



EMERGENCY FOODSHARE BENEFITS

What you need to know

Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is issuing *Emergency FoodShare* supplements to many FoodShare households to help purchase food during the pandemic crisis. As provided for by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, all FoodShare households in Wisconsin will receive the maximum FoodShare benefit.

Will I get extra FoodShare benefits?

If your monthly FoodShare benefit is less than the maximum for your household, you will get an extra benefit up to the maximum FoodShare allowance. Right now, *Emergency FoodShare* will be provided for March and April. If you already receiving the maximum FoodShare benefit, you will not get extra benefits. This is because of a decision made by USDA (the federal government), not Wisconsin's DHS.

Household Size	Max. FoodShare	Examples	
		Extra Benefit	No Extra Benefit
1	\$194	Family A gets \$200/month in FoodShare for one adult and 2 kids. This family will get an extra FoodShare benefit of \$309 – boosting monthly benefits to \$509 (max for 3).	Family B gets \$509/month in FoodShare for one adult and 2 kids. This family will NOT get any extra FoodShare , as they already get the max for 3.
2	\$355		
3	\$509	Individual A gets \$16/month in FoodShare. This individual will get a supplement of \$178 – boosting FoodShare to \$194/month (max for 1).	Individual B gets \$194/mo in FoodShare. This individual will NOT get receive extra FoodShare , because they already get the max for 1.
4	\$646		
5	\$768		
6	\$921		
7	\$1,018		
8	\$1,164		
Each add'l	+\$146		

If I qualify for extra FoodShare, when will I get it?

Eligible households will receive two (2) *Emergency FoodShare* payments on their QUEST/EBT cards and will be notified by Wisconsin DHS on status.

- March *Emergency FoodShare* will be distributed on April 11, 2020.
- April *Emergency FoodShare* will be distributed on April 25, 2020.

How do I learn how much I get in FoodShare and if I get extra benefits?

Eligible households should receive a letter from Wisconsin DHS. You do NOT need to apply for *Emergency FoodShare*.

What if I do not currently get FoodShare?

FoodShare helps people with limited money buy the food they need for good health. Any low-income individuals are encouraged to apply. If you are approved, you may also qualify for *Emergency FoodShare*. To apply:

- Contact for help: Tracy, FoodShare Assistant at **1-920-226-5619**
- Apply online or on your smartphone now: access.wisconsin.gov