

Just some information for you from Manitou Springs School District 14.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

You may have heard about a new program authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) called Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer or P-EBT for short. This program intends to provide financial assistance to families of children eligible for free or reduced-price school meals who have lost access to food due to the school closures caused by COVID-19. The financial assistance will be distributed to eligible families on new or existing Colorado EBT cards. The average P-EBT benefit is \$5.70/child per day or up to \$279 per eligible child, retroactive to when school initially closed. This benefit is in addition to the grab-n-go meals that the district is currently offering at select locations at Ute Pass Elementary and Manitou High School from 11 am until 12 pm June is every day and in July just on Monday and Thursday we will be severing breakfast and lunch but you will be able to receive 3 days of breakfast and lunch on those day. In August we will be back to serving breakfast and lunch to go daily at both locations.

If your family is already participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and possesses an EBT card, the P-EBT benefits will automatically be loaded onto your card within the month of June 2020. **If your family is not currently enrolled in SNAP benefits, you must complete an application to receive P-EBT.** To access the P-EBT application please visit:

<https://www.colorado.gov/cdhs/p-ebt>.

Receiving these benefits will **not** affect your immigration or public charge status. All families who are eligible for P-EBT may receive it, regardless of immigration status. P-EBT is a pandemic emergency benefit based on free or reduced-price school meal eligibility, and similar to other benefits that the Department Homeland Security has stated that it is excluded from consideration in public charge. Household information that is used to determine eligibility is protected under both federal and state data privacy practices.

To successfully complete the P-EBT application, you will need your child(ren)'s State Assigned Student ID (SASID) number.

If you have any questions, please contact the Manitou Springs School District at 719-685-2000.

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