



# Important P-EBT Information

## Food for families during the pandemic (P-EBT)

*Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) is a program that was created in response to COVID-19 to support families with children who have lost access to the free or reduced price school meal program due to school closures or remote learning caused by the pandemic. P-EBT provides a card to qualified families to use at grocery stores to purchase food. To qualify for P-EBT your child must be signed up to receive free or reduced-price school meals or attend a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school.*

## P-EBT Round 1 (March, April, May 2020)

244,000 children were missed by March, April and May P-EBT benefits in the spring. It's not too late to receive P-EBT if you missed the application. P-EBT benefits for children who lost access to school meals in the spring will be sent to schools. The schools will distribute (in some cases by mail) these cards to families. Here are some things you should know:

- If you already received P-EBT for March, April and May this does not apply to you.
- P-EBT cards will be sent to the school your child attended this past spring. Look for an announcement from your child's school, or contact the school for more information.
- Some schools will mail cards or will schedule a pick-up date. Some schools have designated a separate P-EBT pick-up location. Contact your school to get more details.
- Schools have 30 days to get P-EBT cards to families.
- If you have issues picking up your card in this 30-day time frame, contact your school.



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## P-EBT Round 2 (August and September 2020)

P-EBT for August and September will be mailed directly to families. Schools submitted information on the children who qualify. Here are some things you should know:

- There is no application for August and September.
- Every qualified familie will receive new P-EBT cards including families who participate in SNAP or Families First.
- Each child will receive a P-EBT card. If you have 3 qualified children, you will receive 3 separate cards.
- P-EBT cards are being mailed in nondescript envelopes. Be on the lookout and don't mistake this for junk mail.
- Children qualify for August and September P-EBT if they are doing remote learning or their school has had to close for 5 consecutive days or longer due to COVID-19. P-EBT is a program for children who are enrolled in the free or reduced price school meal program.



If you have questions about P-EBT, email TJC at [nutrition@tnjustice.org](mailto:nutrition@tnjustice.org).



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