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Mid-Ohio Foodbank

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March SNAP Benefits Update

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), March SNAP benefits will be paid in full. What their announcement did not address, however, was how benefits might be impacted should there be another partial government shutdown. While the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services (ODJFS) has announced that March benefits will be paid on the regular issuance date, USDA released guidance urging (but not requiring) states to consider adjusting March issuance schedules to address any potential lengthy benefit gaps (<https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/snap/SNAPissuance-interval-policy.pdf>). USDA states that “40 days is a reasonable benchmark for the length of time a SNAP household should be expected to go between issuances and that states should use this benchmark in considering March issuances.” As we receive updated information, we will share what ODJFS plans to do. Also, according to the USDA, states will process new applications for SNAP benefits and, if eligible, applicants will receive February benefits. At this point, all communications received have been around the issuance of March benefits; we continue to seek guidance on what will happen should there be another shutdown. Remember that the Continuing Resolution to reopen the Federal Government runs through February 15. Please watch for updates and for questions, contact us at info@midohiofoodbank.org.

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