

Pandemic-EBT Data Collection Update

June 3, 2021

All sites participating in the federal School Breakfast Program (SBP) or National School Lunch Program (NSLP) will need to complete the [Pandemic EBT \(P-EBT\) survey](#), in addition to the ongoing AB 86 survey (school instructional modes).

This is a one-time collection of data to report on the primary mode of instruction by month across SY 2020-21. The submission deadline has been extended to **5:00pm on Tuesday, June 8**.

P-EBT provides additional food benefits to school age children (TK to 22 years) eligible for free or reduced-price school meals who may not have received access to those meals due to COVID-19 related changes in school instructional modes. P-EBT benefits are significant – up to \$123 per month per eligible child. California has the opportunity to issue nearly \$5 billion dollars in additional food benefits that play an essential role in ensuring the food security of eligible children and their families.

To issue P-EBT benefits for SY 2020-21, California is required to collect school-level information regarding the most commonly elected instruction model (i.e. distance, hybrid, or in-person) for each month of the school year, which will be used to determine P-EBT benefit amounts. This self-reported data will ONLY be used for P-EBT purposes and will not be shared with entities not directly involved in the administration of P-EBT. More about the survey requirements can be found on the updated [FAQ page](#).

If you have not yet registered to submit your survey information, please click [here](#) for instructions on how to register.

P-EBT BENEFITS & ELIGIBILITY (FOR NSLP & SBP SCHOOLS)

P-EBT eligible students include those who during SY 2020-21 were:

1. Enrolled in a school participating in the federal School Breakfast or National School Lunch Programs; and
2. Eligible for free or reduced-price school meals; and
3. Assumed to be attending school via distance learning at least some days of the week.

Students eligible for free or reduced-price meals and attending schools reporting:

- **Distance learning** as the most commonly elected model in a given month will receive \$123 in P-EBT food benefits for that month
- **Hybrid instruction** as the most commonly elected model in a given month will receive \$68 in P-EBT food benefits for that month

P-EBT DATA COLLECTION SITE

Click [here](#) to submit the P-EBT survey for your LEA.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Contact the [CA Safe Schools Support Help Desk](#) or check the [updated FAQs](#) for responses to commonly asked questions.