



Pandemic-EBT Outreach Toolkit

Our new [webpage and outreach toolkit](#) provide resources to inform families about the new Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (Pandemic-EBT/P-EBT) program. The toolkit includes a flyer, letter template, social media posts, and infographics to help families learn about and use their P-EBT benefits. As trusted messengers, schools, community organizations, and other partners can use these resources to share information through their websites, robocalls/texts, social media, newsletters, and other communication channels.

[Access the Toolkit](#)

About Pandemic-EBT

Pandemic-EBT is a new crisis response nutrition program activated as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program will provide food benefits to 2.1 million New York students. Every child who receives free or reduced-price school meals through the National School Lunch Program is eligible to receive P-EBT benefits. This includes children who attend a school that provides free lunch to all.

Important highlights of Pandemic-EBT:

- **Each eligible child will receive \$420** in P-EBT food benefits.
- **P-EBT benefits can be used to buy food** at [SNAP-participating stores](#).
- **There is no application.** P-EBT benefits will be issued automatically between June and August. Families who receive SNAP, Public Assistance, or Medicaid will get

benefits on their current EBT or Medicaid card. Others will receive a new EBT card in the mail.

- **Immigration status does not matter for P-EBT.** Using P-EBT does not affect a parent/guardian or child's immigration status. The public charge rule does not apply to P-EBT.
- **P-EBT is not SNAP, and does not replace other nutrition programs.** Families can still use other programs while using P-EBT. These include summer meals, SNAP, WIC, and "grab and go" or delivered meals from school.

Visit HungerSolutionsNY.org/PEBT to learn more. This page will be updated with new information about P-EBT as it becomes available.

Read Additional COVID-19 Updates

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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