



# OLD COLONY

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Dear Old Colony Community,

We hope this correspondence finds you well and that your holidays were rejuvenating and fulfilling. As we prepare for a return to school, we would like to ask that all students and staff closely monitor themselves before making a decision to return in person. Our 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are scheduled to return to the building on January 4, 2021. Please make sure that you are symptom-free before making the decision to return. If you travelled during the Christmas holiday or winter break, please be sure to adhere to quarantining requirements. Additional information about quarantining requirements can be found at [www.mass.gov/TravelOrder](http://www.mass.gov/TravelOrder).

All visitors entering Massachusetts, including returning residents, who do not meet an exemption, are required to:

- Complete the [Massachusetts Travel Form](#) prior to arrival, unless you are visiting from a [lower-risk state](#) designated by the [Department of Public Health](#).
- Quarantine for 10 days or produce a negative COVID-19 test result that has been administered up to 72-hours prior to your arrival in Massachusetts.

If your COVID-19 test result has not been received prior to arrival, visitors, and residents must quarantine until a negative test result is received.

Our student body and staff have been closely adhering to the safety protocols including mask wearing, hand washing, and physical distancing. We are grateful to our families for their continued efforts to keep students home at the first sign of symptoms. We appreciate your ongoing communication with our team in the event of a positive case. These measures, taken in combination, greatly reduce the risk of additional transmission upon return from the holiday break.

## **Flu Vaccination Update:**

The MDPH Immunization Division had set the deadline of December 31, 2020 for students to receive a flu vaccination unless they have obtained a medical or religious exemption. The deadline has been extended through February 28, 2021.

## **Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer for Food Security:**

Students who are eligible for free or reduced-priced meals in our school will get Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) funds through the 2020-2021 school year. P-EBT funds can be used to help you buy healthy food for your student and family. It is important to stay healthy, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer for Food Security: (continued)**

How much will I get?

- Eligible students in a fully remote learning situation will get \$117.20 per month.
- Eligible students in a hybrid learning situation will get \$58.60 per month.
- Students attending school either half-day or fully in person are not eligible for P-EBT.

How will I get P-EBT for October and November?

- Funds for October and November will be issued in ONE issuance.
- **I got P-EBT in the past:** You will get funds on your EBT or P-EBT card in late December.
- **I am new to P-EBT:** If you get SNAP and/or TAFDC, look for funds to be added to the DTA EBT card you already have. If you do not get SNAP and/or TAFDC, look for a DTA letter and card in the mail in mid January.

How will I get P-EBT funds in 2021?

- **I got P-EBT in the past on a P-EBT card:** Starting in January, check your P-EBT card for funds on the 25th of each month for the rest of the school year.
- **I got P-EBT in the past on my DTA EBT card:** Starting in January, check your EBT card for funds on the 25th of each month for the rest of the school year.
- **If you are new to P-EBT:**
  - If you get SNAP and/or TAFDC, check your DTA EBT card for funds.
  - If you do NOT get SNAP and/or TAFDC, you will get a letter in the mail from the DTA. You will also get a P-EBT card in the mail in a different envelope. **KEEP THE LETTER UNTIL YOU HAVE GOTTEN AND PINNED THE CARD.** The letter has your students' case number that you need to PIN the card.

Each month, funds will be added to your card on the 25th of each month for the month before.

***No longer have your P-EBT card?***

Request a replacement card at [www.DTAconnect.com/pebt](http://www.DTAconnect.com/pebt). If you need a new EBT card, call DTA at 1-877-382-2363.

**IMPORTANT: Using P-EBT does not impact you or your student's immigration status. The public charge rule does not apply to this program.**

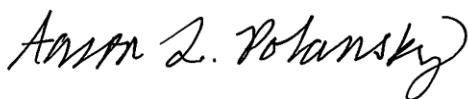
***Need more food help?***

- If you are eligible for P-EBT you are likely eligible for SNAP, ongoing monthly food funds. Check your eligibility and apply at [DTAConnect.com](http://DTAConnect.com).
- You can also get FREE grab and go school meals at any school. Find a site near you at [www.meals4kids.org/find-meal-site](http://www.meals4kids.org/find-meal-site).

Get help: visit [www.MAp-EBT.org](http://www.MAp-EBT.org).

We are committed to continuous communication with and support of our families. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact our school nurses Ms. Lindsay Mota and Mrs. Deb Levesque (508) 763-8011 ext. 130 and/or 176. You can also reach me directly at [apolansky@oldcolony.info](mailto:apolansky@oldcolony.info) if I can be of assistance at any time. I am available 24-7 if you have an issue that requires attention or clarification. Thank you for your continued support. On behalf of the entire Old Colony staff, we wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Sincerely,



Aaron L. Polansky