

COVID-19 SNAP (Food Stamps) Updates

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EMERGENCY SNAP ALLOTMENTS FOR APRIL AND MAY 2020 DUE TO COVID-19

- Active SNAP households with regular monthly benefit less the maximum monthly SNAP allotment for the household size in April 2020 and May 2020 will receive a supplemental emergency SNAP allotment to bring them to the full maximum monthly SNAP allotment for the household size.
- For example, an individual who usually gets the minimum \$16 SNAP allotment, will get \$194 for April and May.
- SNAP households already receiving the maximum monthly SNAP allotment for the household size will not get a supplement.

MAXIMUM :	
\$194	
\$355	
\$509	
\$646	
\$768	
\$921	
\$1018	
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PANDEMIC EBT SNAP FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- Children ages 3 to 17 and ages 18 to 22 (if in high school), who have temporarily lost access to free or reduced price school meals due to the COVID-19 pandemic school closures are eligible for Pandemic EBT (P-EBT).
- P-EBT benefits will be \$57 per child for March and \$125.40 per child for April. P-EBT will continue in May.
- Families are not required to be receiving SNAP to qualify for P-EBT assistance or meet regular SNAP eligibility requirements.
- Families currently receiving SNAP will be issued a single P-EBT payment between April 20th-30th.
- Non-SNAP households must complete a simplified application available through the ABE Online Application portal.

SNAP CERTIFICATION PERIODS EXTENDED AND EXPIRED SNAP REINSTATED:

- SNAP certification periods due to expire March 2020, April 2020, and May 2020 will be extended an additional 6 months.
- SNAP households whose certification period expired in March or will expire April due to not returning a REDE application will have their case reinstated with a 6 month extension.

CERTIFICATION EXTENDED THROUGH
09/30/2020
10/31/2020
11/30/2020

SNAP APPLICATION TELEPHONIC SIGNATURES:

Community providers, like Legal Aid Chicago can take applications over the phone from applicants and submit to DHS without applicant's signature.

SNAP INTERVIEWS WAIVED: For applications signed (including ABE applications), identity verified and mandatory verifications provided with application.

SNAP WORK REQUIREMENTS ARE SUSPENDED

Legal Aid Chicago can help you apply for SNAP or other Department of Human Services benefits. Call **312-347-8342** or email **pbenrollment@legalaidchicago.org**.



