

Good morning SFSAs,

Last week, the MS Pandemic Electronic Benefit (P-EBT) plan was approved by USDA. This will provide additional assistance to families of children eligible for free or reduced-price meals dealing with school closures. This is a benefit to current SNAP participants and a new EBT benefit to other eligible households to offset the cost of meals that would have otherwise been consumed at school.

P-EBT FAQs: <https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/pandemic-ebt-guide/>

The MS Department of Human Services administers the program and has received assistance from the MS Department of Education in identifying eligible students through MSIS information. Should parents/guardians wish to update their information, such as address or contact number regarding P-EBT benefits, they will need to contact MDHS. Changes made at the school level now will not affect P-EBT.

If you receive questions, please direct them to MDHS. At this time, MDHS has not provided a number specific to P-EBT inquiries. Until we receive additional contact information, we recommend for parents/guardians to contact MDHS at:

SNAP/TANF Support: 800.948.3050

Non-Public Schools

The MDE supplied MDHS with information from the Mississippi Student Information System (MSIS). Data on students enrolled in non-public schools is not included in MSIS and as such, the MDE did not have information to share with MDHS. MDHS was supplied contact information for all non-public schools participating in the National School Lunch Program. MDHS will communicate with non-public directly to determine student eligibility.

As always, stay safe!

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