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# **Summary**

WAC 388-437-0010 Pandemic EBT Benefits Updated Clarifying Information for P-EBT eligibility. See below for edited text:

## P-EBT Eligibility

Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) Benefits are benefits for households with school age children participating in a Free or Reduced Lunch Program in lieu of meals they would eat at school if not for closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. P-EBT benefits cover school closures effective March 13, 2020 to the end of the academic school year (June 19, 2020). The reimbursement rate is \$5.70 per school day (Monday – Friday) per eligible child in the household.

- Receipt of food assistance is not a requirement for P-EBT eligibility.
- Applicants for P-EBT are not required to:
  - o Participate in an interview
  - o Provide a telephonic signature
  - o Complete an Interactive Interview Declaration
  - Meet citizenship requirements

- A school age child is defined as:
  - o A child 5 (as of October 1, 2019)up to 17 years old; or
  - o A child 18 to 21 attending high school.
- P-EBT applications will not be accepted after September 11, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

**Note:** When processing an application for food assistance, make the household aware of the P-EBT program and use the OSPI Search tool to determine eligibility for P-EBT benefits.