P-EBT Benefits for Summer 2023

The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program is a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program administered by the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS). It was created to provide food assistance to families with students or young children who had reduced access to meals due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Families can use P-EBT funds to purchase foods based on their dietary needs and preferences from retailers in their communities. P-EBT funds are made available on a P-EBT card.

Eligibility for children enrolled in school:

- The student was enrolled in an NSLP school as of May 2023; AND
- The student was eligible for free or reduced-price school meals; AND
- The student's district reports student information to the P-EBT program.

Summer P-EBT benefit amount:

For the months of June to August 2022: \$120
Note: Summer 2023 P-EBT benefits will be issued as a single payment

Tentative benefit issuance schedule:

Mid-July 2023

Watch out for P-EBT scammers. Scammers are trying to trick families into giving out personal information on fraudulent P-EBT forms. Remember the following:

• There is no P-EBT application. P-EBT benefits for summer 2023 will be based on school attendance. CDHS and the USDA will not ask for personal information through an application for P-EBT.

If you are unsure about P-EBT information or see something suspicious, contact the Colorado P-EBT Support Center

More updates will be shared on the <u>P-EBT website</u>, on CDHS social media channels, and through community partners.

Contact Colorado P-EBT: Need help with your child's P-EBT benefits? You can reach the P-EBT Support Center Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

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