

Did your child get free or reduced-price meals in the 2019-2020 school year?



If your child got free or reduced lunch during the 2019-2020 school year and you have not yet received P-EBT benefits, you can now get the P-EBT card from the school your child attended last year.

The Tennessee Department of Human Services (DHS) has sent over 200,000 EBT cards directly to local schools to pay families back for meals students missed when schools were closed in March, April, and May. The cards can be used to purchase food. The program is called Pandemic-EBT or P-EBT. Here is some important information about P-EBT:

- **A card with benefits has been sent to the school your child attended in the Spring of 2020.**
- **You have 30 days from the date the card is delivered to the school to get the P-EBT card.** If you are eligible to receive P-EBT benefits, you should contact the school your child's attended in the Spring of 2020 to find out more information regarding the pick-up deadline and procedure.
- **You will get \$5.70 per child for each day the child qualified for P-EBT in March, April, and May.** The card should contain \$250.00 per child.
- **To pick up your P-EBT card you may need a valid form of identification.** It does not need to be a government issued ID. You do not need a social security number to receive or active the P-EBT card.
- **Did you receive SNAP or Families First in June?** You should have already gotten your P-EBT benefits on your EBT card in two payments--one payment of \$159 and a second payment of \$91.
- **Did you apply for P-EBT before the August 14 application deadline and already receive your P-EBT card?** There is nothing else you need to do if you have already received P-EBT benefits for March, April, and May.
- At this time, we recommend you keep the card after you have spent the \$250.00, because there may be future benefits that are loaded on to that same card.
- For additional information or questions you can call DHS at 1-833-496-0661 or go to: <https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/covid-19/p-ebt-and-covid-19-faqs.html>

If you have questions about how to receive P-EBT benefits **call the Legal Aid Society at 1-800-238-1443** to see if we can help.



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