

VIRGINIA ACTS TO PROTECT SNAP RECIPIENTS

Governor Youngkin launches emergency state-funded food assistance amid federal shutdown

VIRGINIA EMERGENCY NUTRITION ASSISTANCE (VENA)

- Uses the same EBT cards and same beneficiaries as SNAP.
 - Funded by Virginia’s state budget surplus—no federal funds.
 - Delivers weekly benefits instead of monthly (approximately ¼ of monthly amount each week).
 - \$37.5 million per week in benefits to support Virginians in need.
- Additional \$1 million directed to Virginia’s food bank network to ease the transition and help families facing hardship.

BENEFITS SCHEDULE

Group	Regular SNAP Date	New VENA Date
1 st Third	Sat, Nov 1	Monday, November 3
2 nd Third	Tues, Nov 4	Wednesday, November 5
3 rd Third	Fri, Nov 7	Friday, November 7

Benefits will be issued on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in November.

* Keep your EBT card secure—switch it off in the ConnectEBT app until checkout.



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