

Pandemic EBT Food Benefits Deadline Extended to Aug. 31

Thank you to all National School Lunch Program (NSLP) participating School Food Authorities for your assistance to date with the [Pandemic EBT \(P-EBT\) program](#)! We are asking for your help once again to reach out to families. The Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) has extended the deadline to Aug. 31 to apply for this one-time special benefit available for March to June 2020.

Families can apply for Pandemic EBT at <https://abe.illinois.gov/abe/access/>. We do ask for schools to be prepared to print P-EBT applications for families without internet access who request paper copies. Here are the links to the [English application](#) and the [Spanish application](#).

DHS [created a flyer](#) to help families with the application process. A [Spanish version](#) is also available. We are asking NSLP sponsors to share this flyer with their families. You can print them and include with grab-n-go meals, include in email communications, and/or post on your websites. Here are the links:

- English:
<http://www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNetLibrary/27897/documents/Brochures/4980.pdf>
- Spanish:
<http://www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNetLibrary/27897/documents/Brochures/4980S.pdf>

And please consider sharing this message on your social media:

- Did you know families with children who received free or reduced meals at National School Lunch Program participating schools last spring are eligible for Pandemic EBT benefits? Find out more information at www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNetLibrary/27897/documents/Brochures/4980.pdf (Spanish: <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNetLibrary/27897/documents/Brochures/4980S.pdf>). The deadline to apply is Aug. 31.

Please contact us at cnp@isbe.net if you have any questions. Thank you for all you're doing to feed students in this unique time of need!

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