

# School Meals at Home



## Do your kids get free or reduced lunch at school?

If they do, you may be eligible for Pandemic EBT (P-EBT). This program provides families additional SNAP benefits to offset the cost of meals children ate at home during the COVID-19 pandemic that they would normally have eaten at school.

If you currently receive SNAP benefits and children in your household are eligible for free or reduced priced meals at their school, you are eligible for these benefits already. You do not need to apply and P-EBT benefits will automatically go onto your EBT card.

If you do **not** currently receive SNAP benefits and children in your household are eligible for free or reduced priced meals at their school, you will need to complete a brief application on the NH EASY Gateway to Services (<https://nheasy.nh.gov/>).

You can use your card at any major food retailer or grocery store that displays a “We accept EBT” poster in the window. Participation in the program is voluntary. If at any point you choose to no longer participate in the program and you have a P-EBT card, please dispose of your card by cutting through the magnetic strip on the card and discard it in a secure manner.

## What happens next?



SNAP households will have P-EBT benefits loaded onto their existing EBT card. Non-SNAP households will get a SNAP (P-EBT) card in the mail. **The card will be in the name of the parent/guardian of the child(ren).** Please keep the card for any ongoing benefits you may receive.

## How much will be on the card?



Benefit amount will be \$5.70 per child, per day for each day schools were closed for remote learning.

- March (12 days)
- April (22 days)
- May (21 days)
- June (11 days)

## For non-SNAP households – how do I activate the card?



Call the phone number on the back of the card. You will be prompted to enter the P-EBT card number on the front of the card. You will need to set a four-digit PIN number before you can use your P-EBT card.

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