



## The State of Ohio is providing **Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) funds** for students with interrupted access to meals in the **2021-2022 school year**.

- The amount of funds will vary depending on how many days each child missed traditional free or reduced-price school meals due to COVID-19. Qualifying reasons include school closures, remote/hybrid schedules, and/or illness or quarantine periods of 5 days or more.
- Most students will receive funds on existing Ohio Direction cards or P-EBT cards. Newly eligible students will receive new P-EBT cards by mail.

### ***Is my child eligible for Pandemic EBT funds?***

Your child is eligible if they normally receive free or reduced-price meals at school but do not have access to those meals for at least 5 consecutive days due to a school closure, remote or hybrid learning schedule, or illness or quarantine. Closures, illnesses, and other qualifying reasons must be related to COVID-19. Non-students under 6 are not currently eligible for P-EBT.

### ***When will my child receive their P-EBT funds? How do I use them?***

Funds will be issued by the end of the month following the month when meals were missed. For example, if your child is in quarantine for two weeks in January, they should receive those funds by the end of February. P-EBT funds can be used on all qualifying food items at most retailers in the state and online. Schools will track COVID-19 related closures and absences to determine the funds your child should receive, so be sure to report the reason for your child's absence.

### ***I need help with food now. What do I do?***

You can visit a local foodbank or food pantry for immediate help with food. Go to [ohiofoodbanks.org](http://ohiofoodbanks.org) to find help and to connect with other benefits like SNAP.

More information available at:

**[www.ohioPEBT.org](http://www.ohioPEBT.org)**

Other questions? Call:

**1-866-244-0071**



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