



HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM COMMUNITY DURING COVID-19

Programs Providing Grocery Money

Pandemic EBT (P-EBT)

<https://dhs.maryland.gov/p-ebt/>

Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer provides food benefits to children who have temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price meals at school due to COVID-19. Households will receive \$5.70 per eligible child per day, and P-EBT benefits will be backdated to the date of school closures in March. If receiving SNAP benefits, your P-EBT benefits will be added to your existing EBT card. If not actively receiving SNAP benefits, you will receive a confirmation and a P-EBT card in the mail.

Families are not required to be receiving SNAP to qualify for P-EBT Benefits or meet SNAP financial or nonfinancial eligibility requirements. All children that are eligible for free or reduced meals are eligible for P-EBT regardless of citizenship.

You do not need to submit an application to receive P-EBT if your child was receiving free and reduced-price school meals before the schools closed. Please contact your child's school if you don't know whether your child is eligible to receive free and reduced priced school meals. The school will also give you information on how to apply for free and reduced-price meals if you believe that you are eligible.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

(Formerly food stamps)

SNAP provides monthly assistance to low-income families to help them purchase food.

To apply: <http://dhs.maryland.gov/food-supplement-program/>

SNAP Ph: 1.800.332.6347

If you or someone you know does not have internet access or requires assistance with completing this online application, Maryland Hunger Solutions can assist over the phone.

Maryland Hunger Solutions SNAP enrollment help:

Ph: 866.821.5552 (leave a message)

HCLS is updating these resources: email covidinfo@hclibrary.org with corrections and additions. For additional assistance, call HCLS at 410.313.7750.



Howard County Department of Social Services: Ph: 410.872.8700
Email: Howco.dss@maryland.gov

Women, Infants, and Children (wic)

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a federally funded nutrition education program with healthy supplemental foods. Apply for WIC through the Maryland Department of Health. You may be eligible for WIC if you are pregnant or lactating, or have a child up to the age of 5, and you meet WIC income guidelines. Single fathers with children up to age of five are also eligible. You are already financially eligible to participate in the Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP) if you receive food stamps, medical assistance, or temporary cash assistance.

For more information, visit <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/wic/Pages/Home.aspx> or contact local Howard County office <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Health/Women-Infants-Children-WIC>

Maryland WIC Hotline: 1.800.242.4WIC (4942)

Howard County WIC Assistance: Ph: 410.313.7510

Email: HowardWIC@howardcountymd.gov