

## DCF Updates: Economic Self-Sufficiency Program

Below are current updates just posted to DCF website, also attachments are in three languages on how to apply online.

- **Recertification Extension**

To ensure Floridians can safely access SNAP, TANF, and Medicaid benefits, DCF has implemented a six-month recertification extension for individuals and families scheduled to recertify in April or May.

Extending the recertification period, allows the state to ensure the continuity of, and safe access to, SNAP, TANF, and Medicaid benefits during the current public health crisis and periods of social distancing. For more information regarding Florida's benefit programs during this time, please visit <https://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida/> or contact the customer call center at 850-300-4DCF.

To check the status of your recertification, log into your MyACCESS account here: <https://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida/>

### Increase of Benefits

- As directed by Governor Ron DeSantis on March 27, 2020, the Department of Children and Families has submitted a federal waiver to temporarily increase all Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients' benefit amounts to the maximum monthly allotment based on household size.

DCF is actively working to implement increasing benefits to the maximum monthly allotment based on household size for the months of March and April. Clients can expect to receive their additional March funds as early as April 3, 2020.

For April, if you are a client that receives your regular benefit between April 1-7, you can expect to receive your benefit on April 8. If you are a client that receives your regular benefit after April 7, you can expect your additional benefit to be included as a part of your regularly scheduled benefit allotment. Additionally, any new households approved for food assistance will receive additional benefits within a week of being approved for benefits. Please note, customers who are already receiving the maximum allotment will not receive an increase. A chart illustrating maximum benefit for household size is provided below for your reference.

People in Household	Maximum Benefit Amount
1	\$194
2	\$355
3	\$509
4	\$646
5	\$768

6	\$921
7	\$1,018
8	\$1,164
For Each Additional Person	+\$146

Please contact DCF's Customer Call Center at 1-866-762-2237 or 850-300-4323 for more information.