

Maria Evacuees in Florida: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT FOOD ASSISTANCE

What help can I get for food?

The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) runs the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which is called Food Assistance or SNAP. The SNAP program helps low-income persons and families buy food.

How do I apply?

You can apply online or by paper.

Apply for **SNAP** online at: <https://goo.gl/ow4wTh>.

You can also apply for SNAP on a paper application that can be mailed, faxed or returned to your local [Customer Service Center](#). The paper application can be downloaded at <https://goo.gl/VyXZAk>.

Do I have to stand in line to get SNAP?

No! Evacuees from Puerto Rico are eligible for regular SNAP, not Disaster SNAP. You can apply for SNAP without having to go in person or stand in long lines.

What if I already get Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits in Puerto Rico?

It doesn't matter. Your NAP benefits won't count against you in Florida.

Do I have to close my NAP case?

Yes, but only as soon as you can. Since you cannot receive both NAP and SNAP at the same time, DCF will ask you to swear that you will close your NAP case at the earliest possible opportunity.

How long will I get SNAP?

You will get SNAP for at least 2 months. You can continue to get SNAP after that if you still qualify and you reapply for benefits.

How soon can I get SNAP benefits?

If you have very little income and resources, you will get your benefits within 7 days. This is called "expedited service." If you don't qualify for expedited service you will get your benefits within 30 days.