



# DELAWARE'S P-EBT PROGRAM

## *Feeding Delaware's Children*

### **Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)**

Delaware's P-EBT Program provides food assistance to families with children who lost access to free or reduced-price school meals because of school closures caused by the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak.

The Delaware Division of Social Services and Delaware Department of Education are providing P-EBT benefits to eligible families to help households purchase food while schools are closed. Families can use their P-EBT benefits to buy eligible food items at stores and farmer's markets that accept SNAP EBT.

#### **Who is eligible for P-EBT benefits?**

To qualify for P-EBT benefits, children must:

- 1) Be enrolled in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade at a Delaware school that participates in the National School Lunch Program AND
- 2) Be eligible to receive free or reduced-price school meals when schools are open OR attend a school where all students receive free school meals

Families are eligible to receive P-EBT benefits for each child in their household who qualifies for the P-EBT Program based on these two conditions.

#### **How are P-EBT benefits issued?**

Families who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits as well as other eligible families will receive P-EBT benefits on an EBT card. P-EBT benefits will automatically be loaded onto a family's existing SNAP EBT card or onto one or more new P-EBT card(s). The P-EBT benefits for all of the eligible children in a household will be loaded to the family's SNAP EBT or P-EBT card. Families that are getting a new P-EBT card will receive their card in the mail in mid-May.

Families do not need to apply for P-EBT benefits. Eligible families are automatically enrolled in the P-EBT Program and will be notified by mail. Families will receive detailed information on the P-EBT Program and how to use P-EBT benefits to purchase food.

#### MONTHLY P-EBT BENEFIT SCHEDULE

<i>P-EBT Issuance Month</i>	<i>P-EBT Benefit Amount</i>	<i>Date Loaded to EBT Card</i>
March AND April 2020	\$193.80 per child	Mid-May 2020
May 2020	\$119.70 per child	End of May 2020
June 2020	\$57.00 per child	End of June 2020

#### **How do I apply for free or reduced-price school meals?**

Please contact the Nutrition Department for your child's school district, charter school, or private school for information on how to apply for free or reduced-price school meals. The contact information for school's that participate in the National School Lunch Program can be found at [doe.k12.de.us/Page/2789](http://doe.k12.de.us/Page/2789). General questions related to eligibility for free or reduced-price meals may be emailed to [schoolnutrition@doe.k12.de.us](mailto:schoolnutrition@doe.k12.de.us). If your child attends a school where all students receive free school meals, you are automatically enrolled in the P-EBT Program and do not need to apply for free or reduced-price school meals.

**Please contact the Division of Social Services at 1-866-843-7212 if you have questions about P-EBT benefits.**

**For more information about Delaware's P-EBT Program, visit [dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dss/](http://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dss/).**



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