Pandemic EBTProgram

A new program for families with children who received free or reduced-cost lunches at school



The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer Program (P-EBT) provides temporary funding for families that need emergency food during the pandemic.

<u>There is no need to fill out an application</u> for eligible families to receive P-EBT benefits.

Families receiving Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits will get additional benefits added on their Bridge Card

These additional benefits can be used the same way families would normally use their Bridge Card to purchase food items. P-EBT benefits can also be used in the Double Up Food Bucks program.

How much will families get?

For **March and April** combined: \$193.80 for each eligible student will be loaded on the family's Bridge Card by the end of April.

For **May and June** combined: \$182.40 for each eligible student will be loaded on the family's Bridge Card on a later date. The schedule for issuing these benefits has not been announced yet.



Families <u>not</u> receiving Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits will get an EBT card in the mail

The EBT card will be issued under the name of the oldest student in the household. Benefits for all eligible school-aged children in the home will be loaded onto this one EBT card.

Before receiving their card, families will get a letter from Michigan Department of Health & Human Services describing how to use their EBT card and other information about food assistance benefits. This EBT card can be used to purchase food items only. Food must be purchased in-person and at a SNAP retailer. The P-EBT card may look different from the Bridge Card, but the card and benefits can be used the same way as the Bridge Card.

How much will families get?

For **March and April** combined: Families will receive an EBT card in the mail by the end of the first week in May. The card will come pre-loaded with \$193.80 per eligible student.

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