

Get Help Buying Food While School is Closed

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)

This program (P-EBT) is for families with children who were eligible for free or reduced-price school meals during the 2019-2020 school year.



P-EBT will offer families a **one-time cash benefit of \$285 per child** eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.



P-EBT is not SNAP, but follows the same rules. **Benefits come on a Lone Star Card or Texas P-EBT card** and may be spent on food only, just like SNAP benefits.



Families with children age 5-18 who were already receiving SNAP in March will be automatically enrolled in P-EBT. Funds will be available on existing Lone Star Cards by May 22.

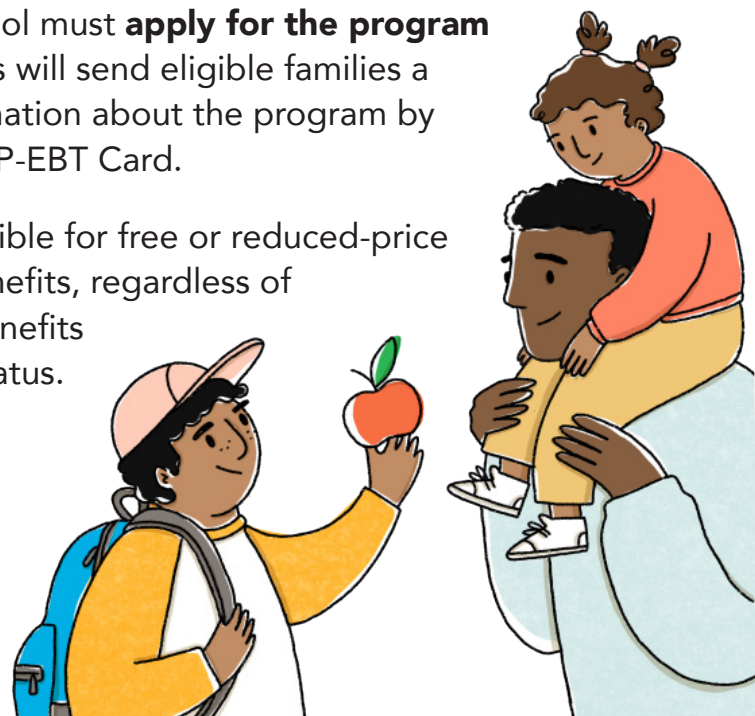


Families who did not receive SNAP in March but have children eligible for free or reduced-price meals at school must **apply for the program online starting June 1**. School districts will send eligible families a link to the application and more information about the program by May 31. Benefits will come on a Texas P-EBT Card.



All **children up to age 21** who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals are eligible for P-EBT benefits, regardless of immigration status. Receiving these benefits will not affect a family's immigration status.

More information about the program is available online from Texas Health and Human Services (HHSC) at **hhs.texas.gov/pebt**



Call 3-1-1



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