Get up to $365 for groceries per child while schools are closed

While schools are closed due to COVID-19, families with students who were receiving free or reduced-price breakfast and lunch at school can get up to $365 per child for groceries this summer.

This federal nutrition benefit is called Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) and is available for families in addition to continued grab-and-go meal services at many school sites in San Diego County.

How do I get P-EBT benefits?

Students who are enrolled in CalFresh, Medi-Cal, or foster care benefits will automatically receive a P-EBT card in the mail by May 25. If a student receiving these services doesn’t get their card in the mail by May 25, please call (877) 328-9677.

Students who received free or reduced-price school meals but do not receive a P-EBT card in the mail by May 25 must apply online before June 30, 2020 to get their card.

Applying for P-EBT is easy!

Go to: ca.p-ebt.org

You’ll answer 5 questions:
1) student’s name; 2) student’s date of birth; 3) student’s home address; 4) parent or guardian name; and 5) name of school attended.

Easy to use!

Use your P-EBT like a debit card! Families will receive $365 per eligible student on a P-EBT card to use at grocery stores, farmer’s markets, and online grocery orders at Walmart.com or Amazon.com (delivery fees may apply). One card will be issued per household with the eldest child’s name printed on the card.

P-EBT and school meals are not public charge benefits and do not affect immigration status.

Get more info at: sdhunger.org/p-ebt | Apply online at: ca.p-ebt.org | The USDA is an equal opportunity provider.