

# Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer



## What is P-EBT?

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) is a temporary food benefit available to Minnesota families with children who would have received free or reduced-price meals if schools were open. Families with eligible children will receive a one-time payment of \$325 per child on a new or existing EBT card to help fill the gap created by a loss of school meals. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has authorized the Minnesota Department of Human Services, the Minnesota Department of Education and Code for America to operate the program.

## Who is eligible for P-EBT?

Families with children ages 5-18 as of Sept. 1, 2019, are eligible for P-EBT benefits if:

Their child's school is closed due to COVID-19; and  
They were receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) benefits as of March 18, 2020; or

Their child was receiving free or reduced-price school meals during the 2019-2020 school year; or  
Their child is enrolled in a school that offers free school meals to all students.

## How will I get P-EBT?

Families with eligible children ages 5-18 who were receiving SNAP and/or MFIP as of March 18 do not need to apply. A one-time payment will be automatically issued to their household's current Minnesota EBT card on May 30, 2020.

Families who received free or reduced-price school meals in the 2019-2020 school year or attended a school that offers free school meals to all students – but who were *not* receiving SNAP or MFIP benefits as of March 18 – must complete an online application at [mn.p-ebt.org](http://mn.p-ebt.org) (<http://mn.p-ebt.org>) between June 8, 2020, and June 30, 2020. Eligible families will receive a Minnesota P-EBT card in the mail within 30 days with instructions to activate the card. This card provides access to P-EBT funds.

## Who to call with questions?

Call 651-431-4050 or 800-657-3698, or [submit questions here \(https://edocs.mn.gov/forms/DHS-7330-ENG\)](https://edocs.mn.gov/forms/DHS-7330-ENG). The P-EBT hotline is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Support offered at the P-EBT hotline includes:

Assistance applying (Limited English Proficiency, accessibility issues)  
Eligibility requirements or general P-EBT questions  
Status of application

For EBT card support, call 888-997-2227 or visit [www.ebtEDGE.com](http://www.ebtEDGE.com) (<http://www.ebtedge.com/>). Customer service is available 24 hours per day, seven days per week. EBT Edge can help you:

Activate your card  
Replace a lost or stolen card  
Check your balance  
Access transactions such as benefit issuances  
View [How to use your MN EBT Card \(PDF\)](#) (<https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfservlet/public/DHS-3315A-ENG>)

The EBT Edge mobile application is available for IOS and Android at [www.FISGLOBAL.COM/EBTEDGEMOBILE](http://www.FISGLOBAL.COM/EBTEDGEMOBILE) (<http://www.fisglobal.com/EBTEDGEMOBILE>).