

# Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT)

## Food Benefits for Families during COVID-19 School Closures

### What is P-EBT?

P-EBT is a new program that gives food benefits to children who lost access to free or reduced-price school meals because of COVID-19 school closures. P-EBT benefits can be used to buy food at participating stores.

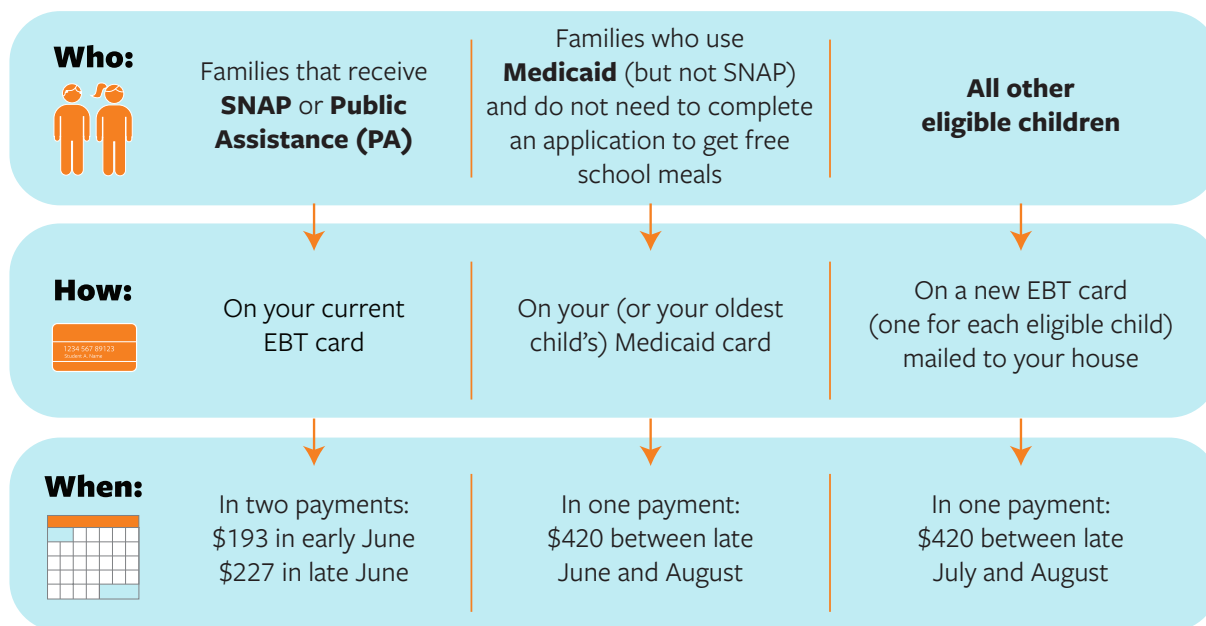
### Will my child get P-EBT?

Kids who would have received free or reduced-price meals through the federal school lunch program are eligible. This includes children who attend schools that offer free meals to all. **Benefits will be issued automatically. There is no application.**

### How much are P-EBT benefits?

Each eligible child will receive \$420.

### When and how will I get P-EBT?



If you have not received a P-EBT card and/or benefit by mid-August, call NYSOTDA at 1-833-452-0096.

### Other important things to know:

- Your immigration status does not matter. Using P-EBT does not affect your or your child's immigration status. The public charge rule does **not** apply to P-EBT.
- P-EBT is not SNAP. You can use other nutrition programs, like summer meals, SNAP, and WIC, while using P-EBT. You can still get "grab and go" or delivered meals served by your school.
- You cannot give your card to another person or household to use. If you wish to donate your benefit, you can buy food and donate it to a food pantry.

### Questions?

Contact NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance at 1-833-452-0096 or by email at [otda.sm.eisp.PEBT@otda.ny.gov](mailto:otda.sm.eisp.PEBT@otda.ny.gov)

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