

PANDEMIC EBT



GET HELP BUYING FOOD WHILE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

Because schools are closed due to COVID-19, children who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals can get up to \$365 in food benefits in addition to their pick up meals from school. These food benefits are called Pandemic EBT or P-EBT.

P-EBT benefits coming May 2020

How will families get their P-EBT benefits?

Most families with children who applied for CalFresh or Medi-Cal benefits do not need to apply. They will get their P-EBT card in the mail during the month of May.

P-EBT cards will begin arriving around May 12, 2020 through May 22, 2020. Families with children who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals and who do not get their P-EBT card in the mail by May 22, 2020 must apply online before June 30, 2020.

*Students can still pick up to-go meals if they have P-EBT benefits.

Where can families apply?

Families should look out for a message from their school district or local community-based organization about how to apply in mid to late May.

Use it like a debt card

Families will get up to \$365 per eligible child on their P-EBT card to use on food and groceries. If you already have this card, you do not need to apply online.

