



PANDEMIC ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER (P-EBT) COMMUNICATION TEMPLATES

Round Three: Benefits for October 2020-May/June 2021
Updated: 04.01.21



Delayed P-EBT Issuance Notification

Because of the short time frame for data submission, our district was unable to submit {month, year} / {month, year} P-EBT data by the deadline. We intend to submit this data as soon as possible so it can be included in the next issuance of P-EBT benefits. P-EBT benefit issuance will occur on April 20, May 19, June 16, and August 16, if your children are reported eligible. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Robo Call

Good {evening}. _____ School is calling to notify families that Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) benefits will be issued beginning in [March] to students eligible for free or reduced-price school meals & other eligibility criteria have been met. Families do not need to apply for these benefits. Our school will submit student eligibility data to the Nebraska Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services. If your family already received P-EBT benefits before, PEBT funds will be automatically issued to your current P-EBT card. New P-EBT families will be issued a P-EBT card. All questions can be directed to _____. Thank you!

Webpage Notification

Starting in [April] 2022, Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) benefits will be issued to eligible students. Families do not need to apply for these benefits.

Benefits will be issued to students who meet the criteria below:

- Determined eligible for free or reduced-price school meals by application or directly certified through SNAP, TANF, or Medicaid eligibility for school years 2021-22.
- Attend a school that has been closed or operating at reduced attendance or hours for at least 5 consecutive days.
- Had an eligible COVID-19 absence from school & able to provide verification if needed.

Eligible students that have opted-in for fully remote learning or experienced a quarantine for a minimum of five consecutive days will also qualify for P-EBT benefits.

Our district will submit student eligibility data to the Nebraska Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services. Eligible students will receive funds monthly based on the number of COVID-19 related absences they've (The benefits will be \$121 per student who have 16+ days of COVID-19 related absences, \$71 for 6-15 days of COVID-19 related absences, and \$21 for 1-5 days of COVID-19 related absences). Information on how to use the cards will be issued with the cards.

Additional information on the P-EBT assistance program can be found on [USDA's website](#) and the [DHHS EBT webpage](#).

Text Message (160 characters)

P-EBT benefits will be issued to eligible students starting 04/20/22. Visit our website for more information <*insert website notification link if messaging allows*>.

Social Media Post (280 characters)

P-EBT benefits will be issued to eligible students starting 04/20/22. Students must qualify for free or reduced-price school meals to be eligible. Monthly benefits will be automatically issued based on student data.

Email Blast/ Letter for Mailing

Students and families,

Starting in [April] 2022, Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) benefits will be issued to eligible students. Families do not need to apply for these benefits.

Benefits will be issued to students who have been:

- Been determined eligible for free or reduced-price school meals by application or directly certified through SNAP, TANF, or Medicaid eligibility for school year 2021-2022;
AND
- Attend a school that has been closed or operating at reduced attendance or hours for at least 5 consecutive days;
AND
- Experienced a COVID-19 related quarantine for a minimum of 1 day & provide verification when needed

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If you have questions about your student's eligibility, please contact our district at <*district contact information*>.

If you have questions about PEBT cards and funds, please contact DHHS at DHHS.NebraskaPEBT@nebraska.gov or 800-383-4278 (Option 5).