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Update Regarding COVID-19 & SNAP

New York State to Distribute "Emergency Allotment" SNAP benefit to Certain SNAP Households in September.

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, May, June, July and August. FNS recently approved NYS's request to provide EA for SNAP recipients in the month of September.

In NYS, over 700,000 individuals and families enrolled in SNAP will receive the EA supplement to bring their September SNAP benefit to the maximum allowable benefit in an effort to help them avoid food insecurity.

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

For more information on issuance dates and other details see our [COVID 19 page](#).

USDA warns of SNAP Scam

On September 10th the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) released [a fraud alert warning of scams targeting SNAP recipients](#). Highlights include:

- *Be aware of a scam using texting to obtain your personal information. The text might say you were chosen to receive food stamps or SNAP. If you do not know if a request for information about SNAP is real or not, contact your local SNAP office.*

[See our COVID-19 page](#) for more details on how to find your local SNAP office and how to keep on top of potential scams.

Read full updates on our COVID-19 Webpage

Hunger Solutions New York 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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