

NEW SECTION

WAC 388-437-0020 Availability of pandemic EBT benefits. (1)

Pandemic EBT benefits are available to households that include:

(a) School age children whose schools closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic as described in WAC 388-437-0010 filed under WSR 20-14-030; and

(b) Children regardless of age who:

(i) Would normally receive free or reduced price meals under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act if not for school closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

(ii) Attend a school of early learning that followed school district closure dates of March 16, 2020 through June 19, 2020.

(2) Pandemic EBT benefits as described in subsection (1) of this section and in WAC 388-437-0010 filed under WSR 20-14-030 must be received no later than September 30, 2020, except when reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis by the US department of agriculture's food and nutrition service. Online and paper applications for pandemic EBT will not be accepted after 5:00 p.m. on September 11, 2020. Telephonic applications for pandemic EBT will not be accepted after 3:00 p.m. on September 16, 2020.