



# Pandemic EBT (P-EBT): Emergency School Meals Program

## Get help buying groceries while schools are closed

Is your child eligible for free or reduced-price school meals or did your child's school provide all meals free before the school closure in March?

**YES**

**NO**

Do you receive Basic Food benefits?

**YES**

**NO**

You will automatically receive P-EBT on your EBT Card.

Benefits will be added to your EBT card by July 7.

You need to apply for P-EBT by visiting [WashingtonConnection.org](http://WashingtonConnection.org) or by calling 877-501-2233.

Your EBT card will arrive in the mail within 35 business days of applying.

Your child is not eligible for P-EBT. To find free meals for kids 18 and under in your community, text "FOOD" to 877-877

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students going to a K-12 school that offers a school lunch program during the school year AND

- Is eligible for free or reduced-price school meals; OR
- Is attending a school where meals are free for all students

### CAN IMMIGRANT HOUSEHOLDS APPLY?

Yes. Using P-EBT benefits does not count as a public charge. P-EBT does not change a parent or child's immigration status. P-EBT is for all children that are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.

### WHAT IS THE BENEFIT?

For children who received free or reduced-price meals when schools closed in March, each family will get \$399 per child. For families that enrolled in Basic Food or applied for school meal benefits after schools closed, each child will get less than that. The value depends on when you applied for food assistance.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Applications for P-EBT must be completed by **September 11th**, before 5:00pm.
- If you need help understanding your eligibility or how to apply for benefits, see the Frequently Asked Questions at [k12.wa.us/PEBT](http://k12.wa.us/PEBT) or call Department of Social and Health Services at 877-501-2233.

Your benefits card will look like this:



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