



## ***Did You Know?***

### ***There is NO P-EBT 2.0 application.***

Children eligible for free school meals based on their attendance at a school where all children can get free breakfast, lunch, or both, are also eligible for P-EBT. This is true even if the child did not individually apply for free or reduced-price school meals.

Families who feel they do not need P-EBT benefits can choose to not accept P-EBT benefits by destroying their card before using it.

**Do not throw your card away as it will be reloaded with additional benefits. Each eligible child will receive their own P-EBT 2.0 card.**

### **P-EBT 2.0 does not:**

- Require sign-up or an application;
- Affect other benefits you may be receiving;
- Impact immigration or make the recipient a public charge;
- A card will automatically be mailed if your child is eligible;

## ***Common P-EBT Questions***

### ***Are my children Eligible for P-EBT 2.0?***

Young children are eligible for P-EBT 2.0 if between October 1, 2020, and August 31, 2021, they were:

- Age 0-6 years old; and
- Part of a household getting CalFresh food benefits; and
- Living in a county where at least one school facility is closed or is limiting in-person instruction.

School aged children are eligible for P-EBT 2.0 if they were:

- Enrolled at a school for school year 2020-21 that participated in the federal School Breakfast Program or National School Lunch Program; and
- Eligible to get free or reduced-price meals for school year 2020-21; and
- Assumed to have attended school via all distance learning or a hybrid of all distance learning and in-person learning at least some days of the week during school year 2020-21.

### ***How will I receive an P-EBT 2.0 card?***

Cards will be mailed by age group in alphabetical order based on the first name of the eligible child. See the card issuance schedule below.

## **P-EBT 2.0 Cards Issuances**

- P-EBT 2.0 cards for eligible young children who got CalFresh between October 2020 and January 2021 were automatically mailed beginning early July 2021 through August 2021.
- P-EBT 2.0 cards for eligible school age children will be automatically mailed beginning early August 2021 through November 2021.
- P-EBT 2.0 cards for eligible young children who got CalFresh between February 2021 and May 2021 will be automatically mailed beginning in November 2021.
- All remaining cards for both age groups will be mailed in December 2021.

## ***Will Summer P-EBT benefits be issued?***

California's Summer P-EBT plan has been approved! All eligible children will receive a standard summer P-EBT benefit of \$375, which will be reloaded on existing P-EBT 2.0 cards in December 2021. School children who were eligible to receive free or reduce price school meals at a school participating in the federal meal programs at the end of school year 2020-21 will be eligible to receive summer P-EBT benefits. California also allowed families to submit a free or reduce price meal application to become newly eligible for summer P-EBT during the summer. Young children who are getting CalFresh food benefits will also receive summer P-EBT benefits.

## ***What if I have questions or need assistance regarding my P-EBT benefits?***

### **P-EBT Help**

Families that have already received a P-EBT card and need assistance with PIN set-up, need to request a replacement card, or did not receive their card in the mail as expected, may contact the P-EBT Helpline at (877) 328-9677 (M-F, 6am to 8pm) for help.

Families that have not received a P-EBT card but have questions about their P-EBT eligibility can also contact the P-EBT Helpline at (877) 328-9677 (M-F, 6am to 8pm).

For additional information, visit the P-EBT website at <https://ca.p-ebt.org/>.