

What is Pandemic EBT?



Pandemic EBT Talking Points

- Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) is a federal program that provides grocery benefits to parents to replace the value of missed school meals.
- Children must have attended school virtually or online at some point during the 2020-21 school year to qualify for P-EBT.
- Wisconsin families could receive up to \$1,248 per child in P-EBT benefits depending on how many days per month a student learned online or virtually.
- In addition to virtual learning, students must have been eligible for free or reduced priced meals at school; check www.HungerTaskForce.org/pebt for all details on eligibility.
- Grocery benefits will be issued either on a QUEST card—if the family already receives FoodShare—or a white Pandemic EBT debit card sent in the mail.
- Families who receive FoodShare do not have to take any action; P-EBT benefits will be automatically added to their cards.
- Children who are *not* eligible for FoodShare may still be eligible for Pandemic EBT. Parents should call their school immediately to apply for free or reduced price meals.
- Benefits will be issued four separate times based on months of the school year. Parents will receive the first round of benefits on March 25.
- Learn more about eligibility and calculate the grocery benefit amount at www.HungerTaskForce.org/pebt