

Federal Extra COVID SNAP Ending

What is COVID SNAP?

During COVID, Massachusetts households have been getting extra SNAP at the beginning of each month to buy food.



Due to federal action, the **last COVID SNAP payment is March 2, 2023.**

How will this impact my SNAP benefits?

Starting in April, you will get only 1 monthly payment. That is your normal benefit. Find the amount on DTA Connect or by calling 877-382-2363.

Reminder: Unused SNAP benefits roll over each month. Change the PIN on your EBT card regularly to protect your benefits.

You may be able to increase your normal SNAP benefits by telling DTA about:

- Medical costs over \$35 a month for anyone in your SNAP household who is 60 or older or has a disability,
- If your housing costs have gone up (rent/mortgage), and
- Child or disabled adult care costs.

Tell DTA About These Costs:



Upload a written note on DTA Connect



Call the DTA Assistance Line at 877-382-2363



Visit a DTA office or work with a community SNAP outreach partner: [Mass.gov/ContactDTA](https://www.mass.gov/ContactDTA)

If you get SNAP, you can automatically participate in HIP!



HIP puts money back on your EBT card when you use SNAP to buy fruits and vegetables from HIP farm vendors. Depending on household size, you can get \$40 to \$80 a month.



[Mass.gov/ExtraCOVIDSNAP](https://www.mass.gov/ExtraCOVIDSNAP)



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Worcester Resources

FOR MORE FOOD HELP

- Call or text Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline: (800) 645-8333
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- Worcester County Food Bank: (508) 842-3663 <https://foodbank.org/find-food/>
- If you have children under age 5 / are pregnant or breastfeeding, you may be eligible for the WIC nutrition program: Mass.gov/WIC or call: (508) 796-7000
- For SNAP recipients, use HIP benefits to buy fruits and vegetables at REC farmer's markets: RECWorcester.org
- For local food pantries and other food resources visit the City of Worcester Taskforce on Food Security website: FoodHelpWorcester.org

FOR CASH HELP:

- Get help with 2022 taxes and any COVID stimulus or Child Tax Credit money you are owed: FindYourFunds.org
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA): (800) 906-9887.
- If you have children/are pregnant and have no income or low income, you may be able to get TAFDC. If you are 65 or older or disabled with no or very low income, you may be able to get EAEDC. Learn more and apply: DTAConnect.com or call (508) 767-3100

FOR HOUSING AND UTILITIES HELP:

- Rent or mortgage help: Central Mass Housing Alliance (CMHA) (508) 752-5519 or <https://www.cmhaonline.org/raft-erma-apply-now-english>
You can also contact RCAP Solutions <https://www.rcapsolutions.org/> or call 800-488-1969
- Fuel Assistance help paying for heat: Worcester Community Action Council (WCAC) 508-863-9696 or LIHEAP@wcac.net



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