



## Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) School Eligibility

The California Department of Social Services, in collaboration with the California Department of Education is administering the federal P-EBT program in response to COVID-19 related school closures. P-EBT provides food benefits to help families with children who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals through the federal School Breakfast or National School Lunch Programs.

Eligibility will be handled through the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS). There is no P-EBT application for schools or families to fill out. P-EBT cards will be mailed out to the address on file in CALPADS for each eligible child. **School districts will need to update student address records in CALPADS by March 12, 2021 to ensure P-EBT cards are mailed to the correct address.**

Using P-EBT benefits does not impact immigration status. The public charge rule does not apply to P-EBT benefits.



### Updated student addresses must be in CALPADS by March 12, 2021

For more information, visit

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/home/pandemic-ebt>

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