

Twice-Weekly COVID-19 Check-In Meetings



Tuesday, June 9, 2020

WELCOME!!!!

Schedule:

Tuesday's (General) & Friday's (Contractor Focus), 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Updates

WSDA Emergency Management Update: Randy & Erin
Governor's Office Update: Katie Rains
OSPI Update Pandemic-EBT & Summer Sites – Bianca Smith
Pet Food Update: Dr. Minden Buswell

FA Updates

General Updates; SFY20 Closeout June 30, 2020; Future Investments; Food Purchasing options outside of the pilots (AMI & Charlie's Produce); TEFAP Income Eligibility Guidelines Increasing

Q&A

Questions and Clarifications – YOUR Time

Next Mtg.

Friday, June 12th 9:00 am – Contractor Focus

EFAP & EFAP COVID-19 & EFAP CARES Stabilization Funding Spend Down – June 30th Deadline

Make sure to spend down all regular EFAP funding by June 30, 2020:

- Goods & services (food, supplies, equipment) must be received by June 30, 2020
- Report clients served each month
- Monthly invoice is due to WSDA by the 20th of the month following services

Make sure to spend down or obligate EFAP COVID-19 & EFAP CARES Stabilization funding by June 30, 2020:

- Goods & services (food, supplies, equipment) must be purchased by June 30, 2020
 - May be received after June 30th but no later than October 31, 2020
- Monthly invoice is due to WSDA by the 20th of the month following services

Contractors please contact us ASAP if you will NOT be able to spend down/obligate funding by June 30, 2020

Reminder:

- Change to food purchases and pounds of food distributed reporting:
 - Include purchases made with EFAP, EFAP-COVID-19, and EFAP CARES Stabilization funding as a combined total on your regular EFAP invoice
 - Same for pounds of food distributed, include pounds distributed for EFAP, EFAP-COVID-19, and EFAP CARES Stabilization funding as a combined total on your regular EFAP invoice

What's Next: Reallocation & Amendment Process

- **FA Regional Reps will send you current fund balances AND the new dollar amounts today and Monday**
 - Notify us ASAP if you won't be able to spend down your funding by June 30, 2020
 - Exception EFAP COVID-19 & EFAP CARES Stabilization – food, supplies, and equipment receipt may be extended as long as it is purchased by June 30, 2020 but received no later than October 31, 2020
 - Notify us ASAP if you need additional funding to cover expenses through June 30, 2020
 - Monthly invoices are due to WSDA by the 20th of the month following services
- **We will reallocate funding and adjust contractor allocations based on your input regarding what you can spend down/obligate by June 30, 2020**
 - This needs to be accomplished by **JUNE 12, 2020** (this Friday) or sooner!
- **Amendments will be sent to you starting **JUNE 16, 2020****

Reminder:

- If you have previously unclaimed expenses then you may make adjustments to your invoices
 - Regular EFAP is retro-active to July 1, 2019 (Check with your fiscal department)
 - EFAP COVID-19 & EFAP CARES Stabilization are retro-active to April 1, 2020

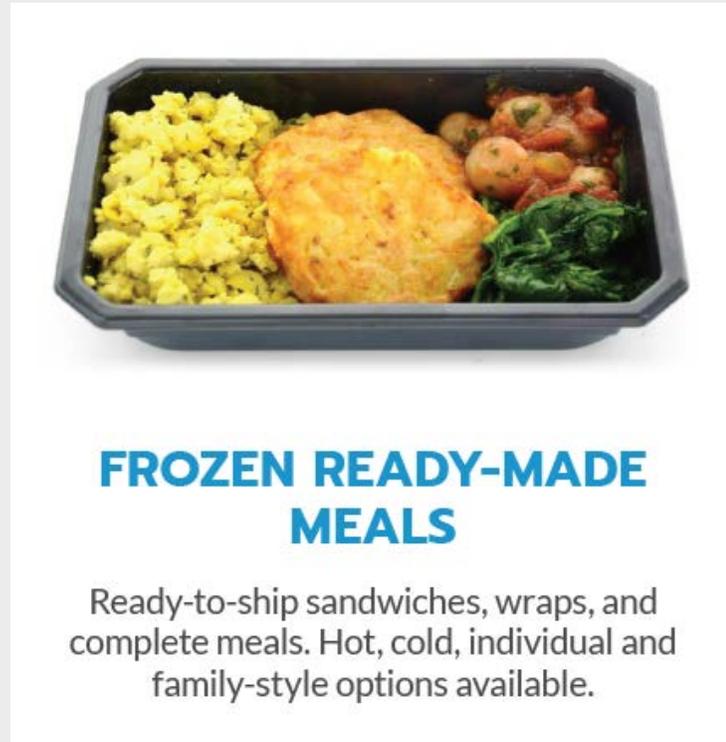


Food Purchasing AMI “Airline Meals” & More

- **Successful pilot with WSDA Food Assistance – positive experience & clients liked the food...a lot!**
- **If you are interested in exploring food purchasing options with AMI (using your own funding/not part of the pilot) then please contact:**



AMI (IDA Foods LLC.)
George Horvat
Cell: 214-206-5708
Email: ghorvat@amigrp.com



FROZEN READY-MADE MEALS

Ready-to-ship sandwiches, wraps, and complete meals. Hot, cold, individual and family-style options available.

