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USDA approves Missouri's May P-SNAP benefits request

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service Missouri has approved Missouri's waiver request for May Pandemic Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (P-SNAP) or Food Stamp benefits. P-SNAP maximizes the SNAP amount each household receives based on the household's size. The P-SNAP benefit amount includes a 15 percent increase Missouri SNAP households will receive through June 30, 2021. The chart below shows the [maximum monthly SNAP amount](#).

Maximum Monthly SNAP Benefit Through September 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	

“USDA’s change to P-SNAP earlier this month means every Missouri household receiving SNAP benefits will get no less than a \$95 P-SNAP benefit for May,” said **Jennifer Tidball, Acting Director, Department of Social Services**. “I am also very pleased that over 810,000 online SNAP transactions have occurred since May of 2020. That success is due in part to the growing number of Missouri retailers that offer that option. In fact, Missouri currently leads the nation with the highest number of participating SNAP online retailers. We sincerely thank current participating Missouri retailers and those who will be joining in the near future.”

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Missourians can apply for SNAP benefits 24/7 online by visiting MyDSS.mo.gov, or sending completed applications and verification documents by email to FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov, or by fax to 573-526-9400.

The [Missouri Services Navigator](#) has information on over 2,800 programs and services available in the state. Missourians in need of information on SNAP, Medicaid, Child Care Subsidy, LIHEAP, or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit programs can visit dss.mo.gov. Missourians who have questions not specific to an individual's case can use the [DSS Virtual Assistant](#) to get immediate answers to basic questions 24 hours a day. Phone assistance is also available Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. call 855-FSD-INFO or 855-373-4636.

The Department of Social Services is committed to the "[Show Me Strong](#)" [Recovery Plan](#) and serving the needs of Missouri citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic. [SkillUp](#) and [Missouri Work Assistance \(MWA\)](#) are free programs available to all 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>. DSS also encourages Missourians to visit MOStopsCOVID.com to view the latest vaccine information and locate available vaccinators in their area.

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