

# Pandemic EBT for School Year 2020-21 is coming soon!

## What are Pandemic EBT or P-EBT benefits?

Due to COVID-19, children who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals will get extra food benefits. These food benefits are called P-EBT. P-EBT benefits help Washington families buy food when schools are closed or have reduced in-person attendance.

## Who is eligible?

Children are eligible for P-EBT benefits if:

- Their school is closed or has reduced in-person attendance hours.
- They are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.

## How do families apply?

Great news: Families don't have to apply for the P-EBT Program! If your child is eligible for free or reduced-price school meals, they may automatically qualify. Families should ensure their current mailing address is on file with the child's school and are encouraged to fill out a school meal application if their child doesn't get free or reduced-price meals already.

## How much will families get?

Benefit amounts vary depending on the learning model of their child's school for each given month. The monthly benefit amount will range from \$25 to \$123.

## What does the P-EBT card look like?

Watch the mail for a card that looks like this! The P-EBT card is separate from and doesn't replace a food or cash (Quest) EBT card.



## When will P-EBT cards arrive?

Eligible children should expect to receive a notice by late March, which will contain more information. The P-EBT card will be mailed separately in the following weeks.

## How are P-EBT cards used?

P-EBT cards can be used like a debit card to buy food in most grocery stores and farmers markets, or to buy food online at Amazon or Walmart.

## Will families get a new P-EBT card each month?

No, families should keep each child's P-EBT card. The first issuance will include benefits for the beginning of the 2020-21 school year through January 2021. Additional benefits may be issued to the card every two months through the end of the school year for as long as the COVID-19 public health emergency continues.

Visit [dshs.wa.gov/PEBT](https://dshs.wa.gov/PEBT) to learn more!

If you need this information in another language, call the P-EBT Contact Center at **833-518-0282**.

Families are encouraged to participate in **Grab-n-Go** school meals even if they have P-EBT benefits.

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