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Steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick

Follow the steps below: If you are sick with COVID-19 or think you might have COVID-19, follow the steps below to care for yourself and to help protect other people in your home and community.

Stay home except to get medical care

• Stay home: Most people with COVID-19 have mild illness and are able to recover at home without medical care. Do not leave your home, except to get medical care. Do not visit public areas.

• Stay in touch with your doctor. Call before you get medical care. Be sure to get care if you have trouble breathing, or have any other emergency warning signs, or if you think it is an emergency.

• Avoid public transportation: Avoid using public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.

Separate yourself from other people in your home, this is known as home isolation

• Stay away from others: As much as possible, you stay away from others. You should stay in a specific “sick room” if possible, and away from other people in your home. Use a separate bathroom, if available.

See COVID-19 and Animals is you have questions about pets.

If someone in your home is sick

Call ahead before visiting your doctor
• Call ahead: Many medical visits for routine care are being postponed or done by phone or telemedicine.
• If you have a medical appointment that cannot be postponed, call your doctor’s office, and tell them you have or may have COVID-19. This will help the office protect themselves and other patients.

If you are sick wear a facemask in the following situations, if available.
• If you are sick: You should wear a facemask, if available, when you are around other people (including before you enter a healthcare provider’s office).
• If you are caring for others: If the person who is sick is not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then as their caregiver, you should wear a facemask when in the same room with them. Visitors, other than caregivers, are not recommended.

Note: During a public health emergency, facemasks may be reserved for healthcare workers. You may need to improvise a facemask using a scarf or bandana.

Cover your coughs and sneezes
• Cover: Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
• Dispose: Throw used tissues in a lined trash can.
• Wash hands: Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Wash Your Hands
Clean your hands often
• Wash hands: Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. This is especially important after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
• Hand sanitizer: If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry.
• Soap and water: Soap and water are the best option, especially if hands are visibly dirty.
• Avoid touching: Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid sharing personal household items
• Do not share: Do not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people in your home.
• Wash thoroughly after use: After using these items, wash them thoroughly with soap and water or put in the dishwasher.

Clean Surfaces
Clean all “high-touch” surfaces everyday
Clean high-touch surfaces in your isolation area (“sick room” and bathroom) every day; let a caregiver clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces in other areas of the home.
• Clean and disinfect: Routinely clean high-touch surfaces in your “sick room” and bathroom. Let someone else clean and disinfect surfaces in common areas, but not your bedroom and bathroom.
If a caregiver or other person needs to clean and disinfect a sick person’s bedroom or bathroom, they should do so on an as-needed basis. The caregiver/other person should wear a mask and wait as long as possible after the sick person has used the bathroom.

High-touch surfaces include phones, remote controls, counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables.

• Clean and disinfect areas that may have blood, stool, or body fluids on them.

• Household cleaners and disinfectants: Clean the area or item with soap and water or another detergent if it is dirty. Then, use a household disinfectant.

• Be sure to follow the instructions on the label to ensure safe and effective use of the product. Many products recommend keeping the surface wet for several minutes to ensure germs are killed. Many also recommend precautions such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.

• Most EPA-registered household disinfectants should be effective. A full list of disinfectants can be found https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2

Complete disinfection guidance

Temperature

Monitor your symptoms

• Common symptoms of COVID-19 include fever and cough. Trouble breathing is a more serious symptom that means you should get medical attention.

• If you are having trouble breathing, seek medical attention, but call first. Call your doctor or emergency room before going in and tell them your symptoms. They will tell you what to do.

• Wear a facemask: If available, put on a facemask before you enter the building. If you can’t put on a facemask, cover your coughs and sneezes. Try to stay at least 6 feet away from other people. This will help protect the people in the office or waiting room.

• Follow care instructions from your healthcare provider and local health department: Your local health authorities may give instructions on checking your symptoms and reporting information.

When to Seek Medical Attention

If you develop emergency warning signs for COVID-19 get medical attention immediately. Emergency warning signs include*:

• Trouble breathing

• Persistent pain or pressure in the chest

• New confusion or inability to arouse

• Bluish lips or face

*This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.
Call 911 if you have a medical emergency: If you have a medical emergency and need to call 911, notify the operator that you have or think you might have, COVID-19. If possible, put on a facemask before medical help arrives.

**How to discontinue home isolation**

• People with COVID-19 who have stayed home (home isolated) can stop home isolation under the following conditions: ◦ If you will not have a test to determine if you are still contagious, you can leave home after these three things have happened:

  ▪ You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever without the use medicine that reduces fevers)
  
  AND

  ▪ other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved)
  
  AND

  ▪ at least 7 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared

  ◦ If you will be tested to determine if you are still contagious, you can leave home after these three things have happened: ▪ You no longer have a fever (without the use medicine that reduces fevers)
  
  AND

  ▪ other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved)
  
  AND

  you received two negative tests in a row, 24 hours apart. Your doctor will follow CDC guidelines.

In all cases, follow the guidance of your healthcare provider and local health department. The decision to stop home isolation should be made in consultation with your healthcare provider and state and local health departments. Local decisions depend on local circumstances.


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Emory creates free publicly available COVID-19 symptom-checker

The technology sector is finding new and effective ways to contribute to the fight against the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic. In a collaborative effort between Emory University and Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, health specialists and software developers have created the “C19Checker”, a free publicly available website that provides guidance to people who suspect they may have COVID-19 symptoms. In addition to providing guidance and education to the public on COVID-19 symptoms, this website also helps to mitigate the surge of patients seeking care in crowded emergency departments. The “C19Checker” is also now available as a smart phone app, to make symptom checking easier and safer for the community.

PRIORITIES FOR WHO SHOULD BE TESTED FOR COVID-19

• CDC has noted that health care providers should use their best judgment on which patients should be tested; however, last week CDC issued updated criteria for testing priorities (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/priority-testing-patients.pdf):
  
o Priority 1: Hospitalized patients with signs and symptoms compatible with COVID-19 and symptomatic health care workers;
  
o Priority 2: Symptomatic individuals who are at highest risk, which includes patients in long-term care facilities, older adults, individuals with chronic medical conditions and/or an immunocompromised state that may put them at higher risk, and first responders; and
  
o Priority 3: As resources allow, testing of individuals in communities with rapidly increasing hospital cases, including symptomatic critical infrastructure workers, symptomatic individuals not in priority 1 or priority 2, health care workers and first responders, and individuals with mild symptoms in communities experiencing high COVID-19 hospitalizations.

State of Georgia’s COVID-19 Hotline

844-442-2681

CDC Hotline

https://www.cdc.gov/cdc-info/index.html (800-232-4636)

CDC-INFO is experiencing a very high number of calls and emails. Wait times for inquiries on all topics are longer than usual. However, if you are a healthcare provider and your inquiry is urgent, please call instead of sending through the form.

Due to the high volume of inquiries, CDC is working to assist those with the most urgent information needs. If you have general questions regarding COVID-19, please see the CDC’s Coronavirus Disease 2019 https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html for timely information instead of submitting an email. This is a rapidly evolving situation, and CDC will provide information on our website as soon as it becomes available.

You may also access CDC’s new online Coronavirus Self-Checker tool from this webpage. This tool can help you make decisions about seeking appropriate medical care if you think you are sick with COVID-19.

Multilingual COVID-19 Info

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KmaFpWNFoKvy8_D0JrNKpUsNb15MFkSk?fbclid=IwAR12X1wN0jAGZRxWU8ySEM0TKXo1OxME8WcpvBFpIUZmWpgC1raHXKWndLA
**COVID-19 Testing Sites**

**Free COVID-19 Testing**


People who are experiencing cough, fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, body aches, loss of taste, or diarrhea should call the Patient Coronavirus Information Line at 1-800-935-6721 for an evaluation of their need for testing and get scheduled. Testing will not be performed without a confirmed COVID-19 testing appointment.

**The Gwinnett, Newton, and Rockdale County Health Departments announced plans to continue operating the drive-through COVID-19 Specimen Collection sites.**

The drive-through sites will be open daily to any individual who thinks he or she may be infected with COVID-19. However, individuals must schedule an appointment to be tested to ensure the availability of testing kits. Appointments can be scheduled Monday through Friday; a doctor referral will not be required to be tested.

To make an appointment, please call 770-513-5631. An individual must provide his or her own transportation to and from the testing site. Test results will be available after 48 hours.

