

PANDEMIC ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER INFORMATION

The Georgia Division of Family & Children Services (DFCS) is partnering with the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) to provide food benefits to families with children who receive free and reduced lunch. The Family First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020 allows the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to facilitate the distribution of Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer Program (P-EBT).

For more information and updates about P-EBT in Georgia, visit: <https://dfcs.georgia.gov> or call 877-423-4746.

HOW DOES P-EBT WORK?

Families who currently receive SNAP need not apply for P-EBT benefits.

Eligible SNAP recipients will automatically receive additional P-EBT benefits loaded onto their existing EBT cards by mid-July if their child was enrolled in the National School Meal Program during the 2019-2020 school year.

Students who are eligible to receive free or reduced meals,

who do not currently receive SNAP as of June 2020 can apply for P-EBT benefits using an upcoming online portal. The application portal is currently being developed with an anticipated launch date of July 2020.

Once the application is available online, eligible families can use the student's Georgia Testing ID (GTID) number of each eligible child in their household to complete the application process. Parents who do not have their child's GTID may check their child's report card, other school-related materials or contact their local school district for this information.

Approved applicants will receive an EBT card within three (3) to four (4) weeks of approval. Families will receive information explaining card usage and activation procedures.

Families can use their pre-loaded EBT cards at approved EBT grocery retailers and outlets to purchase food items. P-EBT benefits are entirely federally funded at no cost to families participating in the program.

The temporary funding includes a one-time allotment of **\$256.50 per eligible child** and is intended to prevent food insecurity for families across Georgia.