



FOOD FOR YOUR FAMILY

RESOURCES DURING COVID-19

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Education • Advocacy • Family Support

*WHAT WE WILL
TALK ABOUT
TODAY:*



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SCHOOL MEALS

- School districts received emergency funding to provide meals for students during school closures
- Meals are for all students, not just students who qualified for free or reduced-price meals
- "Grab and Go" meals are pre-packaged for easy pick up
- Most meals include fruit, veggies, milk, cheese, sandwiches, cereal, crackers



SCHOOL DISTRICT MEALS

Every District provides meals a little differently:

1. San Fernando Valley - LAUSD provides meals at 17 locations, Monday – Friday, 8-11am. A breakfast and lunch are provided.
2. Santa Clarita Valley – School Day Café provides meals at 14 locations, Monday – Friday, 12-1pm. A breakfast and lunch are provided; some locations also provide a dinner.
3. Antelope Valley - Meals are provided at different locations by District, Monday-Friday. Some are delivered at school sites, others are distributed at bus stops. Check with your District for details.

REMEMBER, MEALS ARE FOR ALL STUDENTS

You can drive up or walk up to get a meal

Students usually need to be with you to get a meal

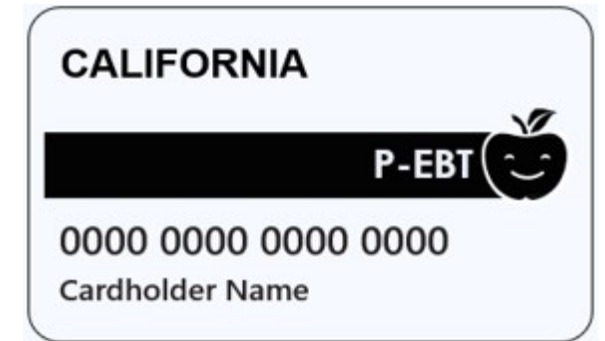
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL MEALS

- See our website for meal information & locations for all Districts
- LAUSD Hotline (213) 443-1300
- Santa Clarita (661) 295-1574 ext. 0.
- Antelope Valley - see our website for details
- <https://www.csun.edu/family-focus-resource-center/covid-19-resources>



PANDEMIC EBT CARD

- Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) benefits will be available for eligible California families soon!
- Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19), children who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals at school will get extra food benefits. These food benefits are called Pandemic EBT or P-EBT benefits. P-EBT benefits help families in California buy food when schools are closed because of the coronavirus emergency
- Families will get up to \$365 per eligible child on their P-EBT card to use on food and groceries. This is a one-time benefit



PANDEMIC EBT CARD

PHASE 1 – MAY 1 – MAY 22

- Children eligible for free or reduced-price meals before schools closed AND who are eligible for Medi-Cal, CalFresh or Cal-WORKS do not need to apply for P-EBT. You will receive a new P-EBT card in the mail between May 12-22.
- If you do not get a card in the mail, call the Customer Service Center at 877-328-9677 (7 days, 24/7)

PHASE 2 – MAY 22 – JUNE 30

- Children that are eligible for free or reduced-price meals but not Medi-Cal or CalFresh, or who do not get their P-EBT card in the mail, can apply online between May 22 - June 30, 2020.
- The online application will be available beginning May 22, 2020 at ca.p-ebt.org.

QUESTIONS ABOUT PANDEMIC-EBT CARD

What can I buy with my P-EBT card?

- Your P-EBT benefits can buy food in most grocery stores and farmers' markets. You can also buy food online at Amazon.com or Walmart.

How do I use a P-EBT card?

- Use your P-EBT card like a debit card at a store
 - Select "EBT"
 - Swipe the card
 - Enter PIN number

Can I still get free school meals if I get the P-EBT Card?

- Yes!

CAL FRESH

- CalFresh is California's supplemental nutrition program
- CalFresh is a cash benefit that you use to buy food
- Monthly benefit amount is \$15 to \$194 per eligible person
- Use CalFresh EBT card to buy groceries at stores or farmer's markets



NEW – now you can use CalFresh to make food purchases online at Walmart and Amazon!

CAL FRESH ELIGIBILITY

- US Citizen or Legal Permanent resident
- Eligibility is based on household income, minus deductions for housing and medical expenses
- Children or adults under age 22 apply with their family
- Adults age 22 or older living with family can apply on their own if they buy and prepare at least 50% of their own meals



***Individuals who get
SSI are also eligible
for CalFresh!***

CAL FRESH PANDEMIC RESPONSE

- Emergency benefits were added to bring recipients up to the maximum for:
 - April
 - May
 - June
- Eligibility interviews were suspended; eligibility based on application and documents submitted
- Semi-annual reports suspended
- Easier to apply over the phone (no signature)



CAL FRESH ELIGIBILITY

- Apply by contacting DPSS at **(866) 613-3777** or online at <http://dpss.lacounty.gov/>
- Family Focus Resource Center can help Regional Center consumers apply over the phone; email calfresh@csun.edu to make an appointment
- You will need to provide identification, income and rent verifications



PUBLIC CHARGE

People who are trying to change their immigration status are concerned about using benefits. This is called a "public charge".

If I get P-EBT benefits, will it affect my immigration status or make me a public charge?

- P-EBT is a disaster emergency benefit based on free and reduced fee school meals eligibility, similar to other benefits that DHS has said would not be considered for public charge purposes. However, USCIS can consider several factors under their public charge test.

If I get CalFresh benefits, will it affect my immigration status or make me a public charge?

- **CalFresh** is an entitlement program and is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). ... **CalFresh** is not cash aid, and you will not be **considered** a "**Public Charge**" if you receive **CalFresh**.

FOOD BANKS

- Food banks distribute food and other essentials to children, seniors, families and other individuals in need
- Food banks get their supplies from government, businesses, restaurants and private donations
- Food banks can be found in many parts of Los Angeles County
- Usually a family will register with one food bank
- Use this link to find the food bank closest to you:

<https://www.lafoodbank.org/find-food/pantry-locator/>



OTHER TEMPORARY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

- Child Development Institute ELC in Canoga Park
- LA City Council Members – Monica Rodriguez, Nury Martinez
- State Assembly members – Tom Lackey, Adrin Nazarian
- Antelope Valley Partners for Health
- LA Care Family Resource Center – Palmdale
- LA Care Family Resource Center - Pacoima



HOT LUNCH MEAL PROGRAM



Mayor Garcetti announced a new partnership with the City's Department on Disability to provide free meals to individuals and families with disabilities across Los Angeles.

This is a temporary program beginning May 18th through June 30th. The program will offer a free lunch bag for 5 days a week to 3,000 City of Los Angeles residents who have disabilities. If you are interested please apply by accessing the Google Form below: <https://bit.ly/3bfl5iz>

If you have any other inquiries please email us at disabilitymealinfo@lacity.org

RESOURCES

- Family Focus Resource Center

www.csun.edu/family-focus-resource-center

- School Meals

www.csun.edu/family-focus-resource-center/covid-19-resources

- P-EBT Card <https://ca.p-ebt.org/> - apply starting May 22
- Cal Fresh <http://dpss.lacounty.gov/> or FFRC
- 211 LA County <https://www.211la.org/> or call 211



- **Family Focus Resource Center is available to help with parent support, resources, Special Education, Regional Center services, and CalFresh**
- **Questions?**



THANK YOU!

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