

# Pandemic-EBT

## for National School Lunch Program

Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) is a supplemental benefit for households with children who have temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price school meals due to pandemic-related school closures and is administered by the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF), in partnership with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS).

### Issuance of P-EBT

P-EBT benefits will be issued by the Florida Department of Children and Families automatically during the month of June. Please allow the Florida Department of Children and Families to fully issue all P-EBT benefits by June 30, 2020, before inquiring about your benefit status.

### Benefit Amount

If a child received free and reduced-price school meals prior to the school closures on March 16, 2020, the parent will receive a one-time benefit of \$5.70 per day (55 days) per child. If a child was eligible for the free and reduced-price school meals program after March 16, 2020, the parent will receive a pro-rated amount based on the month of eligibility.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for P-EBT benefits, your child must:

- Attend an approved National School Lunch Program school, **and**
- Have an approved application for free or reduced-price meals on file with the school; receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits; or attend a Community Eligibility Provision or Provision 2 school.

**Students receiving free or reduced price meals:** If prior to the unanticipated school closures on March 16, 2020, your child was receiving free or reduced price meals at their school through the National School Lunch Program, the P-EBT benefit will be automatically mailed to the address on file with the school. No action is required to receive your P-EBT benefits.

**SNAP clients:** For existing SNAP clients with a child receiving free and reduced-price school meals through the National School Lunch Program, the P-EBT benefit will be added to your current EBT card automatically. No action is required to receive your P-EBT benefits.

**Medicaid and/or TANF recipients:** For Medicaid and/or TANF recipients with a child receiving free and reduced-price school meals through the National School Lunch Program, the P-EBT benefit will be automatically mailed to the address on your Medicaid and/or TANF file. No action is required to receive your P-EBT benefits.

**Children attending schools under the Community Eligibility Provision or Provision 2:** All children who are enrolled in schools that operate the National School Lunch Program under the Community Eligibility Provision or Provision 2 qualify for the P-EBT benefit. The benefit will be automatically mailed to the address on file with the school. No action is required to receive your P-EBT benefits.



For more information about benefit issuance, visit the Florida Department of Children and Families website or call **1-833-311-0321**.

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