



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Dinwiddie County Department of Social Services

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Per the Virginia Department of Social Services, “Emergency benefits will be made available to (SNAP) participants during the months of March and April, as part of a provision set forth by the Families First Coronavirus Responses Act of 2020.”

The emergency benefits — \$38 million in total — will increase a household’s current monthly allotment to the maximum allowed for its size. (Please refer to Table 1 below.)

The emergency benefits for March were released on the 25th and automatically loaded to EBT cards. Regular April benefits will be released on the usual issuance date, with emergency benefits added on April 16.

The Virginia Department of Social Services will give the emergency benefits to any current/participating household not already receiving the maximum amount.

“We must make sure that no Virginian goes hungry during this time of crisis,” said VDSS Commissioner S. Duke Storen. “Increasing the resources available to low-income Virginians to purchase food is vital to fighting hunger.”

For individuals and families not currently enrolled in SNAP, please see Table 2 below to see if you may qualify. If you have questions, please contact the Dinwiddie County Department of Social Services at: 804-469-4524.

Table 1 – Maximum Monthly Allotment

People in Household	Maximum Monthly Allotment
1	\$194
2	\$355
3	\$509
4	\$646
5	\$768
6	\$921
7	\$1,018
8	\$1,164
Each additional person	+\$146

Table 2 – SNAP Eligibility Limits

Effective October 1, 2019

Household Size	Gross monthly income	Net monthly income
1	\$1276	\$981
2	\$1726	\$1328
3	\$2177	\$1675
4	\$2628	\$2021
5	\$3078	\$2368
6	\$3529	\$2715
7	\$3980	\$3061
8	\$4430	\$3408
Each additional member	+\$451	+\$347

Most people will need to fit within both the gross and net income guidelines in order to be eligible. Exceptions to this include the elderly. For households including at least one person over the age of 60, only the net income standard is applied. Another exception is those receiving TANF and SSI.