

Novato Unified School District wants to provide you with more info about the additional benefits that will be available for families that are eligible for free or reduced meals at school.

Due to coronavirus (COVID-19), children who are **eligible to receive free or reduced price meals** at school will receive **additional food benefits** called "**Pandemic EBT**" or "**P-EBT benefits**". P-EBT benefits help California families buy food when school is closed.

Attached you will find key info and flyers in English and Spanish. Families can still receive lunches at our schools and receive these benefits. We will be sending this information to all families as it is likely that more people may be eligible today due to our circumstances. The info will also be added to our NUSD COVID-19 Community Resources page and below are some talking points that may be helpful to your families;

- Children who receive during the month of May: Medical, CalFresh, or Foster Care will get benefits. P-EBT cards will be arriving around May 12th through May 22nd
- Families with children **who applied for the first time after schools were closed**; Medical, CalFresh or Foster care, will get their card at a later date that depends on when they were certified for school meals.
- Families with children who are eligible for free and reduced meals whom are not on CalFresh Medical or Foster care must apply online **before June 30th**. The online application will be available in late May via Code for America and will be mobile friendly. **Novato Unified School District share the online application when it becomes available in late May**. In this circumstance, families need to wait until the dates of distribution and apply then.
- The online application must have the current address so that it is mailed to the right place. It is estimated that P-EBT cards will be received 5-10 days from the date of the application.