

Kentucky Child Care Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is Child Care P-EBT?

A: As of July 2021, P-EBT has been extended to those that are in childcare facilities as long as they meet eligibility criteria. Child Care P-EBT provides benefits to households with children five (5) and under who received SNAP benefits between October 2020 and May 2021. They are provided with a benefits card families can use to replace meals children would have received at Child Care facilities. For more information, please visit the [CHFS P-EBT webpage](#).

Q: Who is eligible for Child Care P-EBT Stimulus?

A: Children five (5) and under are eligible for Child Care P-EBT for each month between October 2020 and May 2021 in which they received SNAP benefits.

- As long as the child received at least one day of SNAP benefits in the month, they are eligible.
- If the child turned 6 in the middle of one of the eligible months, they receive Child Care P-EBT for that month but do not receive Child Care P-EBT for any months afterwards.

Q: How do I apply for P-EBT?

A: **No application is required**. Eligible children are automatically approved.

Q: Can I opt-out of the P-EBT?

A: Call (855) 306-8959 to opt-out of the P-EBT.

Q: How much is the Child Care P-EBT for children five (5) and under who received SNAP?

A: Eligible Child Care P-EBT individuals receive 0, 12, or 20 days of Child Care P-EBT based on the primary school learning schedule for schools in that county for the month being considered. 0 days of Child Care P-EBT are given if the counties learning schedule was primarily in-person, 12 days are given if the counties learning schedule was primarily Hybrid (In-person and Virtual), and 20 days are given if the counties learning schedule was primarily Virtual. For example, Adair county schools were primarily on a Virtual learning schedule in October 2020. Therefore, children five (5) and under who received SNAP while living in Adair county in October, 2020 will receive 20 days of Child Care P-EBT (As long as they did not already receive any other P-EBT benefits for the month of October, 2020). The child receives \$6.82 multiplied by the number of eligible days in the month. Below are the amounts for each designation:

- **12 days:** \$81.84 in Child Care P-EBT
- **20 days:** \$136.40 in Child Care P-EBT

Q: How will I receive my Child Care P-EBT benefits?

A: Children receiving Child Care P-EBT will receive the P-EBT issuance on the EBT card associated to the case in which they received SNAP benefits. If there are multiple children in the household that are eligible, all Child Care P-EBT benefits will be loaded onto the same EBT card in which they received SNAP benefits.

Q: What months does the Child Care P-EBT Stimulus cover?

A: October 2020-May 2021.

Q: When will I receive my Child Care P-EBT Stimulus?

A: Child Care P-EBT benefits are staggered for issuances every two weeks for two benefit months at a time. Please see the availability dates below:

Benefit Period	EBT Availability
October - November 2020	July 31, 2021
December - January 2021	August 14, 2021
February – March 2021	August 28, 2021
April – May 2021	September 11, 2021

Q: How can I get help with P-EBT?

A: Please call toll free (855) 306-8959 and select Healthcare and Food Benefits option if you need assistance.

Q: Is the P-EBT a public assistance program?

A: No. P-EBT helps reimburse families facing the unexpected new expense of meals at home for meals at home for a student or a child under 6 who normally would have received free/reduced-price meals at school/daycare facility through NSLP.

Q: Is the P-EBT the same as SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps)?

A: No. P-EBT is separate from SNAP.

Q: Can P-EBT benefits be split between households?

A: No. Benefits will be issued to each child based on the most recent address available. It is important to remember that the benefit is for the child and provided to the parent or guardian purchasing food for the child.

Q: What can I buy with the P-EBT?

A: Any food for the household, such as:

- Fruits and vegetables
- Meat, poultry, fish
- Dairy products
- Breads and cereals
- Snack foods and non-alcoholic beverages
- Seeds and plants which produce food for the child to eat

Households **may not** use P-EBT benefits to buy:

- Beer, wine, liquor, cigarettes, tobacco

- Vitamins, medicines, supplements
Items with a supplement facts label are considered supplements and not eligible for P-EBT purchase.
- Live animals (except shellfish, fish removed from water and animals slaughtered prior to pick-up from the store).
- Prepared foods fit for immediate consumption
- Hot foods
- Nonfood items such as:
 - Pet foods
 - Cleaning supplies, paper products and other household supplies.
 - Hygiene items, cosmetics

Q: Do I have to purchase items only in Kentucky?

A: No, you may use your EBT card anywhere EBT is accepted.

Q: Can I purchase items online?

A: Yes. You may use your EBT card to make online purchases at participating retailers. Please refer to retailer websites for more information.

Q: How long do I have to spend my P-EBT benefits?

A: Your P-EBT benefits will remain active on your card as long as you use some of them at least once every nine months.

Q: If I receive the P-EBT will it affect my eligibility for other public assistance programs?

A: No. P-EBT benefits are an additional service and do not affect your eligibility for other public assistance programs. We encourage families to continue using school and community meal sites for free, nutritious meals for children. Families can go online to [Meals for Kids interactive map](#) for local sites where kids can get free meals.

Q: Will P-EBT hurt my ability to change my immigration status or become a US citizen?

A: No. Receipt of P-EBT is not considered for any immigration determination.