

Pandemic EBT Benefits

Pandemic EBT benefits have been authorized by Public Law 116-159 (Continuing Resolution), through the Federal Fiscal Year (Sept. 30, 2021). P-EBT will continue to be available as long as the Federal Public Health Emergency exists. When the Federal PHE ends, P-EBT will also end.

The Family and Social Services Administration/Division of Family Resources will continue to help Hoosiers feed their families during the PHE as the issuer of the P-EBT benefits. Schools determine eligibility and provide this eligibility information to DFR.

P-EBT issuance starting October 2020 has new eligibility conditions for school and student participation. DFR will work in partnership with all Indiana schools to obtain the required student demographic information.

What is P-EBT and who is eligible?

P-EBT was authorized by the Families First Corona Virus Response Act. The purpose of P-EBT is to provide food assistance to families with students who would have received free or reduced lunch while attending school but are not in school due to COVID-19 restrictions. This benefit is available only to families with students enrolled in an Indiana school, and were eligible for free or reduced lunch or the school is a Community Eligibility Provision participant. To participate in the P-EBT program schools must be eligible and students must be eligible. The eligibility criteria is below:

- Schools must be closed or had a delayed start OR have a hybrid model in place.
- Schools must be a provider of the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program.
- Students must be enrolled in an Indiana School.

Students are participating in a virtual or hybrid school schedule. Hybrid schedule allows students to participate in school via a virtual learning option including:

- Students attend school by last name,
- Students attend school by grade level,
- Students are attending school virtually due to quarantine,

- Students are attending school virtually due to isolation,
- Students are attending school virtually due to parental choice, or
- Students attend school both virtual and in person.
- Students must be eligible to receive free/reduced lunch or breakfast for the 2020-2021 school year under normal National School Lunch Program standards. Schools may use 2019-2020 data, IF 2020-2021 data is unavailable.

Who can tell me if my child will receive P-EBT Benefits?

Please contact your student’s school for eligibility questions.

When will I receive the benefits?

Please refer to issuance schedule below.

P-EBT eligible months	Issuance month
October - December 2020	February 28, 2021
January - March 2021	April 30, 2021
April - June 2021	July 31, 2021
July - September	September 30, 2021

How much will a student receive for P-EBT Benefits?

The benefit amount is determined by the school based upon the number of days the Student participated in virtual learning, was in quarantine, or was out of school due to COVID-19 illness or the school had a delayed start or closure. Individual eligibility is calculated by determining number of days eligible (based on above conditions) x \$6.82 (USDA approved daily amount for free breakfast, lunch and snack).

Will each student receive the same P-EBT Benefit amount?

No. Student eligibility is calculated based on the number of educational days missed by each student. Each eligible student will receive a new P-EBT card for the February issuance, mailed to the address reported by the school. The parents of each student will be informed to retain this card in case eligible for future P-EBT benefits. Newly identified students at each quarterly issuance would receive a new P-EBT card at the end of the quarter.

Do you have the correct mailing address and the number of children that are in the household?

The mailing address for the P-EBT card and number of eligible children is provided by the school. This is the information used to issue the P-EBT Benefits.

- [Click here to request an address change](#)

Are P-EBT Benefits going to be deposited on the SNAP/TANF EBT card?

No. The issuance of P-EBT benefits will not be issued on the active EBT card for SNAP and/or TANF recipients. A P-EBT card will be mailed for each eligible student in the household.

I have not received my card.

Each student eligible for the February issuance will receive a new P-EBT card. The parents of each student will be informed to retain this card in case eligible for future P-EBT benefits. Newly identified students at each quarterly issuance would receive a new P-EBT card. Cards for the P-EBT issuance will start arriving in the mail the end of each quarter. Please refer to the issuance schedule above.

Can I verify the address on file to ensure the card is being sent to the correct location?

The mailing address for the P-EBT card is the address provided by the student's school.

Does this program apply to children in Head start, preschool or homeschooled children?

No, only those students enrolled in Kindergarten-grade 12 are eligible.