Additional information regarding the testing sites can be found on the Health Department's website at www.gnrhealth.com/covid-19-info.

**DeKalb County Board of Health**

https://www.dekalbhealth.net/  (844) 442-2681

The DeKalb County Board of Health is now accepting testing appointments for COVID-19 in response to Gov. Brian Kemp’s push for increased testing.

The testing is available to anyone who believes he or she may have been exposed to the virus, as well as those who fall into specified groups. [READ MORE](https://www.dekalbhealth.net/)

**Kingswood Church is Giving Back to the Community by being a Covid-19 Testing Site**

https://kingswood.church/2020/04/15/kingswood-gives-back/  (770) 457-1317

4896 North Peachtree Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338

Testing began this past Monday morning, April 13, with testing Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm each week.

**The City of Clarkston Testing Site**

Clarkston hosting free COVID-19 testing for residents with symptoms

The city of Clarkston, a local non-profit medical clinic and other groups are hosting free COVID-19 screenings for local residents experiencing symptoms associated with the disease caused by the novel coronavirus. Click [HERE](http://ocgnews.com/georgia-launches-covid-19-telemedicince-screening-app/) to learn more.

Additional COVID-19 Testing Sites Online in Georgia

The Georgia Department of Public Health has released a list of all active specimen collection sites for COVID-19 testing in Georgia. The list below contains active testing sites near or in Georgia’s 4th District.

Visits to these sites are by referral or appointment only, and Georgians should contact their medical provider, local public health officials, or other contacts listed for information.

District 3-2 Fulton County Health District:
Aviation Cultural Center
3900 Aviation Circle NW, Atlanta, GA 30336
Monday thru Friday 8:30 AM-5 PM, Saturday 9 AM-12 PM

District 3-3 Clayton County Health District:
Childrens at Mount Zion
2201 Mt Zion Pkwy., Morrow, GA 30260
Monday thru Friday 8:30 AM-5 PM

District 3-4 East Metro Health District (Lawrenceville):
District 3-4 Public Health
2570 Riverside Pkwy., Lawrenceville, GA 30046
Monday thru Friday 9 AM-5 PM, Saturday 9 AM-12 PM
Cousins Middle School
8187 Carlton Trl. NW, Covington, GA 30014
Monday 9 AM-5 PM

District 3-5 Dekalb Health District:
Sugar Creek Golf Course
2706 Bouldercrest Rd. SE, Atlanta, GA 30316
Monday thru Friday 8:30 AM-5 PM, Saturday 9 AM-12 PM
Kingswood Church
4896 N Peachtree Rd., Dunwoody, GA 30338
Monday thru Friday 8:30 AM-5 PM, Saturday 9 AM-12 PM

To receive a test at one of these facilities, please contact your medical provider or local public health officials for a referral:
District 3-2 Fulton County Health District: (404) 613-8150
District 3-3 Clayton County Health District: (678) 479-2223
District 3-4 East Metro Health District (Lawrenceville): (770) 513-5631
District 3-5 Dekalb Health District: (404) 294-3700

Testing is also available in this region at the following locations by appointment only through each facility's dedicated COVID-19 website:

CVS Drive-Thru Rapid COVID-19 Testing at Georgia Tech
352 Peachtree Place, Atlanta, GA, 30332
Monday thru Friday 9 AM-6 PM, Saturday 10 AM-5 PM, Sunday 10 AM-4 PM
For more information and to register for a test, visit www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing.

The city of Clarkston’s task force for the coronavirus disease of 2019 (COVID-19) released a list created by Dr. Andrew Kim of Ethne Health listing “local (and less-local) testing locations.” Clarkston officials said testing is “open for anyone, by appointment only.”

“With all of these options, almost everyone should be able to get tested,” stated Kim.

1. Local

a. Ethne Health: Mon-Thurs., 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. – noon
   – Price: Free
   – Call (470) 799-0044
   – 4122 E Ponce De Leon Ave. Suite #5, Clarkston, GA 30021

b. Clarkston Community Health Center: first day Sat., May 9, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
   – Price: Free
   – Call (678) 383-1383, press “3”
   – 3700 Market St. E-1, Clarkston, GA 30021

c. Lifeline Primary Care: Mon. – Thurs., 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Fri./Sat., 9 a.m. -1 p.m.
   – Price: depends on insurance status
   – Call (470) 355-7896
   – 3660 Market St., Clarkston, GA 30021
d. **First Medical Clinic**, 2536 Lawrenceville Highway, Decatur, Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

- Price: $50 or depending on insurance
- Call (770) 934-6832
- 2536 Lawrenceville Highway, Decatur, GA 30033

2. Outside of Clarkston

a. **DeKalb County Board of Health drive-thru testing**

- Price: Free
- Call (404) 294-3700, Option 1
- Locations at Bouldercrest Road, SE and Dunwoody

b. **Georgia National Guard**: dates as available

- Price: Free
- FAU Health ExpressCare app or [www.augustacareexpress.com](http://www.augustacareexpress.com) or (706) 721-1852
- Decatur Armory, GSU on Hank Arron Drive, Greenbriar Mall

c. **GA tech campus (CVS and Abbott)**: Mon.-Sat. (9 a.m. – 6 p.m.), Sun. (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

- Price: Free
- RAPID TEST (result within one hour)
- SIGN up online ONLY- [www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing](http://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing)

d. **CORE Atlanta testing- Mercedes Benz stadium** (Mon. – Fri. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

- Price: Free
- SIGN up online ONLY- [https://atlanta.curativeinc.com/welcome](https://atlanta.curativeinc.com/welcome)

**CVS Testing Sites**

The new testing sites in Georgia include:

CVS Pharmacy, 6031 Fairburn Road, Douglasville, GA 30134

CVS Pharmacy, 3001 Richard B. Russell Parkway, Warner Robins, GA 31088
CVS Pharmacy, 5095 Peachtree Parkway, Norcross, GA 30092
CVS Pharmacy, 4345 South Cobb Drive, SE., Smyrna, GA 30080
CVS Pharmacy, 2738 North Decatur Road, Decatur, GA 30003
CVS Pharmacy, 11710 Alpharetta Highway, Roswell, GA 30076
CVS Pharmacy, 5370 Laurel Springs Parkway, Suwanee, GA 30024
CVS Pharmacy, 3785 Sixes Road, Canton, GA 30014
CVS Pharmacy, 5710 Sugarloaf Parkway NW., Lawrenceville, GA 30043
CVS Pharmacy, 3027 Jim Moore Road, Dacula, GA 30019
CVS Pharmacy, 3595 Atlanta Highway, Athens, GA 30606
CVS Pharmacy, 800 East West Connector SW., Austell, GA 30106
CVS Pharmacy, 4895 Post Road, Cumming, GA 30040
CVS Pharmacy, 2994 Atlanta Road, Smyrna, GA 30080
CVS Pharmacy, 480 Glynn Street, Fayetteville, GA 30214
CVS Pharmacy, 5401 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31406
CVS Pharmacy, 1950 Buford Highway, Buford, GA 30518
CVS Pharmacy, 100 East Piedmont Road, Marietta, GA 30066
CVS Pharmacy, 5690 Ogeechee Road, Savannah, GA 31405
CVS Pharmacy, 2324 US Highway 17, Richmond Hill, GA 31324
CVS Pharmacy, 6120 Hickory Flat Highway, Canton, GA 30115
CVS Pharmacy, 4192 Salem Road, Covington, GA 30019
CVS Pharmacy, 1544 Bass Road, Macon, GA 31210
A complete list of CVS Pharmacy Drive-thru test sites can be found [here](#).

More information on steps CVS Health has taken to address the COVID-19 pandemic, including support for health care providers and clinicians facing financial and administrative strain, is available at the company's frequently updated COVID-19 resource center.

For downloadable COVID-19 testing media assets, including photos, video and interviews with CVS Health executives, please visit the [Media Resource Center](#).

**Walmart**

is working with eTrueNorth as well as state and local officials in your district and will be opening several drive-thru COVID-19 testing sites at stores in Stonecrest, Stone Mountain and Tucker, GA starting tomorrow. The sites will be open to anyone who meets the CDC and state and local guidelines on who should be tested. All appointments will be drive-thru observed self-collection in the Walmart parking lot and is supported by eTrueNorth’s online portal that will screen and schedule those individuals who meet eligibility requirements. Individuals being tested will received results on average within three to five days.

