



Attention all families with school-aged children!

Be on the lookout for a Pandemic EBT benefit coming your way! P-EBT is a food benefit that supports families and students during school closure due to COVID-19. This includes any student in a school that provides free or reduced meals to all students. Boston Public Schools (BPS) and Charter schools serve free meals so **all BPS and Charter School students** will receive this benefit. Families do not need to do anything to receive this Pandemic EBT card and there are no applications required.

Families will get \$5.70 per student per day for every day school is closed to buy food.

- Families receiving DTA benefits will get their benefits on their existing EBT card.
- Families not currently receiving DTA benefits will be mailed a new P-EBT card.

NOTE: Using P-EBT benefits does not impact your or your child's immigration status. The Public Charge rule does not apply to P-EBT benefits.

NEXT STEPS:

Look for a notice in the mail from the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) in May. Families not receiving DTA benefits will get mailed their card separately from the notice. If you have not got your card by late May, call Project Bread's FoodSource hotline at 800-645-8333.

Received your card? Set it up now!

1. Call Massachusetts' EBT hotline (800) 997-2555
2. Create a PIN: use the last 4 digits of your child's case number that was provided on the notice you got in the mail and the child's date of birth (using the 2 digit month + 2 digit day. Example: 04/06)
3. Use like an EBT card for purchasing groceries from approved retailers!

Where can P-EBT be used?

- P-EBT can be used anywhere that SNAP is accepted, such as grocery stores or smaller corner stores (look for signs that say "We accept EBT here")
- **What can be purchased with P-EBT?**
 - P-EBT acts similarly to SNAP benefits
 - Can purchase:
 - Most fresh, canned, frozen foods such as:
 - Fresh fruits and vegetables
 - Meat, dairy, and eggs
 - Canned fruits and vegetables

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- Rice, beans, and dry goods
- Seeds to grow your own plants
- Cannot purchase:
 - Diapers, cleaning products, paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.), supplements/medicine
 - Prepared meals sold hot and ready to eat or restaurant food
 - Pet food
 - Alcohol or recreational marijuana

Questions? Call Project Bread's Hotline Number at: **1-800-645-8333**

Kind regards,

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