



Pandemic EBT

P-EBT Update for 2020-2021 School Year

Michigan has gained federal approval to issue Pandemic-EBT benefits for the current school year.

Students in grades Pre-K through 12th grade are eligible if they qualify for free or reduced-price lunches at school AND in-person learning is not available at their school or is not available on a full-time basis.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is working in partnership with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to collect information from local school districts that is needed to issue the benefits to eligible students.

Payments will be paid automatically, so families do not need to apply to receive P-EBT benefits.

Payments are expected to begin in late March.



In this new round of P-EBT, there will be two benefits levels:

Fully Virtual Learning: Families will receive an estimated \$127.53 monthly for each eligible child who has no in-person classes and attends a school that is fully virtual.

Hybrid Learning: Families will receive about \$77.06 for each eligible child who attends a school with a hybrid schedule of in-person and remote learning.

Homeschooled students are not eligible for P-EBT, as these students would not normally receive free or reduced-price lunches in a school setting.

Monthly benefits will vary based on the number of school days in each month.

Benefits are retroactive to September and will be paid through June, based on eligibility.

Families currently receiving Food Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will receive additional benefits on their Bridge Card:



Households that already receive Food Assistance Program benefits will receive the P-EBT payments directly on their Bridge Cards, separately from other benefits payments.

Families not currently receiving Food Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will receive an EBT card in the mail:



Families that do not already receive Food Assistance Program benefits will receive P-EBT cards in the mail.

Prior to receiving their EBT card, families will receive a letter from MDHHS describing how to use the card, how to set up a PIN and other information about food assistance benefits. P-EBT cards can be used in the same way as the Bridge Card, to pay for food at stores or online.



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