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Other ODJFS Programs (provided by ODJFS)

SNAP/TANF

- To ensure county agencies can address local needs, on March 20th, ODJFS redirected the \$10 million that had originally been allocated for TANF Summer Youth Employment and is allowing county JFS agencies to use it for a broadened scope of services. For example, county agencies could provide special pandemic payments to eligible families who are struggling with specific needs.
- Curbside Pickup: Grocery stores and other retailers can now offer online “click and collect” grocery shopping and curbside pickup for families. If grocery stores have wireless mobile point-of-sale (POS) devices, they can swipe recipients’ EBT cards at curbside. If they do not have mobile POS devices, recipients still can order food in advance and go into the store to pay and pick up their groceries. Retailers also have the option to process manual vouchers at curbside. Grocers cannot accept the EBT card number over the phone. <http://jfs.ohio.gov/RELEASES/pdf/040120-Cick-and-Collect.stm>
- The Families First Act also provides supplemental funding and/or flexibilities for several food assistance programs, including funding for foodbanks and emergency SNAP assistance for households with children who are missing free or reduced-price meals at school because of coronavirus-related school closings.
- 5/13/2020 – ODJFS recently announced – “About 850,000 Ohio children who receive free or reduced-price meals at school will soon receive money to buy food through the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) announced today. This funding was made possible by the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act. ODJFS worked with the Ohio Department of Education to submit Ohio’s plan, which just received federal approval.” For more information please visit - <http://jfs.ohio.gov/RELEASES/pdf/051220-Pandemic-EBT-Benefits-to-Support-Children.stm>
- On April 7, 2020 ODJFS announced that, “Ohioans enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will soon receive additional support to help them during the pandemic.” For more information: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/RELEASES/pdf/040720-Ohioans-Receiving-Food-Assistance-Receive-Extra-Support.stm>
- On June 3, 2020 ODJFS announced - “Ohioans who are eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can now use their Ohio Direction cards to purchase food online through Walmart and Amazon, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) announced today.” For more information: <https://jfs.ohio.gov/RELEASES/pdf/060320-SNAP-online-purchasing-avl.stm>

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For more information and to apply for SNAP please visit: <https://benefits.ohio.gov/> or <https://jfs.ohio.gov/ofam/index.stm>