

1. The child is enrolled in an NSLP-eligible Texas school. (This includes schools that are operating the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) during the school year.)
2. The child has COVID-19-related absences or eligible virtual attendance during the 2021-2022 school year.
3. The child would have received free or reduced-price school meals under the NSLP and School Breakfast Program (SBP) if not for the COVID-19 health emergency. This includes children who are directly certified or certified by NSLP household application. It also includes children enrolled in a CEP school or a school operating under Provisions 2 or 3, or a school that is operating the SSO.
 - a. The P-EBT eligibility requirement to be certified for free or reduced-price meals through direct certification or through the NSLP household application also applies to children attending a school that is operating the SSO.

Once a school has one student who is absent for at least five consecutive days for a COVID-19-related reason (definition below) OR they offer virtual attendance for at least five consecutive days, NSLP-eligible students at that school become eligible for P-EBT dating back to the first day of the school's firstve4ol 6 6 6)41 (c)-1)i)2.6(6(gis2.6 of)26f)-6(er)4.9 ()11.3 .3 (or)-5yT0 Tc 0 T

COVID-19 Absences & Virtual Attendance

Below are examples of circumstances that should be counted as days a child lost access to free or reduced-price meals due to COVID-19.

Absences:

- The school sends student(s) home due to COVID-19 (e.g., students from an entire

reason, districts that operate the