What is Pandemic-EBT?

Pandemic-EBT is a state-wide program that will distribute funds to families with school-aged children to cover the cost of meals that students would have received at school if not for school closures during COVID-19. Every family in NYC with children who attend public schools will receive $420 in food assistance per child. These funds can then be used at most supermarkets, corner stores, bodegas, and farmers markets to buy groceries and produce.

When and how will Pandemic-EBT benefits be issued?

There will be three different ways, depending on your situation:

1. **If you have an existing EBT card**
   - By early June: The first payment of $193 per child will be added to your current EBT card.
   - By the end of June: The second payment of $227 per child will be added to your current EBT card.

2. **If you have Medicaid (but not SNAP)**
   - End of June: One payment of $420 per child will be added to your Medicaid Common Benefit Identification Card (CBIC).

3. **If you do not currently receive public benefits**
   - Early July through August: A card will be issued and mailed to each household and will contain a one-time payment of $420 per child.

FAQs:

**Does my family need to apply for Pandemic-EBT?**
No, there is no application process. Families with automatically be enrolled.

**Will my family receive funds if my child attends a charter or parochial school?**
If your child's school participates in the federal school meals program, your family will receive Pandemic-EBT.

**Will school meals still be available for pick up?**
Yes, meals will still be available for pick up at designated sites throughout NYC. You can find them here.

**Is P-EBT available to all immigrants and does it effect my family's public charge status?**
P-EBT will be issued to all families, regardless of immigration status, and does not impact public charge status.

Learn more on the New York State website.

Contact Hunger Free NYC at 332-600-5415 (English) or 646-627-7630 (Spanish).