

This message is being sent to Superintendents/Administrators, along with Authorized Representatives and Claim Contacts listed in the CNP System on the School Meals Application.

Thanks to collaborative efforts of the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) and Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), eligible students will be able to receive Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) funds for October 2020 through May/June 2021.

### **PEBT Overview**

Based on the new USDA guidance for P-EBT Round 3, benefits will be issued based on the school-wide education delivery mode and not based on an individual's attendance unless a student is identified as fully remote. Free and reduced-price students become eligible once the school they attend has been closed or operating at reduced attendance or hours for 5 consecutive days anytime during the 2020-21 school year.

- The classroom learning mode identified for schools (elementary, middle, high school) on the [Launch Nebraska Status](#) page will be used to determine the benefit amount each eligible student receives.
  - Two benefit amounts
    - If classroom learning mode is "Split" eligible students receive **\$62**.
    - If classroom learning mode is "Remote" eligible students receive **\$116**.
  - If the classroom learning mode is "in-school" none of the students would receive benefits, unless one of the special cases below applies.
  - Special Cases
    - Two groups of students qualify for benefits as Special Cases:
      1. Fully remote students
      2. Quarantined/ Self-Isolated students
- Student Eligibility for P-EBT Round Three
  - Students that were determined eligible for free or reduced-price school meals for school year 2020-21 are eligible to receive P-EBT benefits.
    - School year 2019- 20 eligibility data can be used If school year 2020-21 eligibility data is not available.
  - School districts will be required to submit a list of eligible students to the P-EBT File Upload App within the [NDE portal](#) (see attached instructions).
    - To capture changes in classroom learning mode, transfer of students in and out of the district, and newly determined free/reduced eligibility, districts will need to submit a list of students for each month (October 2020 through May/June 2021).
  - Benefits will be issued according to the schedule below:

<b>Nebraska PEBT Round 3 Benefit Issuance Schedule</b>	
April 5	Deadline for districts to submit student data and update classroom learning mode.
April 5 – 15	NDE sends eligible students' data to DHHS. DHHS prepares for issuance.

April 15	Benefits issued (October/November)
May 5	Deadline for districts to submit student data and update classroom learning mode.
May 5 – 15	NDE sends eligible students' data to DHHS. DHHS prepares for issuance.
May 15	Benefits issued (December/January)
June 5	Deadline for districts to submit student data and update classroom learning mode.
June 5 – 10	NDE sends eligible students' data to DHHS. DHHS prepares for issuance.
June 15	Benefits issued (February/March)
July 5	Deadline for districts to submit student data and update classroom learning mode.
July 5 – 10	NDE sends eligible students' data to DHHS. DHHS prepares for issuance.
July 15	Benefits issued (April/May)
August 5	Deadline for districts to submit student data and update classroom learning mode.
August 5 - 10	NDE sends eligible students' data to DHHS. DHHS prepares for issuance.
August 15	Benefits issued (clean up)

- Districts are encouraged to submit October 2020 - February 2021 student data to the P-EBT File Upload App within the [NDE Portal](#) as soon as it's available.
  - The monthly benefit issuance will follow this schedule regardless of when data is received.
  - If a district misses the submission deadline one month, the data will be picked up with the next month's benefit issuance.

### School District Responsibilities

1. Ensure the [Launch Nebraska Status](#) reflects your schools' classroom learning mode from August 2020- May/June 2021.
  - Once a school meets the minimum 5 consecutive day threshold, that school does not need to meet the threshold again.
  - Continue to update Launch Nebraska as your school's classroom learning mode changes.
  - For assistance with Launch Nebraska, please complete the [contact form](#).
2. Upload the list of eligible students by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month to the P-EBT File Upload App within the [NDE Portal](#).
  - Contact your district portal administrator for your activation code for access.
  - A student file is uploaded for each month individually. Multiple months of student data may be submitted at the same time.
  - For assistance with the Portal, please contact [ADVISERHelp@NebraskaCloud.org](mailto:ADVISERHelp@NebraskaCloud.org).
3. Notify and communicate with families about P-EBT.

4. Attend the **Round Three P-EBT Webinar** hosted by NDE on Thursday March 25th from 10:00am to 11:00am CST. Pre-registration is not required. Click [here](#) to join the webinar.

*Please see attached resources: DHHS P-EBT FAQ, P-EBT Portal Instructions and How To Use Your P-EBT Card documents.*

Watch for a press release from DHHS regarding P-EBT Benefit Issuance.

If your families have questions about P-EBT cards and funds, please have them contact DHHS at [DHHS.NebraskaPEBT@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.NebraskaPEBT@nebraska.gov) or 800-383-4278 or 402-471-9043.