

CalFresh Emergency Allotments

Please Note: The February 2023 benefit month will be the last month to receive Emergency Allotments (EA). February EA benefits will be put on EBT cards in March of 2023. Please refer to the state's information webpage for more details: [CalFresh COVID-19](#).

California has requested and been approved to issue CalFresh Emergency Allotments (EA) for the month of **February 2023**. These benefits will be available on **Sunday, March 26, 2023**.

This calendar will be updated each month that EA are approved.

Benefit Month	First Issuance	Second Issuance	Third Issuance
February 2023	March 26	April 16	May 20
January 2023	February 12	March 26	April 16
December 2022	January 14	February 12	March 26
November 2022	December 18	January 14	February 12
October 2022	November 20	December 18	January 14
September 2022	October 16	November 20	December 18
August 2022	September 10	October 16	November 20
July 2022	August 21	September 10	October 16
June 2022	July 23	August 21	September 10
May 2022	June 19	July 23	August 21
April 2022	May 22	June 19	July 23
March 2022	April 17	May 22	June 19
February 2022	March 20	April 17	May 22
January 2022	February 27	March 20	April 17
March 2020	April 12	May 10	June 14
April 2020	May 10	June 14	July 12
May 2020	June 14	July 12	August 16
June 2020	July 12	August 16	September 13
July 2020	August 16	September 13	October 18
August 2020	September 13	October 18	November 15
September 2020	October 18	November 15	December 20
October 2020	November 15	December 20	January 10
November 2020	December 20	January 10	February 14
December 2020	January 10	February 14	March 7
January 2021	February 14	March 7	April 18
February 2021	March 7	April 18	May 16
March 2021	April 18	May 16	June 13
April 2021	May 16	June 13	July 18
May 2021	June 13	July 18	August 8
June 2021	July 18	August 8	September 11
July 2021	August 8	September 11	October 24
August 2021	September 11	October 24	November 14

September 2021	October 24	November 14	December 12
October 2021	November 14	December 12	January 16
November 2021	December 12	January 16	February 27
December 2021	January 16	February 27	March 20

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To increase food benefits in response to Coronavirus (COVID-19) and its effects on the economy, section 2302(a)(1) of the Act provides authority for the California Department of Social Services (the Department) to provide CalFresh emergency allotments.

New Emergency Allotment Guidance Beginning April 2021

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service determined that a new approach to emergency allotments will provide greater equity for households most in need. This new guidance is effective beginning with the April 2021 benefit month and will be reflected in the May 2021 issuance month.

Under this new policy, all CalFresh households will receive a minimum emergency allotment of \$95 per month.

- This new minimum emergency allotment applies regardless of household size.
- Households eligible to receive the maximum allowable allotment based on household size are now eligible to receive an emergency allotment of \$95 per month.
- Households who are not eligible to receive the maximum allowable allotment based on household size, but whose emergency allotment is less than \$95 per month under the previous model, will receive additional CalFresh benefits to raise their emergency allotment to the new \$95 minimum.
- Households who were eligible to receive more than \$95 per month under the previous model will continue to receive that amount.