

Dear Families,

During this pandemic, we know that many families have been negatively impacted in different ways. We wanted to be sure that all families are aware of some important resources in our community.

1. **Pandemic-EBT Card:** Eligible families can receive funds on an EBT card (like a pre-paid gift card) which can be used to purchase food while schools are closed. Pandemic – Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) is a crisis response nutrition program that has been activated as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
How to apply online: The online application is easy to complete and is the quickest and most efficient way for you to confirm your eligibility and to enroll your student(s).
How to call for assistance: Please leave a message at 617-559-9038 with return phone # and a representative will reach out to assist you in completing an application. Additional information on P-EBT can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/pandemic-ebt-p-ebt>
THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR P-EBT BENEFITS IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th
2. **Grab and Go Meals-** Monday-Friday from 10am-noon, children and adults can pick up a “grab & go” bag containing breakfast and lunch from one of these locations: Newton North (theater entrance), Newton South (front entrance) and 150 Jackson Rd. (parking lot).
3. **SNAP Program-** Do you need help buying fresh nutritious foods? You may be eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), also known as food stamps. Apply online here. or Call 877-382-2363. Emergency SNAP benefits are for recipients who need food within 7 days. Click here for an informational video on how to apply for SNAP

These are just a few of the resources available for Newton residents. To find out more, or to talk to your child’s school social worker, or call 617-559-6021.