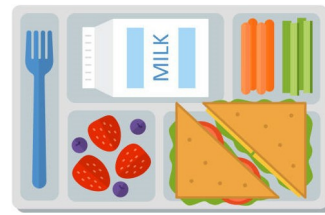


Pandemic EBT-Program

A new program for families with children who received free or reduced-cost lunches at school



The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer Program (P-EBT) provides temporary funding for families that need emergency food during the pandemic.

There is no need to fill out an application for eligible families to receive P-EBT benefits.

Families receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will get additional benefits added on their Kokua Card

These additional benefits can be used the same way families would normally use their Kokua Card to purchase food items. P-EBT benefits can also be used in the Da Bux program.

How much will families get?

An eligible student may be able to receive for **March: \$80; April: \$147; May: \$133 combined: \$360**. The amount they would receive would be based on the month the eligible student was enrolled for free or reduced-price meals. If enrolled before or in the month of March, then the eligible student receives all 3 months. If enrolled in the month of April, then the eligible student receives for April and May. If enrolled in the month of May then the eligible student receives only for May. The P-EBT benefits for each eligible student will be loaded on the family's Kokua Card by the first week of July.

Families will receive a letter to inform them how much P-EBT benefits they will be receiving and the eligible students in the family.

Families not receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will get a Hawai'i P-EBT card in the mail

The Hawai'i P-EBT card will be issued under the name of the oldest student in the household. Benefits for all eligible school-aged children in the home will be loaded onto this one Hawaii P-EBT card.

Before receiving their card, families will get a letter from the Department of Human Services describing how to use their Hawai'i P-EBT card and other information about food assistance benefits. This Hawai'i P-EBT card can be used to purchase food items only. Food must be purchased in-person and at a SNAP retailer. The Hawai'i P-EBT card may look different from the Kokua Card, but the card and benefits can be used the same way as the Kokua Card.

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