



SNAP FORMERLY KNOWN AS FOOD STAMPS & COVID-19



TEMPORARY CHANGES IN SNAP BENEFITS

- **Kentucky received an emergency allotment waiver.** This means that for the months of **April and May 2020**, every recipient of SNAP benefits in Kentucky will receive the maximum allotment. Currently the allotment is **\$194/month for a single person, \$355/month for a couple, and \$646/month for a family of four.**
- **Kentucky has extended the eligibility period for public assistance programs, including SNAP, for three months.** Certifications will automatically be extended three months from the original expiration date for recipients. This prevents needing to reapply for benefits or re-certify during the next few months of the covid-19 pandemic.
- **Kentucky was approved to be added to the new SNAP Online Pilot Program by the US Secretary of Agriculture.** The program is aimed at allowing states to speed up the implementation of online purchasing with SNAP online retailers. (Walmart; Amazon). **Recipients can use their EBT cards to purchase grocery/food items from participating online retailers.**

Important: Even though households will temporarily receive the maximum benefits, recipients must still report any changes in household income or changes in the number of household members. Failure to do so could result in program violations and/or overpayments.



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