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## **Latest Updates Regarding COVID-19 & Federal Nutrition Programs**

This email includes approval of New York's P-EBT plan and new SNAP outreach toolkit for schools. Stay up to date on all Federal Nutrition Program policy updates on our [COVID-19 webpage](#).

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### **New York's Pandemic EBT Plan Approved**

[New York's plan](#) to distribute Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) benefits has been [approved](#). The program will provide benefits to approximately 1.7 million children across the state who have lost access to free or reduced-price school meals due to school closures. P-EBT is a crisis response nutrition program, that has been activated as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Visit [Hunger Solutions New York's COVID-19 webpage](#) for highlights of the program. Hunger Solutions New York will be developing resources to help schools and community-based organizations share information with families, so they know what to expect and how to use their Pandemic-EBT benefits.

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### **Engaging Schools in SNAP Outreach**

Hunger Solutions New York has developed a new [outreach toolkit](#) to help provide resources to help families apply for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in partnership with the Association of School Business Officials of New York, the New York School Nutrition Association, the

New York State Council of School Superintendents, the New York State PTA, No Kid Hungry New York, and the School Administrators Association of New York State.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to threaten the health, well-being and food security of low-income families. While schools are working hard to provide meals to children, many families are still struggling. As trusted messengers, schools can leverage existing communications channels to communicate the availability of resources to families.

This outreach toolkit enables schools to encourage families to apply for SNAP benefits while informing families about the availability of school meals, plans for meal distribution in the summer, and providing updates on applying for free and reduced-price (F/RP) school meals in the 2020-2021 school year.

Access the toolkit at: [www.HungerSolutionsNY.org/snap-outreach-for-schools/](http://www.HungerSolutionsNY.org/snap-outreach-for-schools/)

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**Read full updates on our COVID-19 Webpage**

We will continue to send email updates, post updates to our website, and use Facebook and Twitter to share information. Thank you for your continued efforts to help New Yorkers with needed access to food during this time.



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