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

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

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ (March 27, 2020) - Many residents 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 help with the purchase of groceries.

On Sunday \$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.

Eligible NJ SNAP recipients will receive their first supplemental benefit on their Families First EBT card on Sunday, and will be able to use the benefits beyond the month of March. The April supplemental benefit will arrive together with eligible recipients' typical monthly payment, meaning recipients will receive one combined payment in April of the supplement and their standard benefit.

The City of New Brunswick is the county seat for Middlesex County and home of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, the world headquarters for Johnson & Johnson and two globally-renowned hospitals. New Brunswick is an educationally-focused City as well as "The Healthcare City."

All of New Brunswick's developments provide seamless access to major transportation lines and an extensive dining scene and an arts district, located in its bustling downtown. The City is focused not only on bringing in new residents and businesses, but also on improving the lives of every one of its residents.

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