

**IF YOU HAVE A CHILD IN PRE-K — 12 GRADE,  
YOU MAY BE RECEIVING...**

# PANDEMIC-EBT FUNDS FOR GROCERIES

## WHAT IS PANDEMIC-EBT (P-EBT)?

Eligible families are receiving funds on an EBT card (like a pre-paid gift card) which can be used to purchase food while schools are closed. Pandemic - Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) is a crisis response nutrition program, that has been activated as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## WILL I GET P-EBT BENEFITS?

All MA families with school-aged children who are eligible for free or reduced price school meals, or who attend a school where all students receive free breakfast and lunch will receive P-EBT. Families will receive \$5.70 per child, per school day on an EBT card, while schools are closed. **P-EBT benefits are available to households regardless of immigration status and are not considered in a public charge test.**

## HOW WILL I GET P-EBT FUNDS?

If you currently receive SNAP and/or TAFDC benefits and have an EBT card, P-EBT funds will be added to your card. Families who do not have an EBT card will receive a P-EBT card for each eligible child in the mail. **Funds will be loaded in May and reloaded for a 2nd issuance of benefits at a later date, so keep your card(s).**

## WHERE CAN I USE P-EBT? WHAT CAN I BUY?

P-EBT funds can be used to purchase food wherever EBT benefits are accepted. Look for signs that say, "We accept EBT". Visit [www.fns.usda.gov/snap](http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap) for more information on participating retailers and eligible food items.

## DOES P-EBT REPLACE SITES SERVING FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

School meal sites will continue to provide free meals for kids and teens. P-EBT benefits are in addition to this. Families are encouraged to use both resources.

## DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR P-EBT?

If you are a family enrolled in free or reduced price meals or attend a school where all students receive free school meals, no, you do not need to apply. If you are not currently enrolled in SNAP or receiving free or reduced-price school meals, but believe you may be eligible, please call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline to explore your options.

## WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ON P-EBT, SNAP, FREE MEALS FOR KIDS, & OTHER FOOD RESOURCES?

Visit [www.projectbread.org/covid19](http://www.projectbread.org/covid19) or call Project Bread's Food Source Hotline at 1-800-645-8333. Assistance is offered in 180 languages.