



## Update Regarding COVID-19 & SNAP

### SNAP Emergency Allotments to Families/Individuals Receiving SNAP in November

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 – October of this year. FNS recently approved NYS's request to provide EA for SNAP recipients in the month of November.

#### Issuance Schedule for November 2020 EA Supplemental SNAP Benefits:

- In NYC: issuance based on last digit in the case number, starting on 11/14, and from 11/17 through 11/21, and from 11/24 through 11/28/2020.
- Rest of State: issuance based on each districts caseload which will be divided randomly, from 11/10 through 11/13, from 11/16 through 11/20, and 11/24 and 11/25/2020.
- 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.

## NYS Extends Interview Waiver through March 31, 2021

The Continuing Resolution (CR) recently passed by Congress and signed into law by the President on October 1, 2020, reinstated the SNAP interview adjustment waivers and certification extension period waiver originally authorized under the Families First

Coronavirus Response Act. The CR reinstated and extended the availability of these waivers through June 30, 2021.

In NYS, these waivers have been extended further and will now be in effect from October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. These waivers are optional for SNAP offices. Meaning SNAP offices have a choice in implementing these waivers.

### **Interview at Initial Application and Recertification**

SNAP offices are not required to interview a household at initial application or recertification through March 31, 2021.

### **New Applications Eligible for Expedited Processing**

SNAP offices are not required to interview a household that is found to be eligible for Expedited SNAP benefits through March 31, 2021.

For more details including the policy memo from OTDA and other important information go to our [COVID-19 webpage](#).

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