

# School Meals at Home



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!

Please read this letter carefully and **keep it until** you get your Bridge (EBT) Card in the mail, which should come in the next 14 days.

We sent you this letter because you will be getting a Bridge Card with food assistance benefits on it, to be used for food items anywhere Bridge Cards are accepted.

You did not apply for these benefits, but you have a child or children in your household who are eligible for free/reduced meals at their school. Because they are not in school right now, we can give you the food benefits to use.

Participation in the program is voluntary. If you choose not to participate in the program, please dispose of your card by cutting through the magnetic stripe on the card and discard the card in a secure manner. You will not be able to redeem the food benefits, nor can you transfer the card to someone else.

If you have any questions, please contact **1-833-905-0028**.

### Question 1



#### **What happens next?**

A pre-loaded Bridge (EBT) Card will come in the mail. The card will be in the *oldest school-aged child's name*, not the parent's name. Please keep the card for ongoing benefits you may receive.

### Question 2



#### **How much will be on the card?**

The benefit amount for March and April combined is \$193.80 per child and will be available by the end of the first week of May. The benefit amount for May and June combined is \$182.40 per child and will be available by the end of May.

### Question 3



#### **How do I activate the card?**

Call the phone number on the back of the card. You will need the EBT card number on the front of the card, your zip code, and the date of birth of the child named on the card. You will need to set a four-digit pin number.

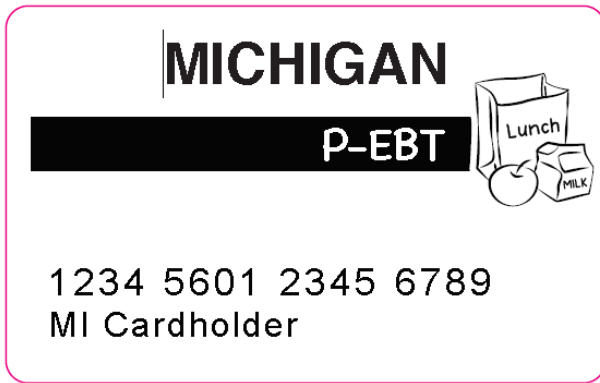
You may be eligible for additional assistance with food, medical insurance, and other MDHHS programs. Apply online at [www.Michigan.gov/mibridges](http://www.Michigan.gov/mibridges).



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The card you will receive will look like one of the two cards below. Each can be used to purchase food items anywhere Bridge cards are accepted.



## Question 4

### *How do I use the card?*

Once activated, the card can be used to purchase eligible food items anywhere Bridge cards are accepted. While the card is in the name of the oldest child in the home, the child does not need to be present when using the card. You will need to use the PIN number you created when activating the card. The card can be used in the point of sale device, just like a debit card or can be handed to the cashier.

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