

# Important SNAP Information from the Governor's Office for NJ Families...



We know how difficult these days have been for so many families across New Jersey. We want to continue to ensure you have the latest information about what is happening, what actions the Murphy Administration has been taking, and where our residents can turn for help from the Office of the Governor: (sign up: <https://nj.gov/nj/subscribe/>).

*This is an evolving situation, and*

*we encourage you to follow @GovMurphy – and key NJ State Departments – across social platforms for real-time updates and official news.*

<https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/njsnap/>

## **What's Happening**

- The Trump Administration previously announced it will not fund SNAP benefits starting November 1, 2025, despite the availability of more than \$6 billion in federal contingency funds. This decision puts over 800,000 New Jerseyans at risk of losing access to the food assistance they rely on.
- The cutoff affects more than 400,000 households in New Jersey, including children, seniors, and our veterans. Nearly half are children, one in three include a person with a disability, and one in five include a senior over age 60. The disruption will also place added pressure on food banks, schools, and local organizations across the state.

## **How the Murphy Administration is Responding**

- **Declared a State of Emergency (Executive Order No. 402) in response to the federal suspension of SNAP benefits.**
  - *Gov Murphy 10/31/2025: "I have declared a State of Emergency effective at 12:00 a.m. on November 1. The Trump Administration's decision to suspend SNAP benefits threatens the health and safety of over 800,000 New Jerseyans. We will use every available resource to protect vulnerable residents."*
  - <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562025/approved/20251031bc.shtml>
- **Established the EO 401 Task Force on the Federal Suspension of SNAP Benefits, led by the Governor's Office and key state departments, to coordinate New Jersey's response and provide support across agencies.**

- Gov Murphy 10/31/2025: *“Today, I signed an Executive Order establishing the Task Force on the Federal Suspension of SNAP Benefits. While President Trump and Washington Republicans refuse to act, New Jersey will mobilize to mitigate this avoidable crisis.”*
- <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562025/approved/20251031b.shtml>
- **New Jersey joined a multistate lawsuit holding the federal government accountable for unlawfully withholding these essential benefits.**
  - Gov Murphy 10/28/2025: *The Trump Administration’s failure to fund SNAP is an affront to the more than 800,000 New Jerseyans who depend on these critical benefits to access nutritious food. Thank you to @NewJerseyOAG for taking action to hold the federal government accountable for their betrayal of America’s most vulnerable working- and middle-class families.”*
  - <https://www.njoag.gov/attorney-general-platkin-sues-trump-administration-for-illegally-suspending-snap-benefits/>
- **Continued State supplemental SNAP payments for approximately 32,000 households, per the law that would ensure they receive New Jersey’s \$95 monthly minimum ([2023 legislation](#)). [In other words, individuals receiving New Jersey’s **state** SNAP supplement (amounts vary) will continue to receive that state-only portion in November.]**
- **Governor Murphy, Senate President Scutari, and Assembly Speaker Coughlin Announce Accelerated Delivery of \$42.5 Million in Food and Hunger Grants**
  - Gov Murphy 10/30/2025: *“The Trump Administration’s decision to abandon the over 800,000 New Jerseyans who rely on critical SNAP benefits is morally reprehensible. Ahead of the expected halt, we are accelerating the delivery of food and hunger grants to food banks across the state.”*
  - <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562025/approved/20251030b.shtml>
- **[Statement from Governor Murphy on the Trump Administration’s Failure to Fund SNAP as Federal Government Shutdown Continues](#) (10/25/2025)**

### **What Families Should Know**

We understand the fear and confusion that many residents are experiencing. Please help us reassure our communities with the following facts:

- SNAP EBT balances from October remain accessible after November 1. Families can continue to use any unspent benefits already in their account.
- **WIC benefits and services are expected to continue through November 2025, based on current spending levels and available federal funding.**
  - <https://www.nj.gov/health/news/2025/approved/20251031a.shtml>

- All children in NJ SNAP households are automatically eligible for free school meals. No application is required. Children should go directly to the cafeteria for breakfast and/or lunch.
- Food pantries and community kitchens are open and available. Families can call NJ 211 or visit the NJ 211 website to find nearby resources offering fresh produce, shelf-stable items, and additional help.
  - <https://nj211.org/njsnap>

### **About the EO 401 Task Force**

- The [EO 401](#) *Task Force on the Federal Suspension of SNAP Benefits* is working to coordinate outreach, provide timely updates, and ensure strong communication between state agencies, food providers, community partners, and local leaders. This cross-agency effort is being led by the Office of the Governor and key departments and agencies across New Jersey, to ensure our state can meet the needs of the moment.

### **Staying Connected**

- **For ongoing updates, we encourage you to monitor and share information from our sites, including @GovMurphy (on various social media platforms, like X/Twitter, Facebook, Instagram), and the NJ Governor's website that is home to our official press releases at: [https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562025/approved/news\\_archive.shtml](https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562025/approved/news_archive.shtml). Please follow the official pages of our Departments and Agencies across the state, as well.**