

Virginia Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) Program

2021-2022 School Year Eligibility Update

The Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) in partnership with the Virginia Department of Education has received approval from the United States Department of Agriculture to provide food assistance benefits through the P-EBT program for COVID-related student absences during the 2021-2022 school year.

Eligibility for benefits has changed due to federal requirements and the receipt of benefits for previous school years does not guarantee eligibility this school year. To qualify for benefits, a **school** and **student** must meet the following revised requirements:



The **student's school** must:

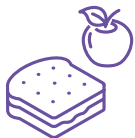
1. Have closed or operated at reduced hours for five consecutive days due to a COVID-related issue
2. **and** participate in the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program.



The **student** must:

1. Attend a school that has been determined eligible as defined by United States Department of Agriculture guidelines
2. **and** qualify for free and reduced-price school meals,
3. **and** have a documented absence from school due to COVID-related issue.

Eligibility for benefits will be determined by the information your child's school/school district provides to VDSS. Benefits will be issued retroactively to eligible students beginning May 25. For additional information, including answers to frequently asked questions and a list of eligible schools, visit PebtVA.com.



If your household does not meet eligibility requirements for the P-EBT program, you are encouraged to visit Commonhelp.virginia.gov to check eligibility for the federal **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program** or call **2-1-1 Virginia** to learn more about food resources in your local area.

Questions? Contact the P-EBT Call Center from 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday - Friday at (866) 513-1414 (toll-free) or 804-294-1633.



For more information, visit
PEBTVA.com