



# Pandemic EBT Program

*Families with children who received free or reduced-cost lunches at school qualify for new program*

The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer Program (P-EBT) provides temporary funding to address emergency food needs for families affected by the pandemic.

P-EBT food assistance benefits will go to Michigan families with students ages 5-18 that are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. This includes families currently receiving Food Assistance Program benefits, as well as those not currently enrolled in the program. No application is necessary for eligible families to receive P-EBT benefits.



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

Eligible families currently receiving food assistance benefits will be issued additional benefits directly on their Bridge Card. These additional food assistance benefits can be used the same way as families would typically use their Bridge Card to purchase food items. P-EBT benefits can also be used to participate in the Double Up Food Bucks program.

- **March and April combined benefits: \$193.80 per eligible student** will be loaded on the family's Bridge Card by the end of April.
- **May and June combined benefits: \$182.40 per eligible student** will be loaded on the family's Bridge Card on a later date. Issuance schedule for these benefits still to be announced.

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



Eligible families not currently receiving food assistance benefits will receive in the mail a pre-loaded Electronic Benefits Transaction (EBT) card issued under the name of the oldest student in the household. Benefits for all eligible school-aged children in the home will be loaded onto this one EBT card. Prior to receiving the card, families will get a letter from MDHHS describing how to use their EBT card, how to set up their PIN, and other information about food assistance benefits. This EBT card can be used to purchase food items only, in-person, at any SNAP retailer. The P-EBT card may look different from the Bridge Card, but the card and benefits can be used the same way as the Bridge Card.

- **March and April combined benefits:** Families will receive an EBT card in the mail **by the end of the first week in May**. The card will come pre-loaded with **\$193.80 per eligible student**.
- **May and June combined benefits: \$182.40 per eligible student** will be loaded on the family's EBT card on a later date. Issuance schedule for these benefits still to be announced.



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