

To all SFAs participating in the NSLP:

The MS Department of Human Services (MDHS) administers the P-EBT plan for Mississippi. Earlier this year MDE shared SY 2019-2020 MSIS data with MDHS. This included F/R status for students in MSIS as of October. MDE does not have student data after that date. However, students who were eligible for F/R meals after that date are also eligible for P-EBT.

Recently MDHS has requested data from SFAs/school districts related to the P-EBT program. Specifically, MDHS is requesting information regarding students who became eligible after the MSIS "snapshot". It is allowable for SFAs to share information with MDHS, see below. This information is critical for the issuance of P-EBT benefits and you are encouraged to do so. Also, MDHS should provide you with a secure method to report this confidential data.

*Section 1101(e) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act:*

*(e) Release Of Information.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Agriculture may authorize State educational agencies and school food authorities administering a school lunch program under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act ([42 U.S.C. 1751](#) et seq.) to release to appropriate officials administering the supplemental nutrition assistance program such information as may be necessary to carry out this section.*

You may receive communications from these contacts at MDHS:

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Any parent questions should be directed to MDHS as the MDE and OCN do not administer the program: [PEBT@mdhs.ms.gov](mailto:PEBT@mdhs.ms.gov)

Thank you for your assistance in this important project,  
Scott

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