Starting June 15, 2021 families that qualify for free or reduced price meals at school can once more apply for Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) benefits to help cover food costs they experienced while their student was not doing in-seat learning due to the pandemic. However, the P-EBT 2020-2021 program is very different from last year’s program. Please review the P-EBT Letter to Families. Here are highlights of those changes:  
  
~All families must apply to get the P-EBT benefit, regardless of whether or not they receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamp benefits.  
~A child may be eligible for P-EBT only if the school was closed, not doing in-seat learning, or had reduced attendance or hours at least five school days in a row due to COVID-19 (in most cases, this includes hybrid modes of learning).  
~P-EBT benefits are available for the months of September 2020 through May 2021.  
~The P-EBT benefit is based on the school’s report of how much of the month was not in-seat learning. If most of the school’s month was not in-seat learning, the monthly P-EBT benefit amount is $129.58. If only some of the school’s month was not in-seat learning, the monthly P-EBT benefit amount is $77.75.  
~Families download the P-EBT application  [https://dss.mo.gov/covid-19/pdf/P-EBT-Application%20-%20English.pdf](https://dss.mo.gov/covid-19/pdf/P-EBT-Application%20-%20English.pdf" \t "_blank) (aplicación en Español <https://dss.mo.gov/covid-19/pdf/P-EBT-Application%20-%20Spanish.pdf>

Families must directly email or mail the P-EBT application to the Family Support Division address listed on the application by July 31, 2021.  
  
~FAMILIES MUST NOT SUBMIT THE APPLICATION TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CONTACT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH QUESTIONS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY  
~Each eligible student will get an EBT card in his or her name with the lump sum P-EBT benefit amount for the 2020-2021 school year. Ineligible families will receive a denial letter.  
  
The application can be found on the <https://mydss.mo.gov/> website. Please read the P-EBT FAQs.  
  
If you have questions on how to apply for the P-EBT benefit, contact DSS through the online chat feature at [mydss.mo.gov](http://mydss.mo.gov/) or call 855-373-4636.