

# SNAP Information During COVID-19

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**Q: How do I apply for SNAP/Food Stamps?**

- Apply online at [www.benefits.ohio.gov](http://www.benefits.ohio.gov)
- Print the application at [www.benefits.ohio.gov](http://www.benefits.ohio.gov) and return it by mail or at the drop box at your county Department of Job and Family Services office.

**Q: I am on unemployment. Can I still get SNAP?**

A: Yes. Most families who get unemployment benefits will be eligible for SNAP. Last year, many people stopped getting SNAP because of the extra \$600 Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUC) payment that was part of the CARES Act. The law has changed, so that PUC does not count in your SNAP eligibility. PUC is now an extra \$300 weekly payment. If you get PUC, it will not change your SNAP amount. If you lost your SNAP in 2020 because you were getting PUC, you should reapply.

**Q: Will Ohio give people more SNAP to help during the pandemic?**

A: Yes. Everyone who gets SNAP is getting an extra payment each month. This will last until

the end of the pandemic emergency period.

Ohio is paying everyone on SNAP the maximum benefit amount for their household. As long as you are eligible for some amount of SNAP, you will get the maximum amount each month. Also, the maximum monthly amount of SNAP has increased by 15%. This increase will last from January to September 2021. The chart below shows you the amount you will get

Each month, on your load date, you will get your “regular” SNAP payment. This is the amount that JFS approved, based on your household size, income and expenses. Near the end of the month, you will also get a COVID payment. This is the difference between your regular payment and the maximum payment for your household. So, if you are in a household of 3 and you are approved to get \$300 of SNAP each month on your load date, you will get a separate, additional payment of \$316 at the end of each month during the pandemic.

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**Maximum SNAP Benefits**

AG Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Maximum SNAP Amount</b>	\$194	\$355	\$509	\$646	\$768	\$921	\$1,018	\$1,164

**Q: I was told I have to work to get SNAP. Do I still have to?**

A: No. You do not have to participate in work or job-training programs for SNAP during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Q: Can I use my SNAP benefits to shop online?**

A: Maybe. Aldi, Walmart and Kroger stores have a service where you can choose your groceries online, and pay for them with your EBT card when you pick them up in the store's parking lot. Check your store's website or call them to see if they allow EBT payment for this service – not all stores do.

You may also be able to use your EBT card online and have groceries delivered to your house through Walmart, Amazon and Aldi (through Instacart). Some of these options have minimum purchase amounts, or fees for delivery. You cannot pay for a delivery fee or service fee with your EBT card. If you want to use this option, you will have to have another card to pay for any delivery or service fees.

**Q: When my children are in school, and they usually get free breakfast and lunch. Can they still get those meals?**

A: Maybe. Some schools and organizations have grab-and-go meals available for students who are missing meals. You may also be able to get money for meals for your children through Pandemic EBT (P-EBT). For more information, please see our information on P-EBT or go to the following website: <http://ohiopebt.org/>.

If you have questions or need legal assistance, please call the  
Legal Aid line at **(513) 241-9400**