HHS, state and local officials, Walmart and our lab partners are selecting the sites based on areas of need. For more information on additional efforts please [visit our website](#) or view the attached letters that were shared with local officials.

| Stonecrest | Stone Mountain | Tucker |

**CPACS Cosmo Health Center** is now offering FREE Universal COVID-19 and HIV Drive-Thru Testing by appointment only. Please call CPACS Cosmo Health Center at 770-446-0929 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

Make a medical doctor's appointment at Cosmo Health Center by calling 770-446-0929. Our office is located at 6185 Buford Hwy. Building G. Norcross, GA 30071. For dental services, please call 770-674-7980.

**proposed Senate Bill**

WASHINGTON – The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service today announced that distribution of economic impact payments will begin in the next three weeks and
will be distributed automatically, with no action required for most people. However, some seniors and others who typically do not file returns will need to submit a simple tax return to receive the stimulus payment.

**Who is eligible for the economic impact payment?**

Tax filers with adjusted gross income up to $75,000 for individuals and up to $150,000 for married couples filing joint returns will receive the full payment. For filers with income above those amounts, the payment amount is reduced by $5 for each $100 above the $75,000/$150,000 thresholds. Single filers with income exceeding $99,000 and $198,000 for joint filers with no children are not eligible.

Eligible taxpayers who filed tax returns for either 2019 or 2018 will automatically receive an economic impact payment of up to $1,200 for individuals or $2,400 for married couples. Parents also receive $500 for each qualifying child.

**How will the IRS know where to send my payment?**

The vast majority of people do not need to take any action. The IRS will calculate and automatically send the economic impact payment to those eligible.

For people who have already filed their 2019 tax returns, the IRS will use this information to calculate the payment amount. For those who have not yet filed their return for 2019, the IRS will use information from their 2018 tax filing to calculate the payment. The economic impact payment will be deposited directly into the same banking account reflected on the return filed.

**The IRS does not have my direct deposit information. What can I do?**

In the coming weeks, Treasury plans to develop a web-based portal for individuals to provide their banking information to the IRS online, so that individuals can receive payments immediately as opposed to checks in the mail.

**I am not typically required to file a tax return. Can I still receive my payment?**

Yes. People who typically do not file a tax return will need to file a simple tax return to receive an economic impact payment. Low-income taxpayers, senior citizens, Social Security recipients, some veterans and individuals with disabilities who are otherwise not required to file a tax return will not owe tax.

**How can I file the tax return needed to receive my economic impact payment?**

IRS.gov/coronavirus will soon provide information instructing people in these groups on how to file a 2019 tax return with simple, but necessary, information including their filing status, number of dependents and direct deposit bank account information.

**I have not filed my tax return for 2018 or 2019. Can I still receive an economic impact payment?**
Yes. The IRS urges anyone with a tax filing obligation who has not yet filed a tax return for 2018 or 2019 to file as soon as they can to receive an economic impact payment. Taxpayers should include direct deposit banking information on the return.

**I need to file a tax return. How long are the economic impact payments available?**

For those concerned about visiting a tax professional or local community organization in person to get help with a tax return, these economic impact payments will be available throughout the rest of 2020.

**IRS Toolkit**

Where can I get more information?

The IRS will post all key information on IRS.gov/coronavirus as soon as it becomes available. The IRS has a reduced staff in many of its offices but remains committed to helping eligible individuals receive their payments expeditiously. Check for updated information on IRS.gov/coronavirus rather than calling IRS assistors who are helping process 2019 returns.

The comprehensive toolkit included in the Dear Colleague below for how the CARES Act will benefit communities across America, is now available here in both **English** and **Spanish**.

Congressional Hispanic Caucus

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

“CARES Act”

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, otherwise known as the “CARES Act,” provides critical unemployment assistance, small business relief, and funding for health care that will benefit Latino families and businesses. However, many essential benefits will not be available to millions of immigrants and their families, possibly including mixed-status families with U.S. citizen children.

Financial Assistance and Unemployment Insurance (UI) Benefits

- Direct cash assistance of $1,200 per person earning up to $75,000 and $150,000 if married; an additional $500 cash payment available per child.
- $600 increase of unemployment assistance will become available as soon as the state makes an arrangement with the Department of Labor to pay out the enhanced benefit.
- An additional 13 weeks of federally funded unemployment insurance benefits, beginning retroactively January 27, 2020.
• Allows part-time, self-employed, and gig economy workers to access UI benefits.

*Ineligibility for Cash Assistance/Recovery Rebate: A Social Security Number (SSN) is the main criteria for determining eligibility for the recovery rebate. Individuals who use Individual Tax Identification Numbers (ITIN) are excluded from the direct cash assistance. Physical presence in the U.S. is also considered for eligibility as “non-resident aliens” are ineligible. For example: undocumented people are excluded because they do not have SSNs and so are people who have certain nonimmigrant/temporary visas, including tourist visas, student visas, and consular visas. Some non-immigrants like H1-B and L workers do qualify, if they live here for more than 6 months per year. There is uncertainty in how the IRS will manage the situation of households where neither parent has a SSN, but their child/children do. We will update this one-pager as we get more information regarding implementation.

*Ineligibility for Unemployment Insurance: Noncitizens who lack work authorizations or who were not “authorized” to work while they were working are ineligible. It remains to be seen whether Department of Labor will designate that state unemployment insurance eligibility rules will apply or alternative federal criteria.

*Public Charge: Neither the cash assistance/recovery rebate or the unemployment insurance will count for public charge purposes. However, having a low income and/or having a poor history of employment can be used as negative factors.


• $100 billion to provide grants to hospitals, public entities, not-for-profit entities, and Medicare and Medicaid enrolled suppliers and institutional providers to cover reimbursed health care related expenses or lost revenues attributable to the public health emergency resulting from the coronavirus.

• $27 billion for the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (PHSSEF), which will help provide personal protective equipment, ventilators, and other medical supplies, as well as research and development of vaccines and diagnostics.

• $450 million for food banks, which can provide food assistance to families, regardless of immigration status.

• $3.5 billion for the Child Care Development Block Grant for immediate assistance to childcare providers to prevent them from going out of business and to otherwise support childcare for families.

• $10 billion for SBA emergency grants of up to $10,000 to provide immediate relief for small businesses and non-profits that apply for an SBA Emergency Injury Disaster Loans.

• $350 billion in loan forgiveness grants to small businesses and non-profits to maintain existing workforce and help pay for other expenses like rent, mortgage, and utilities.
*Ineligibility for Medicaid State Option for Coronavirus Testing for the Uninsured: Previous welfare laws enacted in 1996 prevent undocumented individuals from getting any non-emergency Medicaid services.

Other Immigrant-Specific Provisions

- No new funds are included for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or Customs and Border Protection (CBP).
- Transfer and reprogramming restrictions attached to Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to prevent use of funds from advancing anti-immigrant agenda. Prevents DoD from diverting funds to build wall at the southern border.
- $350 million for “Migration and Refugee Assistance” under the Department of State. This funding will extend life-saving services to refugees and displaced persons living in refugee-host countries to prevent and respond to COVID-19 outbreaks. This allocation is critical to ensure that the necessary services, including medical, shelter, food, clothing, etc. are provided to these populations, and should target particularly vulnerable camps, shelters, encampments, and peri-urban settlements.

For more info on what the CARES Act means for non-profits:

Visit the National Council for Non-Profits: [https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/](https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/)


Visit the Georgia Center for Non-Profits: [https://www.gcn.org/](https://www.gcn.org/)

Caucus Hispano del Congreso

Paquete de Estímulo Económico

"Ley CARES"

El paquete de estímulo económico, también conocido como la "Ley CARES", proporciona asistencia crítica para el desempleo, ayuda para empresas pequeñas, y fondos para la atención médica de familias y empresas Latinas. Sin embargo, muchos de los beneficios no estarán disponibles para millones de inmigrantes indocumentados, posiblemente incluyendo familias que tienen estatus de inmigración mixto con hijos estadounidenses.
Reembolsos a individuos y beneficios del programa del Seguro de Desempleo (UI, por sus siglas en inglés)

- Reembolsos a individuos de $1,200 por cada adulto individual, o $2,400 por declarantes conjuntos, y $500 por cada niño.

- Aumento de $600 en asistencia de desempleo (Unemployment Insurance, UI) estará disponible tan pronto como el estado haga un acuerdo con el Departamento de Trabajo para pagar el beneficio mejorado.

