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NJ Human Services Announces \$70 Million in Food Assistance for Vulnerable Families in New Jersey

Amid the COVID Pandemic, Many NJ SNAP Recipients Will Receive Enhanced Benefits

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(TRENTON) – Many New Jerseyans who receive food assistance through the NJ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (NJ SNAP) will receive an extra benefit payment on Sunday and their benefits will be higher in April to help address critical food needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SNAP supplemental payments were included in the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act. A total of \$70 million in extra NJ SNAP benefits will be provided over the next two months to New Jerseyans to help with the purchase of groceries.

On Sunday, March 29, \$35 million in supplemental payments will be provided to approximately 205,000 New Jersey households enrolled in NJ SNAP. April benefits also will be increased by \$35 million for these households.

Supplemental benefits will be directly loaded to NJ SNAP recipients' Families First EBT cards.

NJ SNAP currently serves about 670,000 New Jerseyans in 340,000 households. Households eligible for the NJ SNAP supplemental benefit will receive the difference between their regular SNAP benefit and the maximum benefit for their family size. These supplements will be in addition to standard monthly benefits. Households' standard monthly SNAP benefit is based on household size and income. Under federal policies implementing the Families First