

Second Round of P-EBT: What You Need to Know

WEBINAR

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This training was developed by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) Health and Nutrition Services Division (HNS).

Intended Audience

This training is intended for **School Food Authorities (SFAs)** operating the **National School Lunch Program (NSLP)** or the **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)/Seamless Summer Option (SSO)** in School Year 2020-2021.



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Thank you for joining me today!

Agenda

- Overview of P-EBT SY 20-21
- Data Needs for Payment Issuance
- Timelines and Actions
- Resources
- Q&A



P-EBT

Overview

for SY 2020-2021





IT'S BACK!

Arizona has been approved to administer the second round of Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT). For the months of August 2020-May 2021, P-EBT will be provided to families of eligible students that did not have access to a free or reduced-price meal at school during the school day because the school is closed or offers a full-time or part-time distance learning model.

Administered by ADE and Department of Economic Security (DES)

ADE (data) + DES (administers funds)



ADE Guidance

<https://www.azed.gov/hns/memos>

HNS 07-2021: Revised School Year 2021 Pandemic Electronic Benefit (P-EBT) and Student Data of Public and Non-Public Schools

HNS 08-2021: Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) in SY 20-21

P-EBT is an Additional Benefit

Receiving a meal and/or snack through the Child Nutrition Programs (curbside, mobile routes, home delivery) during distance learning **does not** prevent a child from receiving P-EBT.



P-EBT Criteria

1

A student is eligible to receive an NSLP meal at a reduced-price or no cost

- Eligible for free or reduced-priced meal benefits
- Attends a school that participates under a Special Provision Option (SPO) for breakfast or lunch
 - Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), Provision 2, or Provision 3

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NEW!

A student did not have access to an NSLP meal on a school campus due to school closure or learning virtually through full time distance or mixed instruction (days on and days off campus)



Based on the school-level opportunity for virtual learning

NOT

what the child elected



Benefit Levels

1

Full P-EBT

All eligible children in the school receive full P-EBT when the school reports that it was closed or only a full-time distance learning model (no in-school attendance) for all operating days in the reported month.

2

Partial P-EBT

All eligible children in the school receive partial P-EBT if the school reports offering distance learning in addition to offering on-campus learning.

3

No P-EBT

No children will receive P-EBT when the school reports only an in-person learning model for all operating days in the reported month.

Payment Schedule

Whether a child receives full payment, partial payment, or no payment depends on the learning model of the child's school as reported by the LEA.

Data was collected for Arizona schools and averaged to determine the number of days a child may be in school in any given month (excluding holidays and breaks).

Based on this average, the following payment amounts have been calculated:

	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021
Full	\$109	\$150	\$116	\$116	\$95	\$130	\$123	\$123	\$143	\$130
Partial	N/A*	\$90	\$70	\$70	\$57	\$78	\$74	TBD*	TBD*	TBD*

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Data

for SY 2020-2021



P-EBT Data Needs

P-EBT issuance is expected to begin in April. LEAs must have submitted student-level and school-level data to ADE in order for funds to be issued to eligible families.

Student Eligibility

Enrollment data

- AzEDS
- Manual upload to ADE

Free/Reduced Eligibility

- AzEDS
- Manual upload to ADE

School-Level Learning Model Data

- **NEW!** ADEConnect Portal

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Issuance of Benefits

Primary Guardian & Address

- AzEDS
- Manual upload to ADE

AzEDS

- LEAs are able and strongly encouraged to update data as frequently as needed
- AzEDS data will transfer with the student for those who withdraw or transfer to new school within same LEA
- AzEDS data does not transfer with the student for those who withdraw and enroll in a school under a different LEA

Manual Upload to ADE

- The P-EBT template file will be emailed to applicable LEAs
- Email PEBTInbox@azed.gov and request the BDS secure file delivery service when the file is ready
- New files will need to be sent when new students enroll or information is updated
- LEAs are able and strongly encouraged to send a new file as frequently as needed