- 13 semanas adicionales del programa UI serán financiadas con fondos federales, comenzando retroactivamente desde el 27 de enero de 2020.

- Permite a los trabajadores de medio tiempo, trabajadores por cuenta propia y contratistas independientes acceder a beneficios de UI.

* Inelegibilidad para Reembolsos: Un Número de Seguro Social (SSN) es el criterio principal para determinar la elegibilidad para el reembolso de recuperación. Las personas quienes usan números de identificación fiscal individual (ITIN) no califican para recibir reembolsos. La presencia física en los Estados Unidos también se considera para elegibilidad ya que los "extranjeros no residentes" no son elegibles. Por ejemplo: las personas indocumentadas están excluidas porque no tienen un número de seguro social (SSN). También están excluidas personas que tienen ciertas visas de no inmigrante, temporales, turista, estudiante y consulares. Algunos no inmigrantes como los trabajadores H1-B y L calican si viven aquí por más de 6 meses al año. Existe incertidumbre sobre cómo el Servicio de Impuestos Internos (“IRS” por su acrónimo en inglés) manejará la situación de familias que tienen estatus de inmigración mixto donde ninguno de los padres tiene un SSN, pero sus hijos estadounidenses si tienen un SSN. Actualizaremos esta información a medida que obtengamos más información sobre la implementación de la ley.

* Inelegibilidad para la Asistencia de Desempleo: Personas sin ciudadanía quienes no tengan autorizaciones para trabajar o quienes no fueron "autorizados" para trabajar mientras trabajaban, no son elegibles. Queda por ver si el Departamento de Trabajo designará que se aplicarán las reglas estatales de elegibilidad para el seguro de desempleo o criterios federales alternativos.

* Carga Publica: Ni la asistencia en efectivo/reembolso de recuperación ni el seguro de desempleo contarán para la carga pública. Sin embargo, tener bajos ingresos y/o tener un historial pobre de empleo puede usarse como factores negativos.

Provisiones sobre la salud pública y pequeñas empresas

- $100 mil millones en subsidios para hospitales, entidades públicas, entidades sin fines de lucro y proveedores inscritos en Medicare y Medicaid y proveedores institucionales para cubrir
los gastos relacionados con la atención médica o la pérdida de ingresos atribuibles a la emergencia de salud pública por el coronavirus.

- $27 mil millones para el Fondo de Emergencia de Salud Pública y Servicios Sociales (PHSSEF), que ayudará a proporcionar equipos de protección personal, ventiladores mecánicos y otros suministros médicos, así como el desarrollo de vacunas y diagnósticos.

- $450 millones para bancos de alimentos, que pueden proporcionar asistencia alimentaria a las familias, independientemente de su estado migratorio.

- $3.5 mil millones para el Fondo de Desarrollo y Cuidados Infantiles (Child Care and Development Fund, CCDF) para asistencia inmediata a proveedores de cuidado infantil para evitar que cierren sus negocios y de otra manera apoyar el cuidado infantil para las familias.

- $10 mil millones para pago de emergencia de la Administración de Pequeños Negocios (Small Business Administration, SBA) de hasta $10,000 para proporcionar ayuda inmediata a las pequeñas empresas y organizaciones sin fines de lucro que soliciten préstamos por desastre de emergencia de la SBA.

- $350 mil millones en condonación de préstamos para pequeñas empresas y organizaciones sin fines de lucro para mantener la mano de obra existente y ayudar a pagar otros gastos como la renta, hipoteca y servicios públicos.

*Inegibilidad para Recibir Prueba del Coronavirus Bajo el Medicaid Estatal para Personas sin Aseguranzenda Médica: las leyes de bienestar anteriores promulgadas en 1996 impiden que las personas indocumentadas obtengan servicios de Medicaid que no sean de emergencia.

Otras provisiones relacionadas a inmigrantes

- No hay fondos nuevos para el Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE/La Migra) o Aduanas y Protección de Fronteras (CBP).

- Incluye restricciones de transferencia y reprogramación para fondos del Departamento de Seguridad Nacional (DHS) para asegurar que los fondos no se usen para implementar políticas antiinmigrantes. Impide que el Departamento de Defensa desvíe fondos para construir un muro en la frontera con México.

- $350 millones para la cuenta de "Migración y Asistencia a Refugiados" en el Departamento de Estado. Esta financiación extenderá servicios que salvan vidas para países con altas poblaciones de refugiados y personas desplazadas para ayudar a prevenir brotes de COVID-19. Estos fondos son críticos para garantizar que se brinden servicios necesarios, como servicios médicos, de refugio, alimentos, ropa, etc. Los fondos deben ser dirigidos a campamentos, refugios, y asentamientos periurbanos particularmente para poblaciones vulnerables.

***The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service today, 4/10/2020, launched a new web tool allowing quick registration for Economic Impact Payments for those who don’t normally file a tax return.***
The Non-filer Tool provides a free and easy option designed for people who don’t have a return filing obligation, including those with too little income to file.

The feature is available only on IRS.gov, and users should look for Non-filers: Enter Payment Info Here to take them directly to the tool. The tool is a Free File fillable forms product developed in partnership with the Free File Alliance.

**U.S. Department of the Treasury and IRS** launched the “Get My Payment” web application. The [FREE app](#) allows taxpayers who filed their tax return in 2018 or 2019 but did not provide their banking information on either return to submit direct deposit information. Once they do, they will get their Economic Impact Payments deposited directly in their bank accounts, instead of waiting for a check to arrive in the mail. “Get My Payment” also allows taxpayers to track the status of their payment. “Get My Payment” is an online app that will display on any desktop, phone or tablet. It does not need to be downloaded from an app store.

For taxpayers to track the status of their payment, they will need to enter basic information in the “Get My Payment” app:

- Social Security Number
- Date of birth
- Mailing address

Taxpayers who want to add their bank account information to speed receipt of their payment will also need to provide the following additional information:

- Their Adjusted Gross Income from their most recent tax return submitted, either 2019 or 2018
- The refund or amount owed from their latest filed tax return
- Bank account type, account and routing numbers

Taxpayers are encouraged to gather this information before they enter the portal to save time.

Americans who did not file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 can use “[Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here](#)” to submit basic personal information to quickly and securely receive their Economic Impact Payments.

Americans who filed 2018 or 2019 tax returns with direct deposit information or receive Social Security do not need to take action. They will automatically receive payment in their bank accounts.

“Get My Payment” cannot update bank account information after an Economic Impact Payment has been scheduled for delivery. To help protect against potential fraud, the tool also does not allow people to change bank account information already on file with the IRS. The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request
personal or financial information. We urge taxpayers to be on the lookout for scammers and email phishing attempts about the COVID-19 and Economic Impact Payments.

Click here to visit the “Get My Payment” app.

SSA, RRB recipients with eligible children need to act by Wednesday to quickly add money to their automatic Economic Impact Payment; IRS asks for help in the ‘Plus $500 Push’

Several groups of federal benefit recipients must act by this Wednesday, April 22, so they can quickly receive the full amount of their Economic Impact Payment. This pertains to SSA and RRB recipients that didn’t file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 and do have dependents.

Their $1,200 payments will be issued soon and, in order to add the $500 per eligible child amount to these payments, the IRS needs the dependent information before the payments are issued. Otherwise, their payment at this time will be $1,200 and, by law, the additional $500 per eligible child amount would be paid in association with a return filing for tax year 2020.

See IRS News Release IR-2020-76 for all the details.

Federal Resources

CMS https://www.cms.gov/

ATL Veterans Affairs Medical Center https://www.publichealth.va.gov/n-coronavirus/index.asp
(404) 329-2222

If you have flu-like symptoms such as fever, cough & shortness of breath, call us before your visit to your local medical center or clinic. www.va.gov/coronavirus and locate your local facility operations @ https://www.va.gov/find-locations If you are having symptoms of COVID-19 call 844-698-2311, press #3 to be connected.

Most medications can be refilled using our automated prescription refill line. For medications that may require additional testing, please consult your provider via https://www.myhealth.va.gov. We have options in many cases for home tests or testing in the community.

For urgent or emergent lab needs, the lab at the medical center will remain available. Additional information will be forthcoming in the next 24-48 hours

In order to minimize exposure to COVID 19, local officials have issued shelter in place orders. Effective Wednesday, March 25, all Veterans requiring urgent or emergent care are required to the enter the medical center and be screened at our Clairmont road entrance.

