



Parents & guardians of children who had absences due to COVID during last school year: you may be eligible for P-EBT benefits!



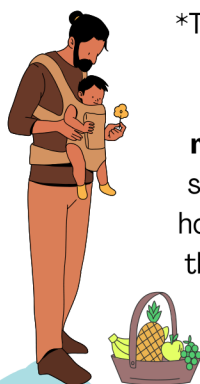
Florida has been approved to implement a Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) program for the 2021-2022 School Year. The P-EBT program is a supplemental benefit for households with students who temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price school meals due to COVID-related absences*. Parents and guardians of students who meet the eligibility criteria should apply for P-EBT benefits for the 2021-2022 School Year.

The application for P-EBT benefits can be accessed at:
www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/access/snap/pebt.shtml.
The deadline to apply is July 31st, 2022.



Once parents access the application, it is important that they follow these steps:

1. Parents and guardians will need to print and bring the document to their child's school or email the application to their child's school and get the school attendance office to confirm the student's COVID-related absences.
2. Once the application has been certified through the student's school, the parent or guardian of the student must submit the certified application through the P-EBT application portal, which can be accessed at www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/access/snap/pebt.shtml.
3. Once received, the Florida Department of Children and Families will review the information and issue the appropriate P-EBT benefits to the parents or guardians.



*The local school/school districts are not required to capture absences due to COVID-related reasons, therefore, Florida is requiring the parent/guardian to submit an application to determine the number of COVID-related absences for each individual student. **COVID-related absences will be defined as:** Any absence where the school directs the student to stay home for a COVID-related reason (a school-ordered quarantine, or any other stay-at-home order mandated by the school or school district) or any absence initiated by the parent that is recognized and accepted by school officials as COVID-related (a parent's decision to keep their child home after a positive test or possible exposure to COVID).