

## Hunger: Action Alert & Pandemic EBT

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Dear faithful advocates,

As the U.S. Senate discusses the proposed House version of the new Stimulus Bill, please consider calling Senator Ron Johnson and Senator Tammy Baldwin; in Michigan, Senator Gary Peters and Senator Debbie Stabenow. Whichever state you are from you can call this number: 202-224-3121

For tips on what to say, please listen to **ELCA Program Director of Domestic Policy John Johnson's** extremely helpful comments about the Stimulus Bill and SNAP starting at 10 minutes: **John's Talk:** [Video](#)

Also please listen to Greater Milwaukee Synod Bishop Paul Erickson's concise inspirational message being sent to WI Senators. **Bishop Erickson's Talk:** [Video](#)

You can also get ideas from this former but still active action alert and/or simply send the alert: [Critical New Stimulus Bill](#)

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**The Pandemic EBT for families who would have received free/reduced-price school meals before the schools closed.**

**Thank you to the Maureen Fitzgerald, Hunger Task Force Director of Advocacy for this message and information about their their webinars to offer families guidance:**

"Wisconsin was approved to provide Pandemic EBT to families who would have received free/reduced-price school meals before the schools closed. This is a great program for families, but many families are having difficulty accessing this program. Right now, **the deadline for this program is June 30.** We need your help to connect eligible families to this benefit. Below, I am providing a quick explanation of the program and some helpful links. Because so many of the families that we work with are having difficulty accessing this program, we are hosting a webinar every Thursday in June. I've attached a flyer with details. This Friday we will be hosting a P-EBT webinar in Spanish. Please share with your networks. Thank you!" Flyer in English: [June P-EBT Webinar Invitation to Register \(1\)](#)  
Spanish [Spanish P-EBT webinar flyer](#)

"Here is information I provide to families who email me about this program:

All Wisconsin children who receive free/reduced price school meals qualify for a new EBT program.

If your child's school uses the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and your child/children would have received free/reduced price lunch if school were open, they qualify for Pandemic EBT. The total benefit amount for March/April is \$176.70 for each child who gets free or reduced-price school meals. The total benefit amount for May /June is \$148.20 for each child who gets free or reduced-price school meals. All children get the same amount. You may get these benefits at different times for each child. You may also need to apply for the benefits for one child and not another based upon the data the state uses.

You can receive this benefit even if you've been getting picking up grab-n-go lunches for your children since school closed.

If you don't receive FoodShare or any other program, but your child/children received free/reduced-price meals at school, you do have to apply. You can apply here: [https://access.wi.gov/s/pebt?language=en\\_US](https://access.wi.gov/s/pebt?language=en_US)

If you have problems, you can email DHS at: [dhsfoodsharepolicy@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:dhsfoodsharepolicy@dhs.wisconsin.gov) (Feel free to cc me, if you like). Here is what you should include if you email them:

Parent / Guardian Full Name  
Case Number if you have one (FoodShare / BadgerCare)  
Name and Date of Birth for Each Child  
School for each child  
Questions / Issues

If you believe your child has been wrongfully denied benefits, you are entitled to a fair hearing. Find the fair hearing forms here: <https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/LicensesHearings/DHAWFSRequestingaHearing.aspx>"

Thank you for your advocacy!

Peace and be well,

Team LOPPW



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