



## FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

Louisiana received federal approval to issue Pandemic EBT benefits for the 2020-21 school year to families of children who normally receive free or reduced-price school meals, but haven't been receiving those meals due to school closures or virtual/hybrid learning schedules related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Eligible students in **HYBRID** learning situations: **\$48.23 per month**
- Eligible students in **FULLY VIRTUAL** learning situations: **\$120.71 per month**

Benefits will be retroactive (beginning with Aug. 1, 2020) to cover the whole school year.

### WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

You will get P-EBT if:

- Your student qualifies for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program. This includes any student in a school that provides free meals to all students (under a special rule called "Community Eligibility Provision"), **AND**
- Your student is in a hybrid or fully virtual learning situation. Your school will confirm your student's learning situation.

## NO APPLICATION NEEDED!

Schools will provide DCFS a list of eligible students and their learning situations, and DCFS will then issue a separate P-EBT card to each eligible student at the mailing address provided by the school.

- **If you received P-EBT for the 2019-20 school year:** The benefits for this year will be issued on a new card.
- **If you receive SNAP:** P-EBT benefits will be issued on a separate card in each eligible child's name, not on your regular SNAP EBT card.
- **CARDS WILL BE ISSUED IN THE STUDENT'S NAME.**

➤ **STUDENT ID or Activation Number Needed:** You will need your child's student ID or activation number to enter in place of their Social Security Number when activating the P-EBT card. If you do not have your child's student ID or activation number, please contact your child's school.

- **PLEASE KEEP YOUR NEW P-EBT CARD:** P-EBT benefits for each eligible child for the 2020-21 school year, and any potential future benefits, will be issued on the same card per child.

### WHEN WILL BENEFITS BE ISSUED?

P-EBT benefits will be issued in installments in the Summer of 2021. **Due to the number of cards being issued, it may take several weeks for you to receive your child's card.** Please be patient and do not request a new card, as that would only cause more delay.

Cards will be issued as DCFS receives information from each school. Therefore, families with more than one child may receive their children's cards at different times, according to when each child's school submitted their information.

### WHAT CAN I BUY WITH MY P-EBT CARD?

P-EBT cards can be used to purchase most food items at any store that accepts SNAP EBT cards. The cards cannot be used to purchase "hot foods" (those prepared to eat at the store), alcohol, tobacco, or nonfood items such as vitamins or medicines, soap or hygiene items, paper goods, household supplies, or pet food.

\*\*\* You can use P-EBT funds and also get food from grab-and-go student meal sites.\*\*\*

\*\*\* Using P-EBT also does NOT impact your or your student's immigration status.\*\*\*



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