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P-EBT food benefits extended for 2020-21 school year *246,000 New Mexico school children to benefit*

SANTA FE – New Mexico school children who qualify for free or reduced-price meals and who continue in the remote or hybrid learning model for the 2020-2021 school year will share more than \$27 million in additional monthly benefits through the Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer program.

The new round of funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture is enough to feed more than 246,000 vulnerable New Mexico children each month.

In addition, New Mexico households with qualifying children will see an increase in their P-EBT benefits from \$5.86 to \$6.82 per child per day, the state Human Services and Public Education departments announced jointly.

Eligibility for the P-EBT program is determined by the New Mexico Public Education Department, which shares student information with the Human Services Department to issue benefits through P-EBT cards.

“These very important benefits will continue to provide nutritional assistance to New Mexico families,” said Human Services Department Deputy Secretary Angela Medrano.

The P-EBT program applies to all eligible students regardless of their family’s SNAP eligibility.

Each issuance will include at least two months of benefits. Previous P-EBT benefits were issued through the month of September 2020. The tentative P-EBT issuance schedule is as follows:

Benefit Month(s)	Issuance Date
October-November 2020	Feb. 28
December 2020-January 2021	March 28
February-March 2021	TBD
April-May 2021	TBD
June 2021	TBD

P-EBT cards for newly eligible P-EBT students will be mailed on March 8, although delivery could take up to 10 days. The Human Services Department will not issue new P-EBT cards to existing P-EBT households. Households that no longer have a P-EBT card may request a new card by:

- Contacting the Human Services Department’s P-EBT card vendor directly at (800) 843-8303; or
- Logging onto the P-EBT portal through YesNM at <https://www.yes.state.nm.us/yesnm/home/index>.

For additional information or eligibility questions, call the P-EBT hotline at (833) 415-0569. For frequently asked questions and to view the amount of benefits issued based on each school schedule, visit: [Help Feed Your Children with Pandemic EBT | New Mexico Human Services Department \(state.nm.us\)](#).

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