- **Here are a few things they offer – see brochure:**
 - A variety of products mostly cold and frozen but also other options
 - Minimum orders apply – usually 1 pallet or (2500 meals)
 - Delivery fees apply
 - A version of the “emergency food box” – all shelf-stable

Food Purchasing Charlie's Produce "Fresh Boxes"

- **Successful Ongoing Pilot with WSDA Food Assistance – great feedback from participants & food is wonderfully fresh & often local, depending on the season.**
- **If you are interested in exploring food purchasing options with Charlie's Produce (using your funding/not part of the pilot) then please contact:**



Charlie's Produce
Shawn Garner
Cell: 206-471-2600
Email: ShawnG@charliesproduce.com

- **Here are a few things to know:**
 - Charlie's has generously agreed to honor the pilot fresh box price of \$20.00 per box (includes delivery)
 - Average box is 14-15 pounds – mix of fresh fruits & vegie's (often from local farms)
 - Plan/order in advance so they can have the opportunity to meet your needs (some production limits)
 - Logistics – they will try to accommodate preferred delivery schedules



Photo: Community Action of Skagit County

NEW TEFAP Income Guidelines – July 1, 2020

- **TEFAP Income Eligibility Guidelines are currently at 185% of the poverty rate**
 - Proposal to increase the current TEFAP Income Guidelines – deferred to workgroup
 - The FA Advisory Committee and stakeholders (the workgroup) met to review income guideline proposals
 - Data was reviewed that supported raising income guidelines to 400% - Healthy Food Availability & Food Bank Network Report (February 2019)
https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/CityAuditor/auditreports/030519%20Corrected%20Healthy%20Food%20Availability%20Food%20Bank%20Network%20Report_FINAL.pdf
 - Thoughtful discussion resulted in the decision to raise the TEFAP Income Guidelines to 400% effective July 1, 2020
 - Also discussed the desire to change TEFAP regulations to include NO Income Guideline requirements – needs change in federal law
- **Effective July 1, 2020, TEFAP Income Eligibility Guidelines will be at 400% of the poverty rate**
 - Food Assistance will submit a revised TEFAP State Plan to USDA
 - New TEFAP Income Guidelines should be available by July 1, 2020

TEFAP Income Guidelines – 400% (Effective 7/1/20)

Household #	Annual	Monthly	Twice	Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$51,040	\$4,253	\$2,127	\$1,963	\$982
2	\$68,960	\$5,747	\$2,873	\$2,652	\$1,326
3	\$86,880	\$7,240	\$3,620	\$3,342	\$1,671
4	\$104,800	\$8,733	\$4,367	\$4,031	\$2,015
5	\$122,720	\$10,227	\$5,113	\$4,720	\$2,360
6	\$140,640	\$11,720	\$5,860	\$5,409	\$2,705
7	\$158,560	\$13,213	\$6,607	\$6,098	\$3,049
8	\$176,480	\$14,707	\$7,353	\$6,788	\$3,394
For each additional family member, add	\$17,920	\$1,493	\$747	\$689	\$345

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Be Flexible

Situations Change

Change is Inevitable

Goals Remain Steady



NEVER GIVE UP

"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

- Michael Jordan

Changing Landscape

Adapt and Overcome

Intro to Pandemic EBT (P-EBT)

Bianca Smith, MDA, RD

Nutrition Specialist

OSPI Child Nutrition Services



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Child Nutrition

What is P-EBT?

- Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) Emergency School Meals Program
- Makes up for cost of meals children missed while schools have been closed due to COVID-19
- P-EBT benefits help families in Washington buy food
- Benefits will be distributed on EBT cards – used like debit card

Who can get P-EBT benefits?

- Students enrolled in a K-12 school that participates in the National School Lunch Program during the school year; AND
 - Is eligible for free or reduced-price school meals; OR
 - Is attending a school where all meals are free for all students (CEP or Provision 2 for breakfast AND lunch)
- Only children ages 5 through 18

Who can get P-EBT benefits?

