



End of Extra COVID SNAP Social Media Toolkit

Beginning on March 1, 2023, SNAP households will only receive their regular monthly SNAP issuance on the first of each month. In this document, you will find sample social media posts and graphics that can be used as frequently as community partners, constituent services, or others deem appropriate. These messages will be shared on DHS' Facebook and Twitter pages to remind customers that the federal government will end the extra COVID SNAP benefits after the February 2023 issuance. Each message also emphasizes what customers can do to maximize their regular SNAP amount for their household.

Importantly, customers should also know:

- Change Report Forms can be submitted by mail, put in Drop Boxes, or by being scanned-in at any of the regional offices. Forms are available to download and fill out at: <https://dhs.ri.gov/programs-and-services/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap/supplemental-nutrition-1>
- SNAP households **cannot submit an appeal related** to the federal government's decision to end the extra COVID SNAP benefits. Households continue to have the right to file an appeal if customers believe there is an error to their regular SNAP issuance.

1). Community reminder: The last COVID SNAP Emergency Allotment will be issued on or around February 3rd, 2023. If you haven't told DHS about increases to certain costs like rent, mortgage or child care, reporting those changes could increase your SNAP benefits. SNAP outreach providers may be able to assist you in reporting changes. Find providers here:




<https://dhs.ri.gov/programs-and-services/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap/snap-outreach-toolkit>

2.) If your rent has increased, you may be eligible for an increase in your regular SNAP benefits. Make sure to report changes to RI DHS through healthyriode.ri.gov; by mail or by calling 1-855-MY-RIDHS (1-855-697-4347). SNAP outreach providers may be able to assist you in reporting changes. Find providers here:

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Extra COVID SNAP Benefits End After February 2023

Reporting certain costs may increase regular SNAP benefits. Report changes through healthyriode.ri.gov. You can also submit your Change Report Form, with all necessary verification documents, by mail or at any secure Drop Box. Costs that could increase SNAP benefits include:

-  Increases to your housing costs (rent/mortgage)
-  Medical costs over \$35 a month for anyone in your SNAP household age 60 or older or has a disability
-  Child or disabled adult care costs

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3.) SNAP households can prepare for the end of COVID SNAP benefits by reviewing and reporting recent changes that could increase regular SNAP issuances. If you need assistance submitting a change, a SNAP outreach provider may be able to assist you. <https://dhs.ri.gov/programs-and-services/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap/snap-outreach-toolkit>

4.) Reminder: Households will only receive their regular SNAP monthly issuance beginning March 2023. If you have child or disabled adult care costs, medical costs for someone age 60 or older in your household, or you are paying more rent, you may be entitled to more SNAP. Don't delay and update your information today!

5.) The federal government is allowing one additional COVID SNAP benefit issuance for February 2023. To help make sure you are receiving the maximum SNAP amount for your household beginning in March 2023, please reach out to DHS to report any important changes. SNAP outreach providers may be able to assist you in reporting changes. Find providers here:

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6.) Did you know that increases in your rent should be reported to DHS if you are receiving SNAP benefits? Whether your rent or child care costs have increased, you may be entitled for more SNAP benefits for your household size. See the graphic below for more details.

7.) Don't delay in reporting changes to your household! You could be entitled to receiving more SNAP if--- but not limited to - your rent or disabled care costs increase. This is important for any household that will only be receiving their regular SNAP benefit issuance beginning in March 2023.

8.) Reporting changes, such as rent increases, to DHS is essential for ensuring that you are receiving the most SNAP for your household size. Other costs may also contribute to increased SNAP benefits, if reported. If you need assistance submitting a change, a SNAP outreach provider may be able to assist you. <https://dhs.ri.gov/programs-and-services/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap/snap-outreach-toolkit>

Get the Most SNAP

Reminder extra COVID SNAP benefits are ending

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Increases to your housing costs (rent/mortgage)



Medical costs over \$35 a month for anyone in your SNAP household age 60 or older or has a disability



Child or disabled adult care costs

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Maximize Your SNAP

Reporting certain costs may increase regular SNAP benefits. You can submit changes through the Customer Portal (healthyrhode.ri.gov), by mail, or via the secure Drop Boxes. Don't delay in reporting:



Increases to your housing costs (rent/mortgage)



Medical costs over \$35 a month for anyone in your SNAP household age 60 or older or has a disability



Child or disabled adult care costs

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9.) Benefits can vary greatly per household so it is crucial to report certain costs that could increase your normal SNAP issuance. Make sure to report these changes before March 1, 2023, when all SNAP households will begin receiving only their regular SNAP issuance. You may also be able to reach out to a SNAP outreach provider for assistance. See providers here: <https://dhs.ri.gov/programs-and-services/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap/snap-outreach-toolkit>

10.) Did you know medical costs for certain members of your SNAP household may be reported to help increase your total SNAP benefits? If you haven't updated your information, consider reporting changes before March 2023, when all SNAP households will begin receiving only their regular issuance. A SNAP outreach provider may be able to also assist you: <https://dhs.ri.gov/programs-and-services/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap/snap-outreach-toolkit>

Are You Getting the Most SNAP?



SNAP households will only receive regular issuances beginning March 2023. Reporting the following changes may increase your monthly SNAP benefits:



Increases to your housing costs (rent/mortgage)



Medical costs over \$35 a month for anyone in your SNAP household age 60 or older or has a disability



Child or disabled adult care costs

Changes can be made through the Customer Portal (healthyrhode.ri.gov). Additionally, Change Report Forms (available for download through the search bar at dhs.ri.gov) can be mailed, placed in a Drop Box or scanned-in at a branch office.

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