



## Important Information about Your Child's School Meals

If you have a child in your household who is in kindergarten through 12th grade, is eligible for free or reduced-price meals at school, and has had at least 5 consecutive days of remote/virtual learning since the school year started, that child is eligible for benefits through the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program.

### What are the benefits the child will receive?

The amount of benefits is \$5.86 per child for each day of remote/virtual learning lasting at least 5 consecutive days in August and September 2020.

### Is my child eligible if he/she attends a school operating a hybrid model of remote/virtual learning and in-person learning?

Your child is eligible as long as he or she is eligible for the free and reduced-price meal program, and the remote/virtual learning lasts for at least 5 consecutive days. For example,

- » Eligible – one week (5 consecutive days) of remote/virtual learning followed by one week of in-person learning.
- » Eligible – M, T, Th, F all virtual/remote learning and no school on Wednesday. No school at all (except for holidays) counts in the 5 consecutive day count.
- » Ineligible – M, W, F in-person learning, T, Th remote/virtual learning.
- » Ineligible – School has an AA BB schedule, Cohort A is in-person M, T and Cohort B is in-person Th, F.

### How can I use these benefits?

These benefits can be used to buy food items at grocery stores/retailers that accept the Ohio Direction Card (also referred to as an EBT card).

If the child is a current SNAP recipient:

- » By the end of September, the P-EBT benefits may be added to the account on which the child is active.
- » If the child was unable to be matched to his or her active SNAP account, you will be sent an P-EBT card in the child's name.

If the child is not a current SNAP recipient:

- » By mid-October you should receive a preloaded P-EBT card in the mail. The card will be in the child's name, not the parent or guardian's name. Instructions on how to activate the card will be included.

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**Any questions about your child's eligibility or you have not received the benefit, please contact your child's school district.**

**If you have any questions about the program or cards, please contact 1-866-244-0071.**