

PANDEMIC EBT UPDATE

What is the Pandemic EBT?

It is a one-time electronic benefit transfer to help supplement family food costs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and prolonged school closures. Based on federal guidelines, the benefit amount for each child is based on a daily rate of \$5.70, multiplied by the average number of days school was cancelled. For South Carolina, this equates to 58 days (March 16 – June 3). At \$5.70 per day, each child who was enrolled in a Free or Reduced meals program in March will receive \$330.

Who is eligible to receive this one-time EBT?

K-12 students who are receiving free or reduced lunches or all students who are enrolled in a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school.

SNAP households with a qualifying child(ren) will automatically receive their P-EBT benefit on their regular EBT card on July 7th or on their normal monthly SNAP issuance date, whichever is later.

For children who were receiving Free or Reduced meals as of March 13th and are not receiving SNAP, the Department of Social Services (DSS) expects to begin mailing new P-EBT debit cards to the home address on file with the school district on July 20th.

What if my child(ren) is receiving free or reduced lunches but have not received the P-EBT benefits?

Families that qualify for a P-EBT benefit but do not receive a card in the mail by August 15 should email PEBTBenefits@dss.sc.gov.

For more information, view DSS' [Pandemic EBT FAQs](#).