

# DELAWARE'S P-EBT PROGRAM

## School Year 2020-2021



**Delaware's Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) Program provides emergency food assistance benefits to households with children who lost access to free or reduced-price school meals because of school closures or reduced in-person hours or attendance caused by COVID-19. P-EBT benefits for the 2020-2021 school year will be sent to eligible households starting March 29, 2021.**

**Visit [www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dss/pebt.html](http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dss/pebt.html) for the full benefit schedule.**

### What is P-EBT?

- P-EBT benefits help households purchase food while children are at home participating in remote learning.
- P-EBT benefits replace meals that children would receive at school.
- Benefits are loaded to an EBT card and can be used to buy eligible food items at stores and farmer's markets that accept SNAP EBT.

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

- Children enrolled in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade at a Delaware school are eligible for P-EBT if:
  - 1) The child is certified to receive free or reduced-price school meals or attends a school where all students receive free school meals AND
  - 2) The child is not able to receive free or reduced-price meals at school because they are participating in remote learning due to school closures or reduced in-person school attendance or hours during the pandemic.
- Households are eligible to receive P-EBT benefits for each child in their home who qualifies for the P-EBT Program based on these two conditions.
- Households do not need to apply for P-EBT benefits. Eligible children are automatically enrolled in the P-EBT Program based on school information and households will be notified by mail.

### How are P-EBT benefits issued?

- Eligible households will receive \$6.82 for each school day that their child did not get meals at school because the school was closed or their child was participating in remote learning.
- Households will receive P-EBT benefits for all eligible children in their home in monthly issuances.
- Households will not receive P-EBT for the days that their children attended school in-person and received meals at school.

### P-EBT Questions?

- Visit [www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dss/pebt.html](http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dss/pebt.html)
- Call the Division of Social Services at **1-866-843-7212**
- Contact the Nutrition Department for your child's school district, charter school, or private school if you would like to apply for free or reduced-price school meals. Visit [www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/2789](http://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/2789) for contact information.



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