Use of SY 19-20 Data







- If a child was eligible for free or reduced-price meals in SY 19-20 and does not have eligibility data for SY 20-21, ADE can use data from SY 19-20
- This will not include any new students who were not enrolled in SY 19-20 (e.g. kindergarten students, new students)
- This is just a "safety net" and has not been communicated to families, so you are still encouraged to outreach to families to fill out an application for this year

School-Level Learning Model Data

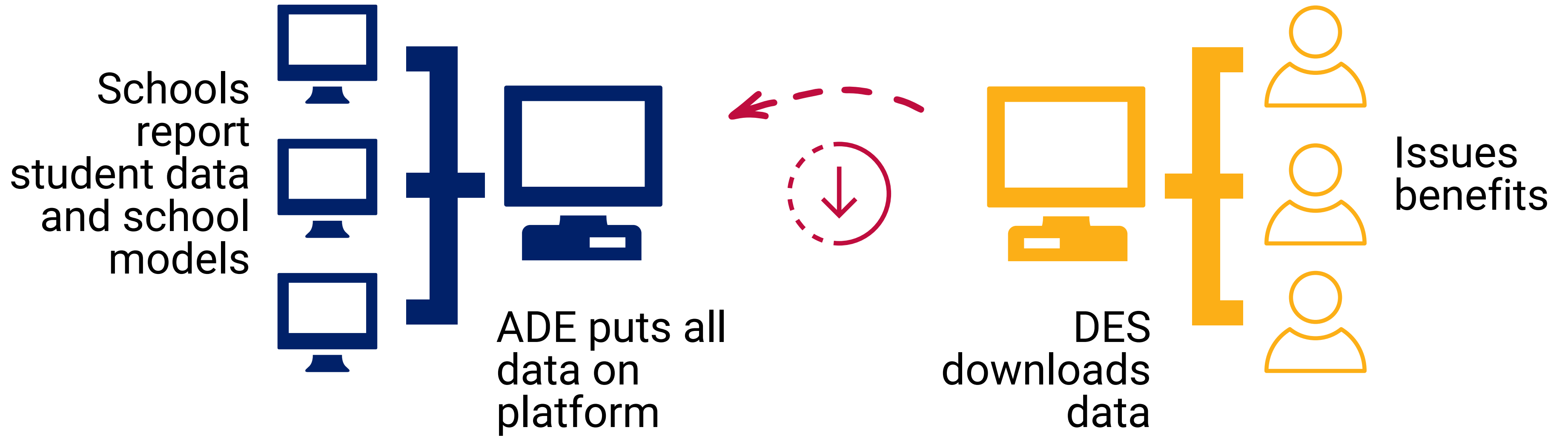
New portal in ADEConnect

- Enter school-level (not LEA-level) effective start and end dates of learning model(s) offered and school closures from August-May
- Will need Entity Administrator (EA) to assign access
 - Forward HNS 08-2021 to your EA
- Quick Guide will be available on using the new portal

**No Data =
No Payment**

Student-Level Eligibility			
School-Level Learning Model(s)			
	No P-EBT	No P-EBT	P-EBT

Path to P-EBT Issuance



Benefit Issuance

All P-EBT cards will be addressed to the mailing address currently listed in records sent to ADE in AzEDS or manual upload.

