

Need assistance purchasing groceries?

If your child is between the ages of 5 and 18 years old and was eligible for free or reduced-price meals during the 2019-2020 school year, you could receive \$325 per child in Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) benefits. These benefits can help your family purchase groceries and are available even if your child continued to receive school meals while schools were closed.

This program is a benefit for your child, and applying for P-EBT does not affect enrollment in any other program. Receiving P-EBT benefits **does not impact your or your child's immigration status**. The Public Charge rule does not apply to P-EBT benefits. If you are not enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), but your child was receiving free or reduced-price school meals this year – or your family accesses food through the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) – you will need to apply for these benefits.

Families getting free/reduced-price meals or FDPIR, but *not* SNAP/MFIP when schools closed

- Complete an application between June 8, 2020, and June 30, 2020.
- Apply at <http://www.mn.p-ebt.org/>
- Watch your mailbox for a P-EBT card, which will be mailed to you if you are found eligible. You can use it to buy groceries at most local grocery stores.

Need assistance?

If you have questions, or need help applying for or using your P-EBT benefits, contact the P-EBT Hotline at 800-657-3698.

If your family is having trouble purchasing healthy food, contact your local county or tribal human services agency or the Minnesota Food HelpLine at www.hungersolutions.org or 651-486-9860.

If you have questions about Public Charge rule or your child's immigration status, please contact Legal Aid at 1-800-292-4150 (interpreters available) or visit Legal Aid's website at www.lawhelpmn.org.

