

## New York State Meal Card Benefits

New York State is providing Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) food benefits to all households with children who are eligible to receive free school lunch under the National School Lunch Act and whose school was closed or operating with reduced in-school attendance due to COVID-19 during the 2020-2021 academic year.

Issuance of the food benefit commenced in June 2021 and will continue for several months, due to the large number of eligible children and schools participating in the National School Lunch Program across the state. If your child(ren) is (are) eligible and has (have) not received P-EBT benefit by **November 2021**, you may fill out the [P-EBT Information Form](#).

If your child(ren) is newly enrolled in their school and/or you believe they qualify for free or reduced-price school meals, please contact your child's school to ask about the program requirements.

If you have misplaced a P-EBT Food Benefit card issued to your child[ren], you may order a replacement card by calling 1-888-328-6399. If your child(ren) received P-EBT benefits on a Medicaid card and you need to order a replacement NYS Medicaid card or select a PIN, go to [otda.ny.gov/SNAP-COVID-19/P-EBT-Medicaid-Card-PIN-Instructions.asp](https://otda.ny.gov/SNAP-COVID-19/P-EBT-Medicaid-Card-PIN-Instructions.asp) for more information.

Once you have set up a PIN to access your P-EBT food benefits, you can check your family's P-EBT food benefits balance by visiting [www.connectebt.com](https://www.connectebt.com) or by calling 1-888-328-6399.

For additional information please visit [NYSOTDA P-EBT Benefits Information Page](#)