Pandemic EBT benefits have been extended

Children who got P-EBT benefits over the summer of 2020 can get more P-EBT benefits for the months of August and September.

Who is eligible?

Children who got P-EBT benefits over the summer of 2020 can get more P-EBT benefits if:

- they are still a CA registered student; and
- can be assumed to be attending school via distance learning.

Benefit amounts are unique to each child and determined based on how many school days a student can be assumed to be attending school via distance learning.

How will families get their P-EBT benefits?

Families do not need to do anything. Under the P-EBT extension, each eligible child will receive a new P-EBT card with new P-EBT benefits for the months of August and September 2020. These new P-EBT cards will be mailed directly to eligible families without the family having to apply online.

When will P-EBT extension cards arrive?

Eligible children will get P-EBT extension cards in the mail in early November 2020 and through the end of December 2020.

Use it like a debit card.

Your P-EBT benefits can be used to buy food in most grocery stores and farmers markets.

Use your P-EBT card like a debit card:

- Select "EBT"
- Swipe the card
- Enter your private PIN number

Visit cdss.ca.gov/pandemic-ebt to learn more!

*Students can still pick up to-go meals if they have P-EBT benefits.

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