

# Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer

## What is P-EBT?

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) is a temporary food benefit available to Minnesota families with children who would have received free or reduced-price meals if schools were open. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has authorized the Minnesota Department of Human Services, the Minnesota Department of Education and Code for America to operate the program.

## Who is eligible for P-EBT?

Families with children ages 5-18 as of Sept. 1, 2019, are eligible for P-EBT benefits if:

- Their child's school is closed due to COVID-19; and
- They were receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) benefits as of March 18, 2020; or
- Their child was receiving free or reduced-price school meals during the 2019-2020 school year; or
- Their child is enrolled in a school that offers free school meals to all students.

## How much?

Eligible children will receive a **ONE-TIME payment of \$325** per child on a new or existing EBT card.

## How will get P-EBT?

Eligible families who had an open SNAP or MFIP case as of March 18, 2020, will receive P-EBT benefits automatically on their existing Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards. They do not need to request a different card or take any action.

Eligible families with children who received free or reduced-price school meals in the 2019-2020 school year or attended a school that offers free school meals to all students – but who did not have an open SNAP or MFIP case as of March 18 – must apply online

## How to apply online:

Website: [www.mn.p-ebt.org](http://www.mn.p-ebt.org)

## Starts when?:

June 8th to June 30th

## Who to call with Question:

P-EBT Hotline: 651-431-4050 or 800-657-3698 (Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm)

- Assistance applying
- Eligibility requirements or general P-EBT questions
- Status of application

Or call HOPE staff:

Juavah Lee: 651-285-1564

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