

Pandemic EBT (P-EBT)

Food Benefits for Families During COVID-19 Benefit Distribution Winter 2021/2022

What is P-EBT?

P-EBT provides benefits that families can use to buy food at stores that accept SNAP.

Who will get P-EBT?

Children will automatically receive benefits (no application required) if they:

- Attended a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program during school year 2020-2021; and
- Qualified for free or reduced-price school meals; and
- Had in-person school attendance reduced due to COVID-19.

When will I get P-EBT?

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Assistance, issues benefits. P-EBT cards should be mailed out winter 2021/2022. Eligible children in public schools may receive payments in the following distributions:

1. benefits for the first semester will be issued first,
2. benefits for the second semester will be issued in the month following,
3. after school year 2020-2021 benefits are distributed, benefits for summer 2021 will be distributed on the same cards.

How will I get P-EBT?

Benefits will be issued on a new P-EBT card in the name of the student at the address provided by the school district. The card will be white and state "P-EBT" on it.

How much will my student receive in P-EBT?

Benefits are based on enrollment, school learning models, and other criteria. To get an estimate of benefits, please see the Food Bank of Alaska's Eligibility and Benefit Calculator

<https://foodbankofalaska.org/pebt/>

How can I get help?

Call the Public Assistance Virtual Call Center to check status on distribution, a replacement for a lost/missing P-EBT card, to reset pin#, or to opt out: 800-478-7778.

All other inquires call the Department of Education & Early Development, Child Nutrition Programs at 907-465-1080.



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