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## **CEP Coffee Chat: Making School Meals Free for All Beyond COVID-19**

**Join our Upcoming Virtual Coffee Chat**  
*Tuesday, April 13th 10-11am*

Join us for an open discussion about taking a fresh look at the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) to continue to provide free meals to all students in the 2021-2022 school year.



This discussion will be for schools who are new to CEP or current CEP schools looking to recertify. With rising rates of child hunger and school meal programs struggling with low participation, CEP may be a helpful tool for recovery amid COVID-19 for both families and school nutrition programs.

[Register Here](#)

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## **P-EBT Outreach and Communications Resources for Schools**

In response to rising food insecurity amid COVID-19, Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) has been extended through the 2020-2021 school year. P-EBT provides food benefits to children who qualify for free or reduced-price school meals and are learning remotely.

Details about which students are eligible and how and when they will receive benefits will be outlined in a forthcoming plan from New York State. **However, schools can**

**prepare now to ensure P-EBT reaches all eligible children.**

Please visit our [P-EBT Outreach and Communications page](#) for resources about communicating with families in preparation for this round P-EBT. [Our toolkit](#) includes key messages, sample letters to families, social media messages, robocall messages, and more.

As you communicate with families, please include these key messages:

- Encourage families to **keep their mailing addresses updated** with their school.
- Encourage families to **keep their P-EBT card** if they received one before.
- Schools without the Community Eligibility Provision should encourage ***newly eligible families*** to submit a free and reduced-price school meal application.
- P-EBT does not take the place of school meals.

We will continue to update our [P-EBT Outreach and Communications page](#) with the most current P-EBT information and messaging for families.

## P-EBT Outreach Toolkit

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