

Parent/Guardian Outreach for SNAP Benefits

During this difficult time, many households may be experiencing hardships due to the loss of a job or income. If you are experiencing hardships, you may be eligible for SNAP benefits. SNAP helps people buy food for themselves and their families. Additionally, eligibility for SNAP benefits means that your child(ren) will be directly certified for free meals, which **will carry over for 30 operating days into the next school year.**

Please visit the [SNAP website](#) for further information.

Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) Program

The CSDE is partnering with the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) to implement the P-EBT program. The P-EBT program provides households with an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card that contains the value of the free school breakfast and lunch reimbursement rates for the days that schools are closed. Eligible households include those whose children are certified to receive free or reduced-price school meals. The P-EBT program will reach approximately 270,000 children in Connecticut, and compliments other efforts to provide food to children during this difficult time. **Note:** The P-EBT program does not replace any existing benefits.