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Missouri gets P-SNAP approval to maximize February SNAP/Food Stamp benefits

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – Missouri received approval from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food, and Nutrition Service (FNS) to provide Pandemic Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (P-SNAP) or Food Stamp benefits for the month of February. The February P-SNAP benefit amount for each household is the maximized SNAP benefit for the household's size and includes a 15 percent increase every Missouri household will receive now through June, thanks to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. The chart below shows the **new maximum monthly SNAP amount (https://dssmanuals.mo.gov/food-stamps/1115-099-00/)**.

Maximum Monthly SNAP Benefit January 1-June 30, 2021	
Household Size	Maximum Benefit
1	$234
2	$430
3	$616
4	$782
5	$929
6	$1,114
7	$1,232
8	$1,408
Add $176 for each additional person	

"The continuation of P-SNAP is very important for Missouri's SNAP," said **Jennifer Tidball, Acting Director, Department of Social Services**. "To help keep families safe in the months ahead, SNAP

participants also have the option to use their EBT card to purchase groceries online. Missourians receiving SNAP benefits can use **an EBT card to purchase groceries online (https://mydss.mo.gov/covid-food-stamp-info#BuyingGroceriesOnlinewithYourEBTCard)** at ALDI, Amazon, Walmart, and Woods Supermarket."

Although the Family Support Division suspended **SNAP recertification interviews through June 2021 (https://dss.mo.gov/press/12-23-2020-snap-recertification-interviews.htm)**, new SNAP applicants are required to do an interview. Missouri households that have an income above the maximum limit, or an able-bodied adult without a dependent who has any change in their circumstance need to report that information to the Family Support Division.

The **Missouri Services Navigator (https://mo.servicesnavigator.org/s4s/WhereILive/Council?pageId=1&lockla=true)** has information on over 2,800 programs and services available in the state. Missourians in need of information on Food Stamp, Medicaid, Child Care Subsidy, LIHEAP, or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit programs can visit **dss.mo.gov (https://dss.mo.gov/)**. Missourians can also apply for those services 24/7 online by visiting **MyDSS.mo.gov (https://mydss.mo.gov/)**, or sending completed applications and verification documents by email to **FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov (mailto:FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov)**, or by fax to 573-526-9400. Missourians who have questions not specific to an individual's case can use the **DSS Virtual Assistant (https://info.mo.gov/dss/chatbot/)** to get immediate answers to basic questions 24 hours a day. Phone assistance is also available Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; call 855-FSD-INFO or 855-373-4636.

The Department of Social Services is committed to the **"Show Me Strong" Recovery Plan (https://showmestrong.mo.gov/)** and serving the needs of Missouri citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic. **SkillUp (https://mydss.mo.gov/food-assistance/missouri-employment-training-program)** and **Missouri Work Assistance (MWA) (https://mydss.mo.gov/missouri-work-assistance)** are free programs available to all Food Stamp/SNAP and TA recipients that help low-income Missourians with career planning, overcoming challenges to work, as well as getting and keeping a job. Information regarding the department's response to the pandemic is available online **https://dss.mo.gov/covid-19 (https://dss.mo.gov/covid-19)**.

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