

A memo from RSU 2 Food Services Director: Meal Site End Date

Please be advised that **June 30, 2020 will be the last day of RSU 2 meal site operation** throughout the RSU. The current sites will continue to provide meals until June 30, 2020. The RSU would like to thank all our Food Service staff, along with the drivers who helped out at the Richmond site, for their caring dedication and hard work of providing meals for children seven days a week. They have done a remarkable job!

Below is a list of food resources that are available to our communities.

Food Pantries

- North Monmouth: 151 N. Main St., North Monmouth, ME 04265 207-933-2400 You can be found them on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/NorthMonmouthCommunityChurch>
- Hallowell: Fire Station (Lower Level) 207-992-6899 You can find them on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/HallowellFoodBank>
- Richmond: 15 Spruce St. Richmond, ME 04357 You can find them on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/Richmond.Area.Food.Pantry.Inc/>

Department of Health and Human Services:

- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) (formally known as Food Stamps) link to apply: <https://www1.maine.gov/benefits/account/login.html>
- TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) Use the same link as above to apply. TANF provides cash assistance to families with dependent children (pending qualification) It will also help with job training and education.
- P-EBT Card (Pandemic EBT Card) This food supplement card is for families that have children who qualify for Free/Reduced in school. If your child is free/reduced at school, determined eligible by application at the beginning of the school year, you can call DHHS and request this assistance. If you are already receiving SNAP or TANF benefits, it is possible you are already receiving this and are not aware. See information below.

Your Local Town's Municipal Office: Contact for General Assistance

Local Meal Sites:

- Monmouth Town Office Parking Lot- Distributing days Mon-Fri 11:30 AM-12:30 PM
- Winthrop Grade School Parking Lot- Distributing days Mon-Fri 11:30 AM-12:30 PM
- Gardiner Boys and Girls Club
- Augusta: various sites (See attached flyer)
- Stay tuned for a meal site in Richmond

Thank you all for your support during this incredibly hard and unknowing time.

I wish you all a healthy and safe summer!

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MONDAY &

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Gilbert School	10:30 - 10:50
Farrington School	10:30 - 10:50
Mill Park	11:00 - 11:20
Glenridge Apartments	11:00 - 11:20
Greentree Apartments	11:30 - 11:45
Gage Street Park	12:00 - 12:10
McCalls Playground	12:15 - 12:35
Lincoln School	12:15 - 12:30

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Augusta School Nutrition Summer Program

USDA Pandemic EBT Program

Maine Fact Sheet

What is P-EBT? The USDA Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) program is being managed by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The Maine Department of Education (DOE) is supported by securely sharing data and promoting the program to districts. The program allows states to provide benefits (like SNAP or “food stamps”) to children who normally receive free or reduced-price meal benefits.

How do families receive this benefit? If a family has an existing Pine Tree card and is considered open on SNAP or TANF, benefits will automatically be provided to their existing accounts in May. Families should verify the benefits have been added to their cards.

If the family does not have SNAP or TANF benefits but is qualified to receive free or reduced-price meals, they also qualify for the benefit. If the district has submitted their enrollment and economic status updates to the DOE regularly, these families should already be on the list DHHS is using for benefits. Families will get a new card and will need to call the phone number on the back to activate. Additional information, such as date of birth, will need to be provided to DHHS by the families as part of the activation process.

If children did not receive free or reduced-price meals and a household is interested in the program, the family needs to apply for free and reduced-price meal benefits. The family can apply through their local school district. Paper applications must be available during the school year, but online applications can be used. If the family is found eligible, they can call 1-855-797-4357 and provide required information to an eligibility specialist. The district must do an enrollment update to DOE for the student’s name to be entered into the database shared with DHHS. The information provided by the guardian will be verified with DOE data, so it is important that enrollment data provided to DOE from districts reflects the change. If families are newly eligible for free or reduced-price meals, they will only receive one benefit amount.

What is the benefit value of P-EBT? The P-EBT benefit is meant to replace the value of school breakfast and lunch while schools are closed. Benefits are issued on a card for families to use. There are 2 benefit amounts planned: 1) Combined March and April benefit is \$189 per child and will be available in May. 2) Combined May and June is \$194 per child and will be available in June.

What if families do not want the benefits? Families that already have a Pine Tree Card that receive benefits will need to call DHHS and ask to have P-EBT removed. Families receiving a new card for P-EBT (it will be a white card) should destroy and dispose of the card.

Can students still get meals through our district during the Unanticipated Closure if they receive P-EBT? Yes, this program is above and beyond the current COVID-19 Child Nutrition Programs being operated.

How often do districts need to upload enrollment and economic status information? Districts should upload whenever there is a change to the student’s enrollment or eligibility. Data is transferred from DOE

to DHHS every Thursday morning so to be included in that week's transfer, data must be received by close of business on Wednesday.

Information about how districts should enter or upload the information may be found at:

https://www.maine.gov/doe/data-reporting/collection/helpdesk/resources/synergy_instructions

Information on how to manually enter the information may be found at:

<https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doe/files/inline-files/EconomicStatusManualEntryGuide.pdf>

More information on Economically Disadvantaged Status may be found here:

<https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/economicallydisadvantaged>

Who do I call if I have questions about P-EBT? DHHS is the lead for this program. Please call 1-855-797-4357.



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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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