More CalFresh on Your EBT Card in April & May

If you get CalFresh, you may get extra CalFresh benefits on your EBT card to help buy food during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis in April and May.

Will I get extra CalFresh benefits?
If you got CalFresh in March or will get it in April and are not already getting the maximum for your household size, you will get extra benefits up to the maximum. For example:

» If you are a 3 person household and you are currently getting $200 per month, you will get an extra benefit of $309, because $509 is the maximum benefit for a household of 3.

» If you are a household of 2 currently getting $355 per month, you will not get an extra benefit because you already get the maximum.

When can I use the extra CalFresh?
» If you got CalFresh for March, extra benefit will be ready to use on April 12
» If you got CalFresh for April, extra benefits will be ready to use on May 10

Will I need to turn in paper work or apply to get the extra CalFresh?
No. You don’t need to fill out extra paper work. The extra CalFresh will be added to your EBT card and you’ll be able to use it just like regular CalFresh.

What other assistance is available during COVID-19?
You can call your local 2-1-1 or the state hotline 833-544-2374 to get referrals to additional local resources, or visit this resource page online: https://bit.ly/covid-food-resources

What if I’m not getting CalFresh?
You can apply! Go to GetCalFresh.org to fill out an application, or call 1-877-847-3663 to get connected to your local county office. If you get CalFresh in the month of April, you will get the extra benefits on May 10.

This extra benefit is coming because Congress passed the “Families First Act” (H.R. 6201) and it was signed into law on March 18, 2020.