you do not respond to the robocall, a P-EBT card will be mailed to the address on file with your child's school.</i>	P-EBT card will be mailed to you in July/August.
Pre-K3 and Up in public school building	Money will be deposited onto your card.	Depends on type of public assistance or non-public assistance
Young Adults (19-21) with Disabilities in afterschool programming	Money will be deposited onto your card.	July/August -regardless of current SNAP, PA or Medicaid eligibility

How much will I receive on my P-EBT card?

Month	School Days	P-EBT Payment Per child (\$5.70 per school day)
March	12	\$68.40
April	22	\$125.40
May	21	\$119.70
June	19	\$108.30

When does my P-EBT benefits card expire?

P-EBT food benefits will remain available and accessible on your EBT card for up to one year from the date the benefits were issued.

If I apply for SNAP now, can I get P-EBT in June?

If you do not have SNAP currently, applying for SNAP now will not speed up when you receive the P-EBT benefit. The order of P-EBT disbursement is based on March enrollment. If they need the benefit and are eligible, you can and should apply. You will receive your SNAP and P-EBT separately.

Can Undocumented Immigrants Access P-EBT?

Yes. All children attending NYC public schools will be to access P-EBT regardless of immigration status, income, background or nationality. **The head of household's social security number, date of birth or signature are not required to issue P-EBT benefits and should not be included in the application.** There is flexibility in identifying the head of the household, including allowing states to send benefits to the "parent or guardian of" the child.

Emergency Benefits for Current SNAP Recipients

If your household received a SNAP benefit for either of the months of March, April and May that was less than the maximum benefit amount for your household's size, then you qualify for and will automatically get a supplemental EA SNAP benefit. See the maximum rate [here](#).

Can I apply for P-EBT if I use the School FoodHubs for emergency food?

Until you receive your P-EBT card, you can still pick up packed meals from one of the [500 Food Hubs](#) at schools around NYC. Find the nearest food hub online (see link in the last sentence) or text "FOOD" to 877-877 MANDE MENSAJE "COMIDA" a 877-877.

Do I need to recertify for SNAP/Cash Assistance?

If you are an existing SNAP/Cash Assistance recipient, recertification has been suspended through May—SNAP recertification has been extended for 6 months. If it was set to expire in March- now September, April now October and May now November 2020. Submit applications for Cash Assistance on ACCESS HRA. HRA will call you for a phone interview for Cash Assistance.

Can families of students in private and charter schools access P-EBT?

Charter and private schools who participate in the universal free breakfast and lunch program are eligible for P-EBT.

Will P-EBT be available during the summer months? Will it occur in tandem with the summer food program?

Currently, P-EBT is only available until the end of the school year (74 days of P-EBT), but advocates are working with elected officials to extend P-EBT throughout the summer months.

How do I get help registering for SNAP or checking my eligibility?

Hunger Free America-call: 646-350-1104; Christina Tu: (646) 935-3513-Ctu@hungerfreenyc.org (Chinese/ English); Gira Peguero: (646) 350-0353-Gpeguero@hungerfreenyc.org (Spanish/English); Ari Suarez: (646) 863-7122-Asuarez@hungerfreenyc.org (Spanish/English); or call Food Bank Snap Center at 212-894-8060 (Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm).

What is D-SNAP?

Disaster SNAP or D-SNAP gives food assistance to low-income households with food loss or damage caused by a natural disaster. The HEROs bill has been proposed to make D-SNAP available to those impacted by COVID-19. If D-SNAP becomes available for non-SNAP households, they could apply for D-SNAP. This could be used for food and hot and prepared meals, unlike regular SNAP.