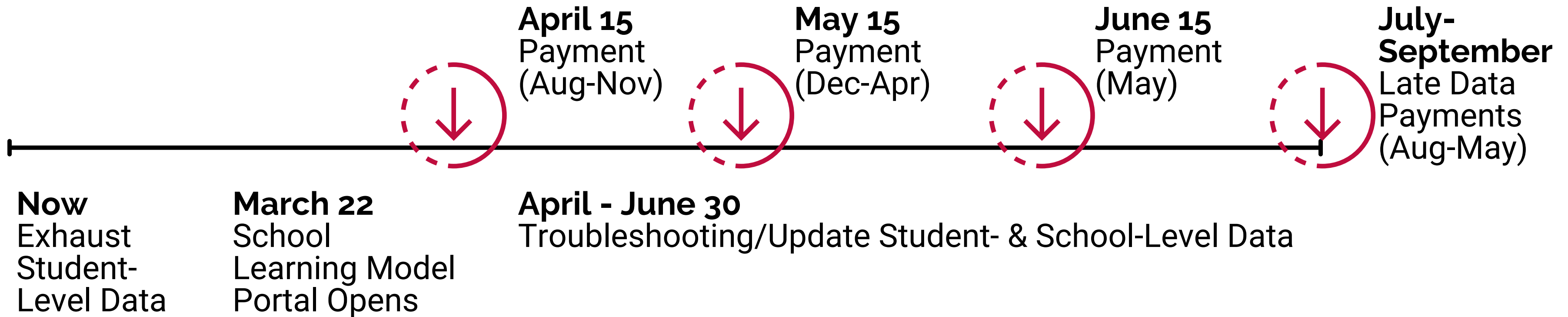
P-EBT cards will be in the name of the Primary Guardian listed in records sent to ADE in AzEDS or manual upload.

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Timelines and Actions

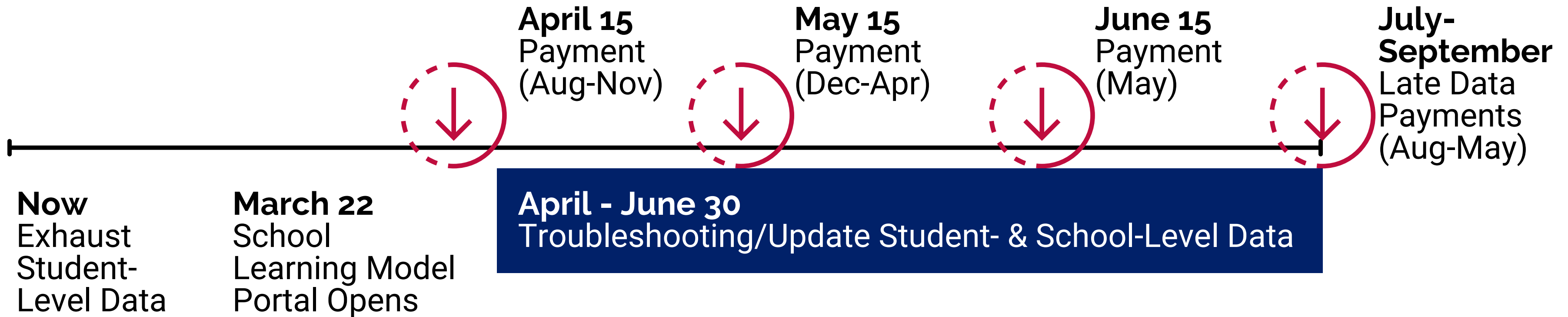


Data/Payments Timeline



 DES Scheduled Data Pulls

Data/Payments Timeline



Next Steps

#1

Exhaust all student-level F/R data

- Direct Certification and Partial Matches
- Confirm indicators uploaded for all data on file
- Outreach for school meal applications

#2

Enter school-level learning model data

- Recommend EA gives someone in food service access to ADEConnect portal to assist with entering learning models

#3

Continue to update student records

DES will take all household calls and have access to which data was missing and why students are not eligible

- If no student data (and none for SY 19-20): DES instructing to complete a school meal application

#4

Continue to update school-level learning models

- Update regularly in ADEConnect if/when learning model(s) offered changes

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Resources



Resources

Webpages

- [Main ADE webpage](#)
- [HNS P-EBT webpage](#)
- [DES webpage](#)

ADE Contact Information

- PEBTInbox@azed.gov
- 602-542-8700, Option 4

DES Call Center

Coming Soon:

- Parent letter templates
- Scripts for school office managers/secretaries



QUESTIONS?

Please type your questions into the chat box.

Please note: If you are attending the live session, you will be marked attended in EMS; however, Professional Standards training hours will not be available for today's session.

