Emergency SNAP Allotments

What you need to know - April & May 2020

The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) is issuing emergency SNAP (Food Stamps/LINK) supplements to more than 450,000 SNAP households during the months of April and May to help buy food during the pandemic crisis. This emergency allotment is part of the provisions approved by Congress response to the COVID-19 pandemic under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

Who will get extra SNAP Benefits?

If your monthly SNAP benefit is less than the maximum SNAP for your household, you will get a supplemental benefit up to the maximum SNAP grant for April and May 2020. If you already get the maximum SNAP benefit, you **will not** receive additional SNAP benefits.

Household Size	Maximum SNAP $
1	$194
2	$355
3	$509
4	$646
5	$768
6	$921
7	$1,018
Additional members	+ $146

Examples:

- Family A typically receives $200/mo in SNAP for 1 adult and 2 children. **Family A will receive an additional $309/mo to boost them up to $509/mo - the maximum for a family of 3.**

- Family B typically receives $509/mo in SNAP for 1 adult and 2 children. **Family B will NOT receive any additional SNAP since they are already receiving the maximum for a family of 3.**

- Individual C typically recieves $16/mo in SNAP. **Individual C will receive an additional $178/mo to boost them up to $194/mo - the maximum for an individual.**

- Individual D typically receives $194/mo in SNAP. **Individual D will NOT receive any additional SNAP since they are already receivng the maximum amount for an individual.**

If I quailify for extra SNAP, when will I get it?

April 2020 emergency allotments will be made available to active SNAP households between April 8th and April 20th, 2020.

May 2020 emergency allotments will be made available to active SNAP households on the date they normally receive benefits.

How can I learn about my SNAP Benefits?

SNAP households will not be sent a client notice to inform them of the supplements. Check your balance and your monthly SNAP benefit amount by calling the Illinois Link Help Line at 1-800-678-LINK (5465).

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What if I need help grocery shopping?

Any member of your household can use the SNAP LINK card to food shop. Their name or picture does NOT need to be on the card.

What if do not currently receive SNAP?

New applications received during April or May 2020 will also receive a supplemental emergency SNAP allotment, if their approved, regular benefit amount is less than the maximum monthly SNAP allotment for the household size.

To apply:

- To apply for or renew food, cash and/or medical assistance, please visit **ABE.Illinois.gov** or call the IDHS toll-free line at **1-833-2-FIND-HELP**
- If you need assistance in filling out an application for SNAP call Northern Illinois Food Bank's toll-free SNAP Hotline: **844-600-7627**

Where else can I find help?

To find additional food resources, please visit Northern Illinois Food Bank's website at **solvehungertoday.org/gethelp**. There you can find your local food pantry, our mobile pantry calendar, and additional resources.

Along with food resources, the Food Bank has also compiled a Northern Illinois COVID Resouce Guide for non-food asssitance in our 13-county service area.
You can find it at: **solvehungertoday.org/COVIDResources.**

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