

# Pandemic EBT for the 2020-2021 School Year is coming soon!

## What are Pandemic EBT or P-EBT benefits?

Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) is an extra food benefit available for eligible children which helps Georgia families buy food when schools are closed or have reduced in-person attendance.

## Who may be eligible?

- Children under 6 who:
  - Lived in a household receiving SNAP at any time since Oct. 1, 2020, and
  - Lived, or attended childcare, in an area where one or more schools or childcare facilities were not fully operational during the months they received SNAP
- K-12 public school students (including charter schools) who attended a P-EBT eligible school which was not fully operational due to COVID-19

## How do families apply?

Families don't have to apply. They should make sure their address is up-to-date with their child's school and are encouraged to fill out a school meal application if they haven't already in order to qualify for future P-EBT benefits.

## How much will families get?

Benefit amounts will be determined by the number of school closure days during the school term. Please find your county benefit amounts [here](#).

## Where do families get a P-EBT card?

P-EBT benefits will be uploaded on existing SNAP cards. For families that don't already receive SNAP, a reusable card will be mailed to the child at the address on file with the school. Additional benefits may be issued to the card during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

## How are P-EBT cards used?

P-EBT cards can be used the same way as traditional EBT cards.

## When will P-EBT cards arrive?

Issuance Month	Population	Benefit Months
October 2021	0-5 year olds receiving SNAP	Oct. 2020-May 2021
November 2021	School-aged children	Aug. 2020-March 2021
December 2021	School-aged children	April 2021-May 2021
December 2021	All eligible children	Summer 2021

More information: <https://dfcs.georgia.gov/pandemic-electronic-benefit-transfer>

## Need resources now?

Visit [gateway.ga.gov](http://gateway.ga.gov) for a list of potential benefit resources.

Visit the "Find Your Food Bank" section on [georgiafoodbankassociation.org](http://georgiafoodbankassociation.org) if your household is in need of food assistance.