Veterans are still encouraged to continue to contact our Telephone Advice Program (TAP) at 404-329-2222 if they need medical advice or have a question. In case of an emergency, Veterans should call 911 or proceed to the nearest emergency room.

Atlanta VA Regional Office www.va.gov 1-800-827-1000
Effective 3/19/2020 - Regional offices will remain open, but will no longer accept walk-ins for claims assistance, scheduled appointments, counseling and other in-person services. You can continue to contact us via phone or email as you normally do. Our employees are still working although the building is closed to the public.

**VBA & Appeals Management Office (AMO)**

"Will hold telephonic informal conferences in lieu of in-person DRO hearings if the Veteran or Veteran’s Representative selects this option. For Veterans who do not wish to utilize an informal conference, VBA is informing Veterans that the DRO hearing is postponed until further notice. This guidance has also been sent to Veteran advocates and VSOs for their awareness."

**2020 Census Bureau** [https://www.2020census.gov/](https://www.2020census.gov/)

In support of guidance on what we can all do to help slow the spread of coronavirus, 2020 Census field operations will be suspended for two weeks until April 1, 2020. The Census Bureau is taking this step to help protect the health and safety of the American public, Census Bureau employees, and everyone going through the hiring process for temporary census taker positions.

**USCIS** [www.uscis.gov/coronavirus](http://www.uscis.gov/coronavirus)

Effective March 18, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is suspending in-person services at its field offices, asylum offices and Application Support Centers (ASCs) to help slow the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). This suspension of services will be effective until at least April 1. In the meantime, USCIS will provide limited emergency services. [https://www.uscis.gov/contactcenter](https://www.uscis.gov/contactcenter)

USCIS offices will begin to reopen on May 4 unless the public closures are extended further. Employees in these offices are continuing to perform mission-essential services that do not require face-to-face contact with the public.

**DACA** [https://www.informedimmigrant.com/guides/daca-coronavirus/](https://www.informedimmigrant.com/guides/daca-coronavirus/)


All immigration hearings, except for detained cases have been canceled.

**EEOC**

"Effective immediately all employees, other than the minimal staffing needed to handle mail, will be encouraged to telework until further notice. On March 12 all EEOC offices began conducting charge intake over the phone, minimizing the health risks to agency employees and the public while ensuring that no employee or applicant would lose their rights under the laws we enforce. Preserving access to being able to file a charge of discrimination is important because the laws the EEOC enforces have deadlines within which employees and applicants must file discrimination charges."

**EEOC for Deaf**

Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing can reach the EEOC by videophone at 1-844-234-5122. If you have a disability which prevents you from accessing the Public Portal or you otherwise have difficulty with accessing the portal, please call 1-800-669-4000.

**EEOC for Filing discrimination**
If you would like to begin the process of filing a charge of discrimination you are encouraged to visit the EEOC Public Portal (https://publicportal.eeoc.gov/) to schedule an intake appointment by telephone. The system can also be accessed by going directly to our website at www.eeoc.gov. More information about reaching an EEOC field office is available at https://www.eeoc.gov/field/index.cfm. Anyone who cannot use the portal can call the EEOC at 1-800-669-4000 to begin the process of filing a charge.


Field office locator (1-800-772-1213) TTY 1-800-325-0778

Due to COVID-19, local Social Security offices will only offer phone service to the public effective 03/17/20


Maintain current information about the operating status and hours of our Taxpayer Assistance Centers (TAC) on IRS.gov. We recommend taxpayers double check IRS.gov before making a trip to a TAC. Better yet, try to resolve the issue online or over the phone.

Tax Day now July 15: Treasury, IRS extend filing deadline and federal tax payments regardless of amount owed

The IRS urges taxpayers who are due a refund to file as soon as possible. Most tax refunds are still being issued within 21 days.

Treasury, IRS and Labor announce plan to implement Coronavirus-related paid leave for workers and tax credits for small and midsize businesses to swiftly recover the cost of providing Coronavirus-related leave.

Taxpayers can order a paper copy of any current-year form, instruction, or publication (except Publication 17) on www.irs.gov/orderforms or by calling 800-829-3676.

Georgia Department of Revenue Forms can be found here: https://dor.georgia.gov/it-511-individual-income-tax-booklet or by calling 1-877-423-6711 and request forms to be mailed by speaking with an agent.

Tax Time Allies

Taxpayers who earned less than $69,000 last year can visit IRS Free File (www.irs.gov/freefile) 24/7 from smartphones, tablets, or computers to prepare and file their taxes online for free, while capturing all credits and deductions. And by filing online and using direct deposit, taxpayers can receive their refund in 21 days or less. This refund money will be another vital resource to help taxpayers get through this pandemic.

Please visit www.TaxTimeAllies.org for more information.

National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG)

www.ConsumerResources.org is a hub of consumer protection information and resources from state and territory attorneys general.

The website features links to consumer protection resources for each attorney general office and federal enforcement agencies. Consumer complaints can also be filed with most attorneys general through the links on the website.
In addition, the website offers educational materials on a variety of consumer topics to help consumers to stay informed on important issues. Topics covered include common scams, education, finances and money, healthcare, internet and privacy, and travel.

**SBA**

[www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster)  1-800-659-2955

Small business disaster loans approved. Go online to fill out application or call in to get more details.

**Small Business**

[https://www.facebook.com/business/boost/grant](https://www.facebook.com/business/boost/grant)

$100 million in grants will support over 30,000 small businesses in over 30 countries where we operate around the world to show that we’re focused on helping businesses easily find the help, training, and support they need.

**Gov't & Emergency Service Org.'s**


Workplace Advanced is being made available for free for a year to governments and emergency service orgs globally. This platform uses simple and secure tools like video calling, groups, News Feed, file sharing and instant messaging to keep entire organizations connected and informed.

**Department of State**

**Americans Traveling Abroad**

1) Constituents need to reach out/notify the State Department of their situation via the 24 hour hotline the Department has set up to help stranded AmCits:

- Callers located in U.S. and Canada: 1-888-407-4747
- Callers located overseas: 1-202-501-4444

2) Constituents should register (if they haven’t yet) with [https://step.state.gov/](https://step.state.gov/), the State Department’s Smart Traveler Enrollment Program, to get updates.

**Passports**

To make an appointment at a passport agency or center for a life-or-death emergency, you must call our National Passport Information Center (NPIC) at 1-877-487-2778 (1-888-874-7793 TDD/TTY) on Monday- Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm Eastern Time, except federal holidays or on Saturdays, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Eastern Time. Call 202-647-4000 outside of these hours to make an appointment.

Effective March 20, 2020, we are only able to offer service for customers with a qualified life-or-death emergency and who need a passport for immediate international travel within 72 hours. Please do not contact our agency directly to make an appointment. If your constituents applied and requested expedited service on or before March 19, 2020, we will honor our commitment of 2-3 weeks door-to-door for expedited service. If your constituents applied in-person at a passport agency or center on or before March 19, 2020, the passport agency or center will inform them that it will be mailed to them.

Due to issues concerning COVID-19, the Atlanta Passport Agency will be closed to the public effective April 3, 2020 until April 17, 2020. After this time period, we will reassess the concerns and determine if we will be able to re-open to the public. Please continue to send all questions and concerns to [CA-PPT-AT-CustomerService@state.gov](mailto:CA-PPT-AT-CustomerService@state.gov). We are currently out of the office and have limited accessibility to the network. We will respond to all of your inquiries as we are able.

$1M in grant support is available to fact-checking organizations around the world to increase their capacity to combat misinformation related to COVID-19. The funds will be administered by the International Fact-Checking Network and will be used for partnering with health experts for evidence-based coverage, producing reliable multimedia content, and more.

**FEMA**

To sell medical supplies or equipment to the federal government, please submit a price quote under the COVID-19 PPE and Medical Supplies Request for Quotation ([https://beta.sam.gov/opp/3e05e664e606486ca34d1a41b47ff0ff/view](https://beta.sam.gov/opp/3e05e664e606486ca34d1a41b47ff0ff/view)). Full details can be found in the solicitation (Updated Notice ID 70FA2020R000001 [https://beta.sam.gov/opp/3e05e664e606486ca34d1a41b47ff0ff/view](https://beta.sam.gov/opp/3e05e664e606486ca34d1a41b47ff0ff/view)). This solicitation requires registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) in order to be considered for award, pursuant to applicable regulations and guidelines. Registration information can be found at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov). Registration must be “ACTIVE” at the time of award.

