St. Martin Parish has been approved for DSNAP (**Disaster Food Stamps**). **The application process runs from Monday, November 16 - Friday November 20,** **2020.** SNAP recipients are **not** eligible for DSNAP and also should not apply. Information about SNAP benefits changes related to Hurricane Delta can be found at [www.dcfs.la.gov/SNAPstorms](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fdcfs.louisiana.gov%2findex.cfm%3faction%3dcommunication.trk%26trk%3dlink%3a150730%3a15054%3a2801%3ahttp%253B%253B%252F%252Fwww%252Edcfs%252Ela%252Egov%252FSNAPstorms%3a152013C1A92B0A6FA04DF6D20D81A028&c=E,1,Yq2jUs0VT5mDq5Wr312kTUGqqQ2-Epy6YmxvrrRG7oZwe0FNi0DySWYNbIEHoRs4AOvis3xKXZ7Hd2y8uUEESFMqFNy1BSmKV5puoCfd2ktwvbQ,&typo=1).

Residents are encouraged, but not required, to take the following steps before calling to apply and be interviewed for DSNAP:

* **Pre-register online first.** Step-by-step instructions for this can be found at [dcfs.la.gov/DSNAP](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fdcfs.louisiana.gov%2findex.cfm%3faction%3dcommunication.trk%26trk%3dlink%3a150730%3a15054%3a2801%3ahttp%253B%253B%252F%252Fwww%252Edcfs%252Ela%252Egov%252FDSNAP%3a1A1FD3AA38E7226152B3A5F332D653D1&c=E,1,HRcawHNKWdNcEAPcwPtDLUzZ4KWHWl1LAmecwxbbSNA_8sGxqcGEihgzvSAOaaKh73HdUL_RfkJwfsTeVV2oXYuxixc7x8JHTkpMLd2gyA1fgFN6zZB04i4u&typo=1).
* **Download the LA Wallet mobile app for identity and residency verification.** Information on the app, including download links, can be found at [LAWallet.com](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fdcfs.louisiana.gov%2findex.cfm%3faction%3dcommunication.trk%26trk%3dlink%3a150730%3a15054%3a2801%3ahttp%253B%253B%252F%252Fwww%252Elawallet%252Ecom%252F%3a0D15DE3B57F23C57416DC5A24BD0080E&c=E,1,76c2UARtAsSeGbsEvDc-Ue2vKdXJDUXE4lXbgw7kqTxVUvU2lJutcWaS9_2ohWoCblU1AeMYUnszyEcMb09pJIg28NnBkSIN4a2ueNhHdV-eoPb3mP3ZXA,,&typo=1).
* **Gather all information needed for the application.** A list of what is needed can be found in the FAQs at [dcfs.la.gov/DSNAP](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fdcfs.louisiana.gov%2findex.cfm%3faction%3dcommunication.trk%26trk%3dlink%3a150730%3a15054%3a2801%3ahttp%253B%253B%252F%252Fwww%252Edcfs%252Ela%252Egov%252FDSNAP%3a1A1FD3AA38E7226152B3A5F332D653D1&c=E,1,a5pwtWbiM2xb8_ICWv4x9qGg66aTv2KZxNCc-tYlTZUyMTgFMQ2MHUxUgtN7DQaoP0X6SUohzhzvdHLhYW9JMgmNhUbjvMqXcAORZKCaaTeAmlqZ4Ox11ii4ReYx&typo=1).

Residents who pre-registered or applied for DSNAP after Hurricane Laura (or anytime since March 2020) do not need to pre-register again.

When residents call to apply and be interviewed for DSNAP, a worker will verify the applicant’s identity and residency, and obtain information about their income, resources and disaster-related expenses. Most applicants will be told on the phone immediately after completing their application and interview whether they have been approved to receive DSNAP and if so, the amount of benefits they will receive. Applicants will also receive a letter by mail, confirming the eligibility decision made on their application.

Applicants may name an Authorized Representative (AR) to apply for DSNAP benefits on their behalf. The head of household must authorize the person to serve as AR on their behalf, and the worker will need to speak to the head of household to confirm that they agree for the AR to speak on their behalf.

Additional information about DSNAP can be found by texting LADSNAP to 898-211 or by visiting [www.dcfs.la.gov/DSNAP](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fdcfs.louisiana.gov%2findex.cfm%3faction%3dcommunication.trk%26trk%3dlink%3a150730%3a15054%3a2801%3ahttp%253B%253B%252F%252Fwww%252Edcfs%252Ela%252Egov%252FDSNAP%3a1A1FD3AA38E7226152B3A5F332D653D1&c=E,1,XUhL3mpfzf8Rn8ztMTUMJU29p1reoS108BY6WreqMfQ8f-_OzmeEjO_wid_ToLQvfrHuS_Vn49gSuSe0WziXCCdpeDK0OsNEKg88L_q8Zj7B&typo=1).

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