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### Help Buying Food after Hurricane Florence through assistance programs

BURGAW - Governor Roy Cooper announced that residents in Pender County will be able to apply for help buying food through the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or "D-SNAP," beginning Friday.

"Residents can begin signing up for assistance starting this week," said Carolyn Moser, Pender County Health and Human Services director.

Eligible households will receive a one-time benefit on a special debit card (called an EBT card) to help buy food. The exact amount will depend on household size, but a family of one would receive \$192, a family of four would receive \$640 and larger families would receive more.

To be eligible, a person must:

- Live in one of 27 counties: Bladen, Beaufort, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Harnett, Hoke, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Pitt, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Wayne, and Wilson.
- Have suffered losses/damages related to Hurricane Florence, such as damage to property, loss of income or food loss.
- Have proof of identity and proof of residency (if available).
- Have income and resources below certain levels.
- Not currently be receiving help buying food through the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) program. People receiving FNS can also get extra help buying food, but do not need to fill out a D-SNAP application. They can get more information about how to get the extra help here.

Pender County residents who want to apply for help buying food related to Hurricane Florence can only do so in person at Pender County's designated application site:

Pender County Department of Social Services will accept applications on the following dates at the Pender County Agricultural Building, 801 S. Walker St. in Burgaw:

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| • Friday, Sept. 28,  | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. |
| • Saturday, Sept. 29 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. |
| • Monday, Oct. 1     | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. |
| • Tuesday, Oct. 2    | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. |
| • Wednesday, Oct. 3  | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. |
| • Thursday, Oct. 4   | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. |
| • Friday, Oct. 5     | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. |
| • Saturday, Oct. 6   | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. |



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While Pender County residents are encouraged to apply at the application site listed above, they can also apply in person in any of the 27 eligible counties. As all application sites are finalized, DHHS will post information on locations and hours of the sites in each county on its website, [www.pendercountync.gov](http://www.pendercountync.gov). People can also dial 2-1-1 for information on application sites in their county.

The state Department of Health and Human Services is encouraging people to complete their application ahead of time and bring it with them by downloading the form in English [HERE](#) or in Spanish [HERE](#).

People who may have a disability or are physically unable to go in-person to apply for help can complete this form and send an authorized representative in their place.

Wait times should be anticipated due to the volume of people expected to apply. County officials will do everything they can to process applications as quickly as possible.

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LINKS <https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/info/olm/forms/dss/DSS-1432.pdf>

Spanish: [https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/info/olm/forms/dss/dss\\_spanish/dss-1432sp.pdf](https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/info/olm/forms/dss/dss_spanish/dss-1432sp.pdf)

