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## Update Regarding COVID-19 & SNAP

### **SNAP Emergency Allotments to Families/Individuals Receiving SNAP in January Includes a 15% Boost to SNAP**

Emergency Allotments (EA) of SNAP benefits 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 each month from March – December of this year. FNS recently approved NYS's request to provide EA for SNAP recipients in the month of January.

It is important to note that the newest COVID-19 relief package, passed in December, boosts the SNAP maximum benefit by [15 percent for six months](#) (through June 2021). See our [updated budget worksheet](#) (page 2, chart D) for the new maximum SNAP monthly benefits per household size. For additional information on the SNAP investments and other critical nutrition assistance provisions in the new [COVID-19 relief package see our summary here](#).

#### **Issuance Schedule for January 2021 EA Supplemental SNAP Benefits:**

- NYC: issuance based on last digit in the case number, on 1/15, from 1/19 through 1/22 and from 1/25 through 1/29/21.
- Rest of State: issuance based on each districts caseload which will be divided randomly, from 1/11 through 1/14, and from 1/18 through 1/21/2021.
- For all households the SNAP EA benefits will be available to eligible families the day after they are issued per the schedules above.

Go to [our COVID-19 page](#) for more details.

## 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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