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# CalFresh Response to COVID-19

Apply in Ventura County at [www.mybenefitscalwin.org](http://www.mybenefitscalwin.org) or call (888) 472-4463

## CalFresh Food Benefits

CalFresh food benefits are available to individuals and families who have been impacted by COVID-19. CalFresh provides monthly food benefits based on household income and expenses at the time of application. Even if temporary, individuals and families who have experienced a change in their circumstances may apply for CalFresh in Ventura County online at [www.mybenefitscalwin.org](http://www.mybenefitscalwin.org) or by calling (888) 472-4463.

As part of the CalFresh COVID-19 response, we have enacted several measures to ensure individuals and families are able to continue meeting their nutritional needs: additional food benefits, administrative flexibilities, and emergency food support.

## Additional Food Benefits

### Emergency CalFresh Allotments

Existing CalFresh recipients will receive a supplemental payment to bring their benefits up to the maximum amount based on household size. Households already at the maximum will not receive an emergency allotment. Emergency allotments were issued on April 12 and May 10, 2020. **The May benefit will be issued on Sunday, June 14, 2020.**

### Pandemic EBT (P-EBT)

Families with children eligible for free or reduced-price meals whose school facilities are closed will be eligible to receive P-EBT benefits. These benefits will be issued automatically on new P-EBT cards to be used to buy groceries, just like CalFresh food benefits. Eligible families who don't receive a card by mail must apply online by June 30, 2020, at [ca.p-ebt.org](http://ca.p-ebt.org).

## Administrative Flexibilities

### Report Waiver & Extended Certification Periods

Existing CalFresh recipients do not need to complete their March, April, or May periodic renewal to continue receiving benefits.

### Interview Waiver

New CalFresh applicants do not need to complete an interview if they provide identity verification and other required proof, including proof of earnings if applicable, with their application.

### Telephonic Signature

CalFresh has been granted flexibility to more easily accept signatures from CalFresh applicants over the phone.

### EBT Online Purchasing Statewide

CalFresh recipients are now allowed to use their EBT cards to make online purchases and request grocery delivery at approved retailers statewide (currently Amazon and Walmart).

## Emergency Food

**Emergency Food** resources are available at local food banks and pantries throughout California. Find a food bank near you at [www.cafoodbanks.org/find-food-bank](http://www.cafoodbanks.org/find-food-bank).

**State-funded food boxes** are being provided to feed more than 900,000 families statewide in April and May and are available for pickup at any of CDSS' contracted food bank providers

**Federally Funded Emergency Food** - California's Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) providers will receive additional federal funding to support operators, including an immediate \$512M in additional administrative support funding estimated in total - \$54M for California's food banks.

