



COMMUNITY RESOURCE NEWSLETTER

Week of June 29 - July 5

Have an update for next week's newsletter?

Email communityresources@oppco.org by 7/9 at 12 PM

Helpful Resources

Community Resource Center

Available by phone M-F, 9 AM-4:30 PM
360-734-5121 ext. 0

Community Resources During COVID-19

whatcomabc.org/covid-19

Food and Meal Guide

whatcomabc.org/food-access

P-EBT BENEFITS



Pandemic EBT (P-EBT): Emergency School Meals Program
Get help buying groceries while schools are closed

Does your child receive free or reduced-price school meals or does your child's school provide all meals free?

YES

NO

Do you receive Basic Food benefits?

YES

NO

You will automatically receive P-EBT on your EBT Card. Benefits will be added to your EBT card by June 30.

You need to apply for P-EBT by visiting WashingtonConnection.org or by calling 877-501-2233.

Your EBT card will arrive in the mail within 10 days of applying (application will open by June 30).

Call your local school to apply for free/reduced-price school meals and then apply for P-EBT

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students going to a K-12 school that offers a school lunch program during the school year; AND

- Is eligible for free or reduced-price school meals; OR
- Is attending a school where meals are free for all students

CAN IMMIGRANT HOUSEHOLDS APPLY?

Yes. Using P-EBT benefits does not count as a public charge. P-EBT does not change a parent or child's immigration status. P-EBT replaces school meals and are for all families that receive free and reduced-price school meals.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT?

For children who received free or reduced-price meals when schools closed in March, each family will get \$399 per child. For families that enrolled in Basic Food or applied for school meal benefits after schools closed, each child will get less than that. The value depends on when you applied for food assistance.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Applications for P-EBT must be completed by August 31st or before the start of the 2020-2021 school year-whichever is later.
- If you need help understanding your eligibility or how to apply for benefits, see the Frequently Asked Questions at k12.wa.us/PEBT or call Department of Social and Health Services at 877-501-2233.

Your benefits card will look like this:



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

P-EBT benefits have been distributed to families who receive EBT benefits and free/reduced-price school meals. Online application available through [Washington Connection](http://WashingtonConnection.org). Households not yet receiving EBT benefits can call Opportunity Council to apply

NEW THIS WEEK

New or updated resources and services

- [Opportunity Council's teleservice and mobile charging booth now open](#)
- [Free masks available for eligible Whatcom residents](#)

COVID-19 Resources

Unified Command
whatcomcovid.com

Whatcom County Health Department
whatcomcounty.us

COVID-19 Vital Information in 36 Languages
informingfamilies.org

Contact

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COMMUNITY NEWS BULLETINS

- [This Fourth of July - Celebrate Small, Celebrate Safely](#)
- [Opportunity Council will be closed 7/3 in observation of Independence Day.](#)

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

Washington State Food Security Survey
[Details here](#)

Whatcom Dream Spanish Financial Literacy Class (Zoom)
[Spanish Flyer](#)

WTA Survey
Available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Russian](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Northwest Regional Council
[Case Manager](#)

Opportunity Council
[Information and Referral Specialist](#)



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