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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020 as amended by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, children that qualify for free or reduced meals at school may be eligible for Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) benefits.

If the children were unable to receive free or reduced lunch in school because the **school** was closed or operating with reduced hours or attendance due to the COVID-19 health emergency for at least 5 consecutive days during the 2020-2021 school year **and** the child:

- has been found eligible for free or reduced meals during the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year; or
- attended a school during 2019-20 or 2020-21 school year that participates in Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), Provision 2, or Provision 3. If you are not sure your child attended an eligible school, you should contact the school district the child attends before you apply; or
- applies for free or reduced meals during the 2020-2021 school year and is found eligible based on categorical eligibility or based on the income chart below:

Household size	Gross Monthly income	Household size	Gross Monthly income
1	\$1,968	5	\$4,730
2	\$2,658	6	\$5,421
3	\$3,349	7	\$6,112
4	\$4,040	8	\$6,802
For each additional person add \$691			

You must apply for this benefit and complete all sections of the application. Please be sure to use your child’s legal name.

Benefits will be determined based on how many days the child learned remotely. If the school was closed meaning all classes were virtual 13 schools days or more, or hybrid meaning the school was operating at reduced attendance for 12 days or less.

The benefits for a

- child who was learning virtual are \$129.58 per eligible month;
- child who was learning at reduced attendance are \$77.75 per eligible month.

NOTE: a child who was learning at an open school will not receive a benefit. If the school was not closed and your child chose to learn remotely the student is not eligible for benefits.

If your child is eligible, the benefit months they are eligible for will be loaded onto a Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) card in their name.

Foster Care children may qualify to receive P-EBT, as they receive free lunch. If you are a

Resource Parent who wants to receive these benefits, you will also need to complete the application.

If you do not want to receive this benefit, you do not need to apply.

Select one of the following ways to apply:

- Scan your completed and signed application, then email it to:
FSD.MOPEBT@dss.mo.gov, **OR**
- Complete the fillable PDF online, then email it to:
FSD.MOPEBT@dss.mo.gov, **OR**
- Mail your completed application to:
Family Support Division
615 E. 13th St
Kansas City, MO 64106
- **Do not send the application back to the school.**

The Department of Social Services, Family Support Division (FSD) will work with your local school district to determine if you are eligible. **If your child is approved, they will receive a P-EBT card with the benefit on it to buy food. If your child is not approved, FSD will send you a letter.** The card will have the benefits loaded to purchase food at any retailer with the QUEST Mark ® logo.

Items you can buy include:

- Fruits and vegetables
- Meat, poultry, and fish
- Dairy products
- Breads and cereals
- Snack foods and non-alcoholic beverages
- Seeds and plants that produce food



Items you cannot buy are:

- Beer, wine, liquor, cigarettes, or tobacco
- Vitamins, medicines, or supplements
- Live animals (except shellfish or fish)
- Hot foods
- Any nonfood items like pet food, cleaning supplies, paper products, household supplies, hygiene items, or cosmetics

P-EBT cards are used the same way as EBT cards. For more information on the card, visit: mydss.mo.gov/food-assistance/ebt.

If you have questions on how to apply, you can use the online chat feature at mydss.mo.gov or call 855-373-4636. If you need additional assistance with food, childcare, transportation, and/or other services, visit the Missouri Services Navigator at mo.servicenavigator.org.

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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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