If you have medical supplies or equipment to donate, please provide us details on what you are offering through our online medical supplies and equipment form at [https://www.fema.gov/covid19offers](https://www.fema.gov/covid19offers).

If you are interested in doing business with FEMA and supporting the response to COVID-19 with your company’s non-medical goods and/or services, please submit your inquiry to the Department of Homeland Security’s Procurement Action Innovative Response (PAIR) team at [DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov).

In addition to these avenues to help, licensed healthcare professionals that want to volunteer can get information on eligibility, view credential levels by clinical competency and register with the Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals ([https://www.phe.gov/esarvhp/pages/registration.aspx](https://www.phe.gov/esarvhp/pages/registration.aspx)) in their state.

**Health information** available through the White House Coronavirus Taskforce: [https://www.coronavirus.gov](https://www.coronavirus.gov)

**Rumor Control:** [https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/rumor-control](https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/rumor-control)

**Emotional distress related to a disaster, including COVID-19:** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s Disaster Distress Helpline at 800-985-5990

**Price Gouging:** email disaster@leo.gov or call the National Center for Disaster Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721


USDA intends to use all available program flexibilities and contingencies to serve our program participants across our 15 nutrition programs. We have already begun to issue waivers to ease program operations and protect the health of participants.

**The House Agriculture Committee** [www.agriculture.house.gov/covid19](http://www.agriculture.house.gov/covid19)
Constituents will find a collection of updates, announcements and online resources detailing programs available to those affected by the pandemic, as well as adjustments made by USDA and other Federal agencies.

The American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF)

AYPF applauds efforts to collect and catalog resources for parents and practitioners scrambling to rise to the challenges of the pandemic. Education leaders are providing meals and educational resources for parents attempting to create a home-based learning environment for their children. Health care leaders are offering support to help children and youth manage their stress. And efforts are underway in multiple sectors to ensure that families can provide safe and secure housing for children and youth.

AYPF offers additional tools and resources designed for traditionally underserved youth, who are struggling to meet current needs while managing the emerging needs during the pandemic.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NYacG11a77n2bDmFxadwo1-UqGCT12K1YvU9MmO3vBQ/edit#gid=0

The Department of Justice

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Justice’s Elder Justice Initiative has created a 1-pager of resources for seniors and those involved in investigating and prosecuting cases of elder fraud and abuse. It covers the following topics:

1. Where to report COVID-19 scams
2. Resources for seniors to report elder fraud and abuse
3. Training, investigating and prosecutorial tools for law enforcement responding to elder fraud and abuse
4. Department of Justice COVID-19 resources

To learn more about DOJ’s Elder Justice Initiative, please visit: https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice.

The FDA Office of Legislation

Shopping for Food During the COVID-19 Pandemic - Information for Consumers

To help protect yourself, grocery store workers, and other shoppers, it is important to keep a few things in mind:

1. Prepare a shopping list in advance. Buy just 1 to 2 weeks-worth of groceries at a time. Buying more than you need can create unnecessary demand and temporary shortages.
2. Wear a face covering or mask while you are in the store. Some stores and localities may require it. Check your state, county or city guidelines for any other requirements.
3. Carry your own wipes, or use one provided by the store to wipe down the handles of the shopping cart or basket. If you use reusable shopping bags, ensure they are cleaned or washed before each use.
4. Practice social distancing while shopping – keeping at least 6 feet between you, other shoppers, and store employees. Keep your hands away from your face.
5. Wash your hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds when you return home and again after you put away your groceries.

6. Again, there is no evidence of food packaging being associated with the transmission of COVID-19. However, if you wish, you can wipe down product packaging and allow it to air dry, as an extra precaution.

As always, it is important to follow these food safety practices to help prevent foodborne illness:

7. Before eating, rinse fresh fruits and vegetables under running tap water, including those with skins and rinds that are not eaten. Scrub firm produce with a clean produce brush. For canned goods, remember to clean lids before opening.

8. When unpacking groceries, refrigerate or freeze meat, poultry, eggs, seafood, and other perishables—like berries, lettuce, herbs, and mushrooms—within 2 hours of purchasing.

9. Regularly clean and sanitize kitchen counters using a commercially available disinfectant product or a DIY sanitizing solution with 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) unscented liquid chlorine bleach to 1 gallon of water or 4 teaspoons of bleach per quart of water. WARNING: Do not use this solution or other disinfecting products on food.

10. Always keep in mind the basic 4 food safety steps — Clean, Separate, Cook, and Chill.

Food is a source of comfort, as well as nourishment for you and your family — especially now — and we hope this advice will help you continue to buy groceries with care and confidence.

For more information:

- COVID-19 Food Safety FAQs
- COVID-19 Daily Roundup

State Resources

Good Samaritan Health Center Hotline  www.goodsamatlanta.org/COVID-19  404-523-6571 ext. 4928

This is a free call. You will leave a message and get a callback from 8am-4pm, M-Th and 8-Noon Friday and Saturday, offering help with prevention, testing, telemedicine and more.

Resources that were shared for families, the elderly and unemployed/underemployed workers:

  - Georgia Power will not disconnect customers who have been certified as medically fragile.
  - Georgia Power also partners with nonprofits, community and faith-based organizations to offer assistance programs to those in need, including: Georgia Power’s Senior Citizen Discount; the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP); and the Salvation Army’s Project SHARE, which last year provided more than $2 million in assistance.
  - Here are some options for more information:
Georgia Power customers can sign up for our special payment plan through either online or by phone:

- **Online:** go to www.georgiapower.com/paymentplan, or log into “My Account” at www.georgiapower.com and follow the guidance there
- **Phone:** Call Georgia Power at 1-888-660-5890 where our representatives can provide assistance.

**FREE Access to High Speed Internet via Comcast for 60 Days** – during this time, access to the internet is more important than ever to our clients and families. Comcast, a community partner of the League, has committed to closing the digital access gap and is offering 60 days of free internet service through their Internet Essentials program. Comcast is also giving all of their current Internet Essentials customers a speed boost, from 15/2 Mbps, to 25/3 Mbps. You can sign up at www.internetessentials.com or by calling or call 1-855-846-8376.

**United Way/Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta** – have partnered to create the Greater Atlanta COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund and so far raised $17 million for 23 metro area county residents. The distribution of these resources to communities is being worked out now. More to come soon on how communities and residents can seek assistance directly or through area non-profits from the fund.

**Water Service:** It has been reported that the City of Atlanta Watershed has suspended shutoffs for 60 days (though I could not find this on the website). They do report on the website “To align with the City’s current operating environment as the result of the global pandemic, if you currently do not have water at your property, please call ATL311 at 404-546-0311.”

**Atlanta Business League** – offering support to Black businesses to access SBA emergency loans (see details below). Visit https://www.atlantabusinessleague.org/ for more information on ABL membership and services for small businesses.

**Urban League of Greater Atlanta** – the League is open for business virtually and launching our new Financial Opportunity Center (FOC) and continuing to deliver services uninterrupted. Our Pathways to Empowerment Program supports job seekers to tap into their talents and purpose and explore high demand high paying career pathways, choose a career, gain career readiness/soft skills, get enrolled in GED and/or occupational skills training and secure livable wage tracked employment. We Evaluate where people are, Equip them with what they need and want and Elevate them to where they want to go. We are enrolling residents now and this is a great way to stay engaged with others, learn new skills and prepare for a bright future especially during these challenging times. We host Orientations by phone or by webinar and counsel/coach by phone. We are also offering Small Business Start-Up Accelerator and Strategic Growth Accelerator classes, First Time Homebuyer Workshops all on line and offering one on one coaching and support. Visit our website for access to all of our programs, services and Team Members at https://ulgatl.org/coronavirus-programs-and-staff-info/.

**AARP Support for Seniors** – You can find AARP’s coronavirus resources at www.aarp.org/coronavirus. We also point you to www.cdc.gov/coronavirus, and your local health agency for the latest information. Yesterday, AARP hosted a 90-minutes Tele-Town Hall on the coronavirus with government experts who addressed health concerns, caregiving and scams related to COVID-19. This live event was recorded and available here: https://www.aarp.org/health/conditions-treatments/info-2020/tele-town-hall-coronavirus.html?intcmp=AE-HP-LL1

**Atlanta Food Bank**  
http://www.acfb.org/  
Text “FindFood” to 888.976.2233

Atlanta Food Bank will provide information for closest food pantry.
Overcomers House  http://www.myovercomershouse.com/  678-615-7714

"Distributing food on Tuesday and Saturday only from 10am to 2pm. 1st come, 1st serve. Food Pantry Process:

- All participants will remain in their cars.
- A number will be placed on their windshield as they drive up.
- A volunteer will take that number and place a box in their cars."

