

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

## Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer ("P-EBT")

### What is P-EBT and who can participate in the program?

Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer ("P-EBT") provides families with food assistance benefits to replace school meals for children whose school closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



### Children in the school lunch program will get benefits by June 30, 2020

If your household participates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, your P-EBT benefits will automatically appear on your EBT card. If your household does not participate in SNAP or TANF, but get school lunches, HSD will contact you to get P-EBT benefits. All benefits should be distributed by June 30, 2020. Contact HSD at 1-800-283-4465 for more information.



## Apply by June 19, 2020!




If your child is not in the school lunch program. Families that apply after this date may not get benefits.

### If your child isn't in the school lunch program:

They may qualify based on income or if they attend a school where every child is allowed to receive free school lunches. Contact your school district or School Food Authority to apply. Your school district will forward the application to the Human Services Department (HSD). Once HSD approves your application, you will receive an EBT card that you can use to buy food, like a debit card.

For information on how to apply call the P-EBT hotline at  
**(505)  
660-4822**

### Things to know

-  Families will receive a lump sum of \$399 per child covering March 16, 2020 through June 19, 2020.
-  Families can get P-EBT regardless of immigration status. Public Charge does not apply and you do not need a Social Security Number to participate.
-  You can participate in P-EBT even if you participated in school meal pickups during the school year.



Your EBT Card will look like this.

If you have trouble selecting your PIN, or to check your EBT balance, contact the help desk at 1-800-283-4465.

For EBT frequently asked questions visit: <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/LookingForAssistance/electronic-benefits-transfer-ebt.aspx>.

If you have questions, contact Tim Davis at the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty at [Tim@nmpoertylaw.org](mailto:Tim@nmpoertylaw.org) or 505-255-2840.

