

## Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) Program Eligibility Criteria

| Household Size             | Monthly Income |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| 1                          | \$1,926        |
| 2                          | \$2,607        |
| 3                          | \$3,289        |
| 4                          | \$3,970        |
| 5                          | \$4,652        |
| 6                          | \$5,333        |
| 7                          | \$6,015        |
| 8                          | \$6,696        |
| For each additional person | +682           |

**Family/Household** means a group of people who may or may not be related and who do not live in an institution or a boarding house, but who are living as one economic group. Students who are temporarily away at school should be counted as members of the family; however, students who are full-time residents of an institution are considered a family of one.

**Gross Income** means income before deductions for income taxes, employee's social security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions, bonds, etc. It includes the following:

1. Monetary compensation for services, including wages, salary, commissions, or fees;
2. Net income from non-farm self-employment;
3. Net income from farm self-employment;
4. Social security;
5. Dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts;
6. Net rental income;
7. Public assistance or welfare payments;
8. Unemployment compensation;
9. Government civilian employee or military retirement, or pensions, or veterans payments;
10. Private pensions or annuities;
11. Alimony or child support payments;
12. Regular contributions from persons not living in the household;
13. Net royalties; and
14. Other cash income. Other cash income would include cash amounts received or withdrawn from any source including savings, investments, trust accounts, and other resources which would be available to pay the price of a child's meal.

**Institutionalized Children** are considered a one-member family and only monies the child actually receives and controls shall be considered as income for determining eligibility.

**Adopted Children** for whom a household has accepted legal responsibility is considered to be a member of that household. If the adoption is a "subsidized" adoption, which may include children with special needs, the subsidy is included in the total household income.

**Foster Children** are children who are formally placed by a court or a State child welfare agency. Resource Parents qualify to receive P-EBT, as Foster Care children receive free lunch. If you are a Resource Parent who wants to receive these benefits for the foster child, you will need to complete the application.

**Special Provisions** are available to students enrolled in certain schools. The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), Provision 2, and Provision 3 options provide eligible school districts the opportunity to offer free meals to all students in high poverty schools. As such, students attending schools that participate in CEP, Provision 2, or Provision 3 are eligible to receive P-EBT. Households must submit an application to apply for the P-EBT card for children who received free meals through one of these special provisions.