Coalition of Refugee Service Agencies (CRSA)  https://crsageorgia.wordpress.com/  404-229-7145

"Closed offices, but still serving community via telephone, email, & other means.

- If you are a client of one of CRSA's refugee or immigrant service agencies or in need of their help, please click here for a link to our members' websites.
- If you are a volunteer or donor interested in supporting CRSA's work, please click here to find a list of our members or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.
- If you would like to explore partnerships with CRSA or have specific questions for our Chair, please contact Jim Neal at jim@friendsofrefugees.com"

CPACS (Center for Pan Asian Community Services)

CPACS Main Office is closed to the public but still in operation and able to assist our community members. For assistance and questions, please call 350 tall 36-0969 to speak to a member of our team.

CPACS Cosmo Health Center is OPEN and providing services. If experiencing flu-like symptoms (fever, runny nose, sinus congestion/stuffy nose, cough, chest tightness/wheezing, etc.), please CALL to speak to a member of our healthcare team before coming to the office. Language support is available. Call CPACS Cosmo Health Center at 770-446-0929.

CPACS Gwinnett is closed. The CPACS Main Office is able to provide assistance to our Gwinnett clients and community members. Please call 770-936-0969.

CPACS Transportation has limited operations. The following routes have been canceled: non-emergency routes, fixed routes (Clarkston route), and Employer routes for Shinetone and Connected Fibers.

Thank you for your understanding as we work to do our part to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and protect the safety of our staff and clients. For general questions, please contact Victoria Huynh, CPACS Vice President, at victoria.huynh@cpacs.org or call our office line at 770-936-0969.

GA Power Residents and Parents

In addition to building and operating critical infrastructure for millions of Georgians and suspending residential disconnects through April 15th, Georgia Power is also offering our signature K-12 education program “Learning Power” to parents at http://www.learningpower.org/georgia.html

GA Restaurant Association (GRA)  https://www.garestaurants.org/news/covid19

The Giving Kitchen  https://thegivingkitchen.org/  404-254-1227
Providing financial assistance and has a fund for donations.

**Inspiritus**  [https://weinspirit.org/](https://weinspirit.org/)  404-875-0201

"Current has funding available to provide one month of emergency rental and/or utility assistance to households in crisis through the month of March. If your teams are aware of a family in crisis that resides in DeKalb, Fulton or Gwinnett counties, feel free to reach out to Becca Butcher (678-852-8510) or Kimberlie Marsh (404-405-5677, kimberlie.marsh@weinspirit.org) for assistance."

**Latin American Association**  [https://thelaa.org/](https://thelaa.org/)  404-638-1839

Has a line for information, support, and for financial assistance.


"(770) 484-3060 for Arabia, (770) 389-7801 for Panola, and 770-498-5619 for Stone Mountain."

"At this time, parks and self-guided trails are still open. The outdoors can help you get some fresh air and connect with nature while still practicing social distancing.

**DFCS (Food Stamps)**

"Self-service options include: Apply for Food Stamp and Medicaid Benefits

Visit: gateway.ga.gov (verification documents can also be uploaded and case status info is available for all benefits) Download an Application:  [https://dfcs.georgia.gov/services](https://dfcs.georgia.gov/services)  Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) Visit:  [https://www.connectebt.com/gaebtclient](https://www.connectebt.com/gaebtclient)  or call: 888-421-3281 for updates. Those without internet access can contact the DFCS Customer Contact Center at 877-423-4746 for additional information or to request a paper application."


$1M in small grants are being offered to support local news organizations covering COVID-19 in the U.S. and Canada. This aims to help local news organizations deal with the unexpected costs of covering COVID-19 including allowing staff to work from home and providing more coverage for audiences. These are made possible through a partnership with the Facebook Journalism Project, Lenfest Institute for Journalism and Local Media Association.

**Bank of America (BOA)**  POInquiry@bankofamerica.com

We activated our Client Assistance Program a few weeks ago, which among other things includes:

- Consumer and Small Business deposit accounts: clients can request refunds including overdraft fees, non-sufficient funds fees, and monthly maintenance fees.
- Consumer and Small Business credit cards: clients can request to defer payments, refunds on late fees.
- Small business loans: clients can request to defer payments, refunds on late fees.
- Auto loans: clients can request to defer payments, with payments added to the end of the loan.
- Mortgages and home equity: clients can request to defer payments.
• In all of these instances, there will be no negative credit bureau reporting for otherwise up-to-date clients.
• We have also paused foreclosure sales, evictions and repossessions.


As PODS is considered an essential business, all of our service locations are open and our logistics systems are in operation to serve your business needs during the COVID-19 Pandemic in the best way possible.

We can deliver portable containers that are ideal for securely storing excess emergency cleaning materials, sanitization equipment, medical supplies, cots and pillows, and more — even on short notice. Efficiently administer relief using our robust containers to extend current facilities, create temporary pop-up facilities, or quickly set up distribution centers. Our portable on-site storage containers can be placed where it is most convenient to keep everything close at hand.

Altice  www.alticeusa.com/together  Optimum (866) 218-3259 /Suddenlink 877-694-9474


Centurylink  https://news.centurylink.com/covid-19  (866) 642-0444


Comcast  https://corporate.comcast.com/covid-19  (800) XFINITY


U.S. Cellular  https://www.uscellular.com/covid-19  (888) 944-9400


Safe Kids Worldwide

With parents’ attention more distracted than ever, the risk of kids getting injured in the home is heightened. It can be an apartment window unprotected by a window guard, unstable furniture that can tip over on a climbing child or medicine not stored up, away and out of sight. It can be a swimming pool that is not secured or an apartment smoke detector with dead batteries. However, you can help protect them. Safe Kids Worldwide is providing you with simple, essential information you can share with your constituents about preventing child home injuries. These are injuries that can be prevented.

Below are links to sample social media messages and injury prevention resources you can make available to your constituents in Georgia on your digital platforms, such as Twitter and Facebook. While we’d love to see our logo or identification with the materials, the most important thing is to get out the information. We have a new Coronavirus portal on safekids.org which gives you access to all of our materials.
• Home Safety Infographic
• Home Safety Checklist
• Home Safety Blog
• Medicine Safety Report
• Thank You to Healthcare Workers (Video)

