

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Due to school closures from COVID-19, Texas officials received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide pandemic food benefits to families that have temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price school meals. Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) provides eligible families with benefits used to buy food from any retailer who accepts the Lone Star Card and is administered by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Texas Department of Agriculture, and the Texas Education Agency.

[The application](#) for P-EBT will open on June 2, 2021 and is available for submission through August 13, 2021.

To determine if you are eligible for P-EBT benefits:

- A parent/guardian must apply if eligible child is:
 - Enrolled in a K-12 school and is NOT a part of a family who received SNAP benefits for at least one month between August 2020 and June 2021
 - Born on or before August 1, 2014, and is part of a family who received SNAP benefits for the first time during the 2020-2021 school year.
- A parent/guardian does not need to apply if eligible child is:
 - Born on or before August 1, 2014, and is part of a family who received SNAP benefits for at least one month between August 2020 and April 2021
 - Born after August 1, 2014, and is part of a family who received SNAP benefits for at least one month between October 2020 and June 2021

For more information about P-EBT, please contact the Texas Health and Human Services Commission through the P-EBT call center at 833-442-1255 or [visit their website](#).