- Can immigrant families participate?
 - Yes!
 - P-EBT does not count as a public charge
 - This is the **ONLY** financial assistance program currently available to immigrant families in WA that is not a public charge
 - Please work with your migrant program/ELL coordinators in your district to ensure immigrant families get information about P-EBT

Who can get P-EBT benefits?

- Example: In a household with three children:
 - One child is age 4 participating in ECEAP at an NSLP K-12 school
 - One child is age 6 and attends a K-12 school participating in NSLP
 - One child is age 13 and attends a K-12 school participating in NSLP
 - All are eligible for reduced-price school meals
- This family could receive benefits for two children in their household (one child is under 5 years old)

How much money are the benefits?

- Benefits equal to \$5.70 for each day, on average schools were closed due to COVID-19 in WA
 - March 13 – June 19
 - Equals maximum benefit of **\$399 per eligible child** in each household

Can Families Receiving P-EBT Still Participate in Other Food/Meal Programs?

- Yes!
- They can still participate in school or community site meal programs or other food assistance programs
- This is an additional benefit not a replacement

How do families get the benefits?

- If approved for Basic Food:
 - Benefits will automatically be added to their existing EBT card by end of June
 - They **do not** need to apply for P-EBT

How do families get the benefits?

- If not approved for Basic Food but eligible for free or reduced-price school meals:
 - Need to apply for P-EBT before August 31st or before start of school year (whichever is later)
 - **Application opens by June 30th** at [WashingtonConnection.org](https://www.WashingtonConnection.org)

How do families get the benefits?

- What if a family has lost income since school closed and they may now be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals—can they still apply for P-EBT and get benefits?
 - Yes!

What can benefits be used for?

- To buy **food** at most grocery stores, convenience stores, farmer's markets, and online through Amazon and Walmart
- Cannot be used for:
 - Alcoholic beverages
 - Non-food items (i.e. household supplies, toiletry items)
 - Pre-cooked hot foods
 - Vitamins and medicines

Website (for families/public)

k12.wa.us/pebt

What is Pandemic EBT?

Get help buying groceries while schools are closed



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Due to COVID-19 school closures, families may be eligible to get help with food benefits. These food benefits are called Pandemic EBT Emergency School Meals Program or P-EBT. Find out more below.



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?



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

Communications Tools

- Flyer for families
- FAQs
- Social media
- Communications Toolkit for Schools

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 → Do you receive Basic Food benefits?
YES → You will automatically receive P-EBT on your EBT Card. Benefits will be added to your EBT card by June 30.
NO → 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).

NO → 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:

Washington QUEST
5077 1012 3456 7890
JOHN P CARDHOLDER

Washington State
Department of Social & Health Services
Transforming lives

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This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Questions?

Schools/Community Partners:

Bianca Smith

360-742-4175

Or email

bianca.smith@k12.wa.us

Families:

DSHS Customer Service Team

877-501-2233



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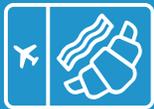
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Solution

FUELING THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

Using our experience in the air
to help those on the ground.

EXPERTISE THREE DECADES IN THE MAKING

For more than 30 years, AMI has been providing high-quality, cost effective meals to many of the world's largest airlines. Across the globe, we have successfully delivered the results our customers demand - at a cost that fits their bottom line.



More than
**50 MILLION
MEALS**
prepared and delivered in 2019

SETTING A NEW COURSE

Now, AMI is offering our expertise to aid charitable organizations and government agencies in their fight against hunger. Despite shortages caused by the pandemic, our buying power and reliable supply chain allow us to provide cost-effective meals, grocery staples and fully packed pantry boxes to those who need it most.

HELPING SERVE THOSE IN NEED

AMI has already partnered with large and small organizations - from producing more than 100,000 pantry boxes for the Salvation Army, to delivering frozen meals to a Minnesota senior care organization.



The feedback on the AMI frozen meals was excellent! People thought the variety, flavor, and ease of use were a perfect fit for our relief efforts.

Peny Archer, Moses Lake Food Bank, Washington State





FROZEN READY-MADE MEALS

Ready-to-ship sandwiches, wraps, and complete meals. Hot, cold, individual and family-style options available.



NON-PERISHABLE PANTRY BOX

Sourcing, packing, and delivering canned and dry goods to supplement your current network capabilities.



AMBIENT SNACKS

A wide variety of shelf-stable snacks perfect for first responders, relief volunteers, healthcare workers, and more. Offerings are individually packaged for added safety in high risk situations.



LONG-TERM SUPPLY SOLUTIONS

Custom programs developed with our manufacturing partners to bridge gaps in your food bank supply chain.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

If you're interested in learning how AMI can help your organization, contact George Horvat, (214) 206 5708.