Additional Food Funds for Families during COVID-19

Introducing the P-EBT Program

What is P-EBT?
Pandemic - Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) is additional food support for families during the COVID-19 pandemic. Families will receive $5.70 per child per day for every day school is closed.

Who will get a P-EBT card?
All Massachusetts families with school aged children who qualify for free or reduced price meals. P-EBT benefits are available to households regardless of immigration status and are not considered in a public charge test.

How will I get the funds?
No application is needed to receive funds. Families will receive P-EBT cards in the mail or, for those who currently have an EBT card, funds will be added to your account.

What can I buy with the P-EBT card?
Household food items such as fruits, meats/poultry/fish, dairy, and breads. Cards can only be used at stores where DTA benefits are accepted. For more information visit: fns.usda.gov/snap/eligible-food-items

When will I receive the Funds?
Funds will be issued in May. Instructions will be provided.

Need more help buying healthy food? You may be eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Check your eligibility on mass.gov/SNAP.