



Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) Benefits for Child Care Meals

- *Child is a member of a household that received SNAP benefits at any time since October 1, 2020,*
- *Child is age 5 or younger, and*
- *At least one school in the county where the family resides or any next-door county is determined to be operating on either a virtual schedule, where children complete all learning through online learning, or a blended schedule, where the students attend some days in person and some days virtually*

When you have lost income, every dollar matters. Federal nutrition programs are here to help you stretch your dollars, provide healthy meals for your family, and focus on paying other bills. You may think you are not eligible, but check the chart to be sure.

How much help will P-EBT give me?

P-EBT benefits are \$6.82 per day per child for each missed school day. Benefits will be available to cover eligible children in SNAP during the period of October 1, 2020, through May 31, 2021, and be distributed in three stages 2 weeks after K-12 distribution: late May, late June, and early August.

Benefit Levels will be evaluated and may be adjusted throughout the summer.

School in County of Residence or Next-Door County	
100% virtual school	\$136.40 per child per month
Combination virtual & in-person (Hybrid)	\$88.66 per child per month Sept. 2020-February 2021
Combination virtual & in-person (Hybrid)	To be determined March-May 2021

What do I need to do?

No application is necessary to receive the benefit. All eligible families will also receive a letter directly from DHS. If a child qualifies under both the P-EBT for School Children process and the P-EBT for Child Care Age Children process, the child will only receive the benefit determined under the P-EBT for School Children.

How will I get my benefits?

Your benefits will be added to your EBT card. PEBT benefits will not affect your SNAP or TANF benefits.

What if my family doesn't need the benefits?

The benefit is good for nine months, and your family may need them at a future time. If a portion of the benefits are used, the nine-month clock will reset at that time.

Applications for SNAP and other public assistance programs can be requested and submitted online at www.compass.state.pa.us [Opens In A New Window](#) or over the phone by calling 1-866-550-4355. For local assistance, contact Second Harvest SNAP Outreach at 484-821-2406.

Questions? [P-EBT Inquiry Form](#) [PA DHS PEPT FAQs](#) 484-363-2137 and leave a voicemail

More resources: LVFPC.org

Information above accurate with last guidance issued 4/27/2021 by PA DHS.