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**No Additional Issuances of P-EBT Approved or Announced for October Says USVI  
Department of Human Services**

(US VIRGIN ISLANDS) - In June 2020, the Virgin Islands Department of Human Services (DHS) received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to implement an emergency Pandemic EBT program (P-EBT). **P-EBT was and is granted as a one-time issuance, not a monthly benefit.**

There was no guarantee that a second round of P-EBT benefits would be issued for the 2020/2021 school year. However, because most schools started the year virtually and without school lunch programs up and running, a second issuance was granted for August and September. **No issuance has been approved or announced for October by the federal agencies.**

**Please be aware however that both the DHS Head Start program and the V.I. Department of Education have announced meal distribution schedules that are now active.**

For more information, please visit the Department of Human Services website, [www.dhs.gov.vi](http://www.dhs.gov.vi) or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/usvidhs>) at US Virgin Islands Department of Human Services.

For more information on Covid19, the new strain of coronavirus, please visit the USVI Department of Health's website, [www.doh.vi.gov/coronavirus](http://www.doh.vi.gov/coronavirus) or text COVID19USVI to 888777.  
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