

Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) Program

Frequently Asked Questions

What is P-EBT?

P-EBT is a provision of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020, that gives a one-time disbursement to purchase food for children who lost access to free or reduced-price school meals under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) due to COVID-19 school closures during March, April or May 2020.

Who is eligible for P-EBT?

Children, grades pre-K through 12, who were eligible and enrolled in NSLP or SBP during the 2019-2020 school year.

How is NSLP/SBP eligibility determined?

There are several ways children may have been eligible for NSLP and SBP free or reduced-price meals:

1. Direct Certification from the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) to the Nevada Department of Education for children who are receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Benefits (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or Medicaid.
2. Direct application from the household to the school.
3. Enrollment at Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or Provision II schools, which are schools in low-income areas that provide free meals to all students enrolled. All children in designated Special Provision schools are automatically eligible for the NSLP and SBP.

What is the dollar value of P-EBT?

The value is \$5.70 per day per child for both breakfast and lunch for the average number of days schools were closed in Nevada during the months of March, April, and May. This includes 12 days in March for a total of \$68.40, 20 days in April for a total of \$114.00, and 20 days in May for a total of \$114.00. The total for all three months is \$296.40. Families who became newly eligible during March, April or May will receive benefits from the beginning of the month in which they were identified as eligible.

Is there an application process for P-EBT?

No, benefits will be automatically given to all students who meet the eligibility requirements identified above. DWSS is utilizing the data from its eligibility system to auto-enroll eligible children who are currently receiving SNAP and/or TANF benefits. For children not currently receiving SNAP or TANF benefits, DWSS is utilizing the data from the Nevada Department of Education NSLP eligible list to auto-enroll eligible children.

When and how will I get P-EBT?

- For households currently receiving SNAP and/or TANF benefits, the P-EBT benefit will automatically be deposited on the household's existing EBT card, by early September.
- For households not currently receiving SNAP and/or TANF benefits, a P-EBT card will be issued by the EBT processor in the name of the individual who enrolled the eligible child/children in school. The card, along with an

informational flyer, will be mailed to the address on file with the school. Cards should be received no later than the end of September.

How do I opt out if do not want the P-EBT benefits?

- For households currently receiving SNAP and/or TANF benefits, call the DWSS P-EBT Information line at: 775-684-8740 in Northern Nevada and 702-486-9640 in Southern Nevada, and request to have the P-EBT benefits removed from your existing EBT card.
- For households not currently receiving SNAP and/or TANF, the P-EBT card will be mailed to you along with an information flyer. Please follow the instructions on the flyer under the header “HERE IS YOUR P-EBT CARD”.

Who do I contact if I have additional questions about P-EBT?

- Contact the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at: 775-684-8740 in Northern Nevada and 702-486-9640 in Southern Nevada.