



Latest Updates Regarding COVID-19 & SNAP

New York State to distribute "Emergency Allotment" SNAP benefit to certain SNAP households in June.

Emergency Allotments (EA) for SNAP recipients were authorized by Congress under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) previously approved NYS's plan to distribute EA of SNAP benefits in March, April, and May. FNS recently approved NYS request to provide EA for eligible SNAP recipients in the month of June.

In NYS, over 730,000 individuals and families enrolled in SNAP will receive the EA supplement to bring their June SNAP benefit to the maximum allowable benefit to help them avoid food insecurity.

This [Consumer FAQ](#) explains who will receive the June EA supplement benefit and what SNAP clients should know about this supplement SNAP benefit.

Important Highlights include:

- Only households that receive less than the maximum SNAP benefit for their household size in June are eligible for the EA supplement SNAP benefit. It is estimated that about half of all households receive less than the maximum benefit and therefore are eligible for the emergency allotment.
- The EA supplement benefit will be automatically added to the SNAP EBT card of each eligible SNAP household and can be used just like regular SNAP benefits.

- Families and individuals who get SNAP and who are eligible to receive the EA supplement do not need to do anything. SNAP recipients do not need to apply for these benefits, and are being asked not to call their local SNAP office to inquire about the benefit.
- The EA supplement benefit does not need to be spent immediately. Unused SNAP benefits, including the EA supplement, remain available on the EBT card for up to one year from the date they appear on the card.

For more information including dates for benefit distribution across the state, and additional details about the EA SNAP supplement benefit for eligible households go to our [COVID-19 page](#).

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