

# Safe Schools Reopening Survey Updates

As the 2020-2021 school year comes to a close, the statewide data collection process around LEA instructional modes will be shifting to address some high priority needs.

1. **BEGINNING IN JUNE**, the **ongoing AB 86 survey (school instructional modes)** will include student enrollment counts by school for various summer programs offered by LEAs. As mandated by [Assembly Bill 86](#), LEAs will need to continue submitting this survey even if they are not offering summer programs.
2. **ON MAY 24**, all sites participating in the federal School Breakfast Program (SBP) or National School Lunch Program (NSLP) will need to complete the **Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) survey**, in addition to the ongoing AB 86 survey (school instructional modes). This will be a one-time collection of data to report on the primary mode of instruction by month across the 2020-21 SY and must be submitted by June 4.

P-EBT provides additional food benefits to school age children (TK to 22 years) eligible for free or reduced-price school meals who may not have received access to those meals due to COVID-19 related changes in school instructional modes. P-EBT benefits are significant – up to \$123 per month per eligible child. We estimate that California has the opportunity to issue nearly \$5 billion dollars in additional food benefits. These additional food benefits play an essential role in ensuring the food security of eligible children and their families.

To issue P-EBT benefits for the 2020-21 SY, California is required to collect school-level information regarding the most commonly elected instruction model (i.e. distance, hybrid, or in-person) for each month of the school year, which will be used to determine P-EBT benefit amounts. This self-reported data will ONLY be used for P-EBT purposes and will not be shared with entities not directly involved in the administration of P-EBT. More about the survey requirements can be found on the updated [FAQ page](#).

## P-EBT BENEFITS & ELIGIBILITY (FOR NSLP & SBP SCHOOLS)

P-EBT eligible students include those who during SY 2020-21 were:

1. Enrolled in a school participating in the federal School Breakfast or National School Lunch Programs; and
2. Eligible for free or reduced-price school meals; and
3. Assumed to be attending school via distance learning at least some days of the week.

Students eligible for free or reduced-price meals and attending schools reporting:

- **Distance learning** as the most commonly elected model in a given month will receive \$123 in P-EBT food benefits for that month
- **Hybrid instruction** as the most commonly elected model in a given month will receive \$68 in P-EBT food benefits for that month

## RESOURCES

- [Slides from Office Hours \(5/19\)](#)
- [Statewide Dashboard FAQs \(updated!\)](#)
- [Overview of Registration Process](#)
- [Statewide Dashboard Resources](#)
- [CA Safe Schools for All Hub](#)

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Contact the [CA Safe Schools Support Help Desk](#) or check the [updated FAQs](#) for responses to commonly asked questions.

If you have not yet registered to submit your survey information, please click [here](#) for information on how to register.