

Hello,

We are excited to announce that Kentucky has been approved by the USDA to provide Round 3 of P-EBT benefits to all eligible students to cover the period of October 2020 through May 2021. Below you will find the summary information for Round 3 of P-EBT benefits.

#### **How are students identified?**

- KDE will be providing CHFS the list of all eligible public school students monthly beginning in March. All students who are primarily enrolled in a CEP school and students that are free or reduced price lunch eligible at non-CEP schools, as indicated in Infinite Campus, are eligible.
- Free and reduced price lunch applications at non-CEP schools should continue to be processed as all students who are identified as eligible for the remainder of the school year will still be given all benefits retroactively where eligible.

#### **How much will eligible students receive?**

- The daily benefit amount is \$6.82.
- All students that are primarily enrolled in a school that is predominantly VIRTUAL will receive 20 days of benefits for the month.
- All students that are primarily enrolled in a school that is predominantly HYBRID will receive 12 days of benefits for the month.
- All students that are primarily enrolled in a school that is predominantly IN-PERSON are not eligible for any benefits for the month.
  - o Note: The predominant instructional model will be defined by the school district via CHFS survey.
- The first allotment of benefits will cover October through February. Benefits for March through June will then be issued retroactively on a monthly basis by the 25th calendar day of the following month.
  - o Example: A student at a school that has been predominantly virtual since October will receive \$682 to cover the period of October through February (5 months, 20 days per month, at \$6.82 per day). They will then receive \$136.40 (\$6.82 x 20 days) or \$81.84 (\$6.82 x 12 days) monthly for March through the end of the school year based on the predominant learning model at their school for each specific month.

#### **How will students receive the benefit?**

- All benefits will automatically be provided to the student's previous P-EBT card for August and September unless they currently receive SNAP, where the benefit will then be added to their current SNAP benefit card instead.
- Families can simply request a replacement card if they no longer have the previous card.
- Newly enrolled students that did not receive the August and September benefit cards will be automatically mailed a new card.

#### **How will eligibility and benefit amount corrections be made?**

- CHFS will be providing a reconsideration request process for families. A request may be made by calling **1-855-306-8959**. Families will be asked to provide proof of the discrepancy.
  - o Example: A student who is 100% virtual, but attends a predominantly hybrid school will be able to request 20 days of benefits for the month instead of the 12 days that will be automatically provided based on their specific school's predominant learning model.

#### **How to prepare to ensure families get support for their P-EBT related questions?**

- Visit the [CHFS P-EBT webpage](#) for FAQs and share program information with everyone involved.
- Clearly communicate to stakeholders that all individuals with P-EBT questions should be directed to call **1-855-306-8959**, including reconsideration requests.
- Please find the P-EBT graphical FAQ flyer for Round 3 attached that can be shared with families.

# Kentucky Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)

Get help buying groceries during the COVID-19 Emergency

## Introduction

Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer, also known as P-EBT, provides a stimulus to households with children eligible for **free or reduced-price school meals through National School Lunch Program (NSLP)** during the COVID-19 Response.

**During the COVID-19 State of Emergency**, Kentucky is providing benefits to households with students who attend public schools or private schools and qualify for free or reduced-price meals if the student's school district has a virtual or hybrid learning model.

P-EBT stimulus payments will begin the week of March 15, 2021. The stimulus payments are issued for past months covering October 2020-present and will continue through the rest of the school term (May 2021).

Am I eligible for the P-EBT Stimulus?



Does your student attend school in-person?

YES

NO

Students on a full-time, in-person schedule **ARE NOT** eligible for the P-EBT stimulus.



Was the student's school district schedule only virtual, or a hybrid schedule (both virtual and in-person)?

VIRTUAL

HYBRID

If you feel you were incorrectly determined virtual or hybrid, call

**1-855-306-8959 for reconsideration.**

Caller must be able to provide:

- Student's Full Name
- Date of Birth (DOB)
- 10-digit State Student ID (SSID)

Students who receive free and reduced-price meals through NSLP receive **\$136.40 (20 days)** of P-EBT stimulus.

Students who receive free and reduced-priced meals through NSLP receive **\$81.84 (12 days)** of P-EBT stimulus.

## How will I receive my P-EBT Stimulus?

Households enrolled in SNAP and who have an active EBT card will be issued P-EBT stimulus payments on the existing EBT card.

Households that **do not** receive SNAP will be issued P-EBT stimulus on their existing card or if you're a first-time recipient a P-EBT card will be mailed to you. If you lost your card or need a replacement, contact **1-855-306-8959**