GA Dept. of Public Health  https://dph.georgia.gov/  404-657-2700
GA Dept. of Public Health (Telehealth)  404-657-2305
GA Dept. of Public Health (Constituent Services)  DPH-ConstituentServices@dph.ga.gov
GA Dept. of Public Health (Office of Health Indicators for Planning)  404-657-2588
GA Dept. of Public Health (Informatics & Data Services)  404-657-2856
GA Dept. of Public Health (Vital Records)  404-679-4702
GA Dept. of Public Health (Laboratory)  404-327-7900
GA Dept. of Public Health (Division of Communications)  404-463-4062
GA Dept. of Public Health (Digital Web Content)  404-657-2591
GA Dept. of Public Health (Media Relations)  nancy.nydam@dph.ga.gov  404-657-2462
GA Dept. of Public Health (Risk Communication/Emergency Preparedness)  404-657-2711
GA Dept. of Public Health (District & County Relations)  404-463-0801
GA Dept. of Public Health (Division of General Counsel)  404-657-2700
GA Dept. of Public Health (Open Records)  DPH-OpenRecords@dph.ga.gov
GA Dept. of Public Health (Division of Health Promotion)  404-656-9887
GA Dept. of Public Health (Maternal & Child Health)  404-657-2850
GA Dept. of Public Health (Maternal & Child Health Epidemiology)  404-657-6448
GA Dept. of Public Health (State Pharmacy)  404-657-2700
GA Dept. of Public Health (Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Section)  404-657-6652
GA Dept. of Public Health (Chronic Disease Prevention & Wellness)  404-651-5436
GA Dept. of Public Health (Cancer Screening & Treatment)  404-657-6605
GA Dept. of Public Health (Adolescent Health & Youth Devel.)  404-656-6638
GA Dept. of Public Health (Asthma Control Program)  404-651-7324
GA Dept. of Public Health (Cancer State Aid)  404-463-5111
GA Dept. of Public Health (Comprehensive Cancer Control)  404-657-6315
GA Dept. of Public Health (Diabetes Prevention & Control Program)  404-657-0603
GA Dept. of Public Health (Drive for Sight Program) 404-463-2746
GA Dept. of Public Health (Rape Prevention & Edu. Program) 404-657-6607
GA Dept. of Public Health (Tobacco Use Prevention Program) 404-657-0792
GA Dept. of Public Health (Family Health) 404-657-2850
GA Dept. of Public Health (Women Infants & Children (WIC)) 404-657-2900
GA Dept. of Public Health (Children w/Special Needs) 404-657-2726
GA Dept. of Public Health (Babies Can't Wait) 404-657-2878
GA Dept. of Public Health (Children's Medical Services) 404-463-3478
GA Dept. of Public Health (High Risk Infant Follow-Up) 404-657-2726
GA Dept. of Public Health (Infant & Child Health) 404-657-4143
GA Dept. of Public Health (Children 1st) 404-463-6431
GA Dept. of Public Health (Health Check) 404-679-6679
GA Dept. of Public Health (Healthy Child Care GA) 404-651-7370
GA Dept. of Public Health (Hearing & Vision Conservation) 404-657-6359
GA Dept. of Public Health (School Health) 404-679-6679
GA Dept. of Public Health (SIDS/Other Infant Death Info & Counseling) 404-651-7371
GA (Newborn Screening for Metabolic & Sickle Cell Disorders) 404-657-6357
GA Dept. of Public Health (Universal Newborn Hearing Screening & Intervention) 404-463-2192
GA Dept. of Public Health (Nutrition) 404-657-2844
GA Dept. of Public Health (Oral Health) 404-657-6639
GA Dept. of Public Health (Women's Health) 404-657-3143
GA Dept. of Public Health (Family Planning) 404-657-3143
GA Dept. of Public Health (Perinatal Health) 404-657-3143
GA Dept. of Public Health (Violence Against Women) 404-657-3143
GA Dept. of Public Health (Men's Health) 404-657-3144
GA Dept. of Public Health (Division of Health Protection) 404-463-5419
GA Dept. of Public Health (Epidemiology) 404-657-2588
GA Dept. of Public Health (After Hours Emergencies) 1-866-782-4584
GA Dept. of Public Health (Chronic Disease Epidemiology) 404-657-3103
GA Dept. of Public Health (Notifiable Disease) 404-657-2588
GA Dept. of Public Health (HIV/STD Epidemiology) 1-800-827-9769
GA Dept. of Public Health (Tuberculosis (TB) Epidemiology) 404-657-2634
GA Dept. of Public Health (Health Services Assessment Unit) 404-657-6438
GA Dept. of Public Health (Emergency Preparedness) 404-463-5419
GA Dept. of Public Health (Environmental Health) 404-657-6534
GA Dept. of Public Health (Environmental Services) 404-657-6534
GA Dept. of Public Health (Emergency Medical Services) 770-996-3133
GA Dept. of Public Health (Injury Prevention) 404-679-0500
GA Dept. of Public Health (Chemical Hazards Program) 404-657-6534
GA Dept. of Public Health (HIV) 404-657-3100
GA Dept. of Public Health (STD) 877-783-4374
GA Dept. of Public Health (Tuberculosis) 404-657-2634
GA Dept. of Public Health (Immunization Program) 404-657-3158
Public Health (Division of Inspector General) DPH-ReportFraud@dph.ga.gov 404-656-4409
GA Dept. of Public Health (Division of Operations, Projects & Reports) 404-232-7810
GA Dept. of Public Health (Procurement & Projects) 404-656-4480
GA Dept. of Public Health (Facilities & Support Services) 404-232-1686
GA Piedmont Healthcare https://www.piedmont.org/ 1-866-460-1119 Hotline
dedicated to Coronavirus. Dial 3 or stay on the line.
Emory Department of Health High at Risk Health Individuals 404-712-6844

Ford Credit may delay payments to provide relief as well as delay first payment on new sales for 90 days.

Ford Credit has long helped customers impacted by local and federal disasters. Now, existing Ford Credit customers in the U.S. affected by COVID-19 who purchased or are leasing vehicles are encouraged to contact Ford Credit to discuss options if they are having payment difficulty. For example, they may be able to change a payment due date or delay a payment. Customers are encouraged to access their Account Manager profile either online at accountmanager.ford.com, through the FordPass app, by clicking here, or by calling a special hotline at (800) 723-4016 to discuss options.

DeKalb County Resources

City of Stone Mountain Municipal Court
Suspended through Monday, April 13, 2020. All individuals who were scheduled to appear in court on March 18th, March 19th, and March 26th have been rescheduled to Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at 9:00 AM and 1:30 PM. Court session on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at 3:00 PM is rescheduled to Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at 3:00 PM. Court session on Thursday, April 2, 2020, at 9:00 AM is rescheduled to Thursday, May 7, 2020, at 9:00 AM. Court sessions on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM is rescheduled to Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM.

To protect against the Coronavirus, City Hall will close to public access through Monday, March 30, 2020. Please note that during the closure the City will service permits, applications, and municipal fines and fees collections on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM by appointment only.

DeKalb’s emergency notification system

Senior sites for meal pick-up
• DeKalb Atlanta Neighborhood Center  25 Warren St., Atlanta, GA 30317  (404-253-8971)
• Lithonia Neighborhood Center  2484 Bruce St., Lithonia, GA 30058  (770-484-8759)
• North DeKalb Neighborhood Center  3393 Malone Dr., Chamblee, GA 30341  (404-298-4461)
• South DeKalb Neighborhood Center  1931 Candler Rd., Decatur, GA 30032  (404-286-7924)

Recreational sites for snack pick-up
• Gresham Recreation Center, 3113 Gresham Road, Atlanta, GA 30316 (starts at 3:30 p.m.)
• Exchange Intergenerational Recreation Center, 2771 Columbia Drive, Decatur, GA 30034 (starts at 3:30 p.m.)
• Redan Recreation Center, 1839 Phillips Rd., Lithonia, GA 30058 (starts at 3:30 p.m.)
• Tobie Grant Recreation Center, 644 Parkdale Drive, Scottdale, GA 30079 (starts at 1:00 p.m.)
• N.H. Scott Recreation Center, 2230 Tilson Road, Decatur, GA 30032 (starts at 3:30 p.m.)
• Lucious Sanders Recreation Center, 2484 Bruce Street, Lithonia, GA 30058 (starts at 3:30 p.m.)
• Mason Mill Recreation Center, 1340- B McConnell Drive, Decatur, GA 30033 (starts at 3:30 p.m.)
• Hamilton Recreation Center, 3263 Chapel Street, Scottdale, GA 30079 (starts at 2:30 p.m.)
• Midway Recreation Center, 3181 Midway Road, Decatur, GA 30032 (starts at 3:30 p.m.)

Berean Christian Church  https://bereanchristianchurch.org/  (770) 593-4421
Serving food to church members ONLY whom are 60 and older.

First Baptist Church  404.294.5284
47 Covington Highway Avondale Estates, GA
Food pantry is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 12PM until 1PM

Dekalb County School System MEAL SERVICE PLAN - (Amended)  www.dekalbschoolsga.org
Beginning Monday, March 30, 2020, we will transition to a modified meal service plan. Under the new plan, meals will be distributed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Meals will no longer be delivered daily. Students will receive a two-day meal package on each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday as shown in the chart below:

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**Gwinnett County Resources**

**GWINNETT COUNTY LAUNCHES COVID-19 EMERGENCY ORDER HOTLINE**

The call center number is 770.822.7399 and will be open Monday through Friday, 8am–7pm. After business hours, residents are encouraged to send reports through email addresses that were previously established including GC-License-Revenue@gwinnettcountry.com and ReportViolation@gwinnettcountry.com.

The county has also posted a Stay-at-Home Order FAQs page on their website that provides helpful information and will be updated with additional questions and answers as they become available.

https://www.gwinnettcountry.com

**Gwinnett County Senior Meal Delivery**

In response to the pandemic, seniors receiving meals through senior congregate programming have been added to Gwinnett County’s home-delivered meals program. In-home services continue as well for clients receiving homemaking and respite services. For information or to request assistance, call 678.377.4150.

**Rockdale County Resources**

**Rockdale County Emergency Relief Fund** [https://www.rockdaleemergencyrelief.org/](https://www.rockdaleemergencyrelief.org/