



August 12, 2020

Dear Community Partner,

P-EBT (Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer) is a new federal program that provides nutrition benefits to families who lost access to free or reduced-price meals while schools were closed during the 2019-2020 school year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Families with children ages 5 to 18 who were enrolled in free or reduced-price meals as of March 18, 2020 are likely eligible for P-EBT.

P-EBT benefits are a one-time payment that will be loaded onto a Montana EBT card and can be used wherever SNAP benefits are accepted, including grocery stores and farmers markets. P-EBT benefits function just like SNAP benefits.

Montana DPHHS will automatically enroll most eligible families by August 31, 2020. Applications for those not automatically enrolled will be available online at www.montanameals.org. *Applications must be received by DPHHS no later than 5:00 pm on September 21, 2020.* Applying via the online form is preferred and will expedite the process. However, paper applications will also be available.

Included with this letter is a flyer with P-EBT information, as well as handouts to distribute to families with school-age children to help ensure that this program reaches everyone who is eligible. We have also included a full sheet of handouts should you want to make copies.

If you have questions or need more materials, please contact me using the information below.

Thank you,

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Food Benefits for Families

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)

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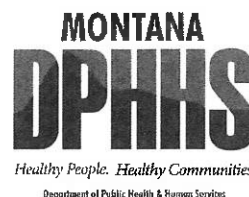
P-EBT. * P-EBT benefits are available to households regardless of immigration status and are not considered in a public charge test.

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Pandemic EBT



P-EBT is additional food support for families during the COVID-19 pandemic due to school closures.

P-EBT money can be spent at farmers markets that accept EBT. Double SNAP Dollars can double your money for fruits and vegetables.



1 Bring your P-EBT card to the market info booth before you shop

2 Redeem P-EBT Dollars to get market coins for eligible foods

3 We'll match your P-EBT spending up to \$20 per market

