

## **Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT)**

Starting June 15, 2021 families that qualify for free or reduced price meals at school can once more apply for Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) benefits to help cover food costs they experienced while their student was not doing in-seat learning due to the pandemic. However, the P-EBT 2020-2021 program is very different from last year's program. Please review the P-EBT Letter to Families. Here are highlights of those changes:

- **All families must apply** to get the P-EBT benefit, regardless of whether or not they receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamp benefits.
  - A child may be eligible for P-EBT only if the school was closed, not doing in-seat learning, or had reduced attendance or hours at least five school days in a row due to COVID-19 (in most cases, this includes hybrid modes of learning).
  - P-EBT benefits are available for the months of September 2020 through May 2021.
  - The P-EBT benefit is based on the school's report of how much of the month was not in-seat learning. If most of the school's month was not in-seat learning, the monthly P-EBT benefit amount is \$129.58. If only some of the school's month was not in-seat learning, the monthly P-EBT benefit amount is \$77.75.
  - Families download the P-EBT [application](#) ([aplicación en Español](#))
- Families must directly email or mail the P-EBT application to the Family Support Division address listed on the application by **July 31, 2021**.
    - Families must not submit the application to the school district.
    - Each eligible student will get an EBT card in his or her name with the lump sum P-EBT benefit amount for the 2020-2021 school year. Ineligible families will receive a denial letter.

The application can be found on the <https://mydss.mo.gov/> website. Please read the [P-EBT FAQs](#).