

Extra SNAP (Food Stamps) Benefits during COVID-19



WHAT?

- Extra SNAP benefits will be paid to eligible Texans for April and May 2020

WHO?

- Anyone **getting** SNAP benefits currently
- Anyone who applies now **and** is eligible for SNAP benefits
- Anyone who was denied or had SNAP benefits stopped before COVID-19, **apply again now**. You may be eligible now, because some rules don't apply.

HOW MUCH WILL MY FAMILY GET?

- Every eligible household will receive the maximum amount of SNAP benefit for their household size
- So, if you are getting less than the maximum amount, you will get an **extra amount** to raise you to the maximum total for your household size
- Look at the **chart** below for your household size, **SNAP Maximum Allotments**- it tells you the total amount you should get

HOW DO WE GET THE EXTRA AMOUNT?

- If you currently receive SNAP benefits, you **don't** need to do anything
 - The extra amount will be put in your SNAP account by April 15, and then again by May 15
- If you aren't getting SNAP currently, **apply now**
 - Call **2-1-1** -OR- apply online at www.yourtexasbenefits.com

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Some Rules Still Apply

- Household income limits -- look at the chart below, **SNAP--Gross Income Limits**
- Resource/asset and some other rules still apply

Other Rules DON'T Apply

- Work and job search requirements **don't** count right now, due to COVID-19.
- **Apply again now** if you were denied or your SNAP benefits stopped because:
 - TWC said you weren't eligible for any reason,
 - You didn't have paperwork related to work,
 - You weren't working enough hours, **OR**
 - Your SNAP benefits stopped after 3 months because of work requirements

Also Good to Know:

- You **don't** have to send your SNAP renewal packet to HHS for March, April , or May 2020
 - ✓ HHS will renew your case automatically for 6 months to September, October, or November
 - ✓ HHS will contact you when renewals start up again
- If you receive a "stimulus" check or payment from the IRS, it **won't** count as income for SNAP.

Need Help or Legal Advice?

- Find **free**, reliable resources on: www.texaslawhelp.org
- Locate **agencies** here: <https://texaslawhelp.org/legal-help/legal-help-finder>

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SNAP MAXIMUM ALLOTMENTS = (actual allotments for April & May 2020)	
Family Size	Amount
1	\$194
2	\$355
3	\$509
4	\$646
5	\$768
6	\$921
7	\$1018
8	\$1163
9	\$1310
10	\$1456

SNAP – GROSS INCOME LIMITS

*****SNAP Maximum Income Limits Effective Oct. 1, 2019**

Household Size	Gross (130%)	165%*
1	\$1,354	\$1,718
2	\$1,832	\$2,326
3	\$2,311	\$2,933
4	\$2,790	\$3,541
5	\$3,269	\$4,149
6	\$3,748	\$4,757
7	\$4,227	\$5,364
8	\$4,705	\$5,972
9	\$5,184	\$6,580
10	\$5,663	\$7,188
Each additional person	\$479	\$608

*elderly or disabled person in household

SOURCES OF THE LAW:

TEXAS WORKS HANDBOOK

<https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/twh/texas-works-handbook>

BULLETIN 20-07 re COVID SNAP https://hhs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/laws-regulations/handbooks/twh/bulletins/04-08-20_20-07.pdf