

# Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program is available in Georgia

## Due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

The Georgia Division of Family & Children Services (DFCS), in partnership with the Department of Education (GaDOE), has been approved to offer the P-EBT program for the 2020-2021 school term.

This program will provide the families of children who receive free and/or reduced lunch at school **with additional financial assistance to buy groceries.**

## Who qualifies?

Families with children receiving free and/or reduced lunch as of March 2020 through the **Richard B. Russell National School Breakfast or Lunch Program**, should be eligible to receive P-EBT benefits.

## Do I have to be a SNAP recipient?

No. **Both SNAP and Non-SNAP families qualify for P-EBT** if children in their household are eligible for free and/or reduced breakfast or lunch through the **Richard B. Russell National School Breakfast or Lunch Program**. Additionally, children attending a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school will qualify. A list of CEP schools is available at [dfcs.ga.gov](http://dfcs.ga.gov).

## How do I apply?

- **No application is required for the 2020-2021 school term.**

## Do I need an EBT card?

Yes. Recipients will receive a P-EBT card by mail at the address listed on their application.

## Will P-EBT benefits expire?

Yes. P-EBT benefits not used within 274 days after the last purchase or return date, will be removed and cannot be replaced.

For more information and updates, visit related pages on [dfcs.ga.gov](http://dfcs.ga.gov).

