

Press Release

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IMPORTANT UPDATE ON SNAP BENEFITS

Canton, Ohio - Stark County Job and Family Services wants to ensure all residents are aware of potential impacts to SNAP benefits caused by the ongoing federal government shutdown. We understand that many SNAP recipients are concerned about possible delays or reductions in benefits.

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has informed Stark County that the shutdown **could** cause delays in the issuance of new SNAP benefits beginning **Saturday, November 1**. At this time, it is unclear how long these delays may last.

Despite the potential delay in benefit distribution, our staff will continue processing new applications and recertifications so that benefits can be issued as soon as federal funding resumes.

We will share any new updates from state or federal officials as soon as they become available on our website at https://www.starkjfs.org/government/offices/jobs_family_services/ and on our social media platforms.

If you need food assistance during this time, local food banks and pantries may be able to help. To find one near you, please visit <https://ohiofoodbanks.org/foodbanks/>.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to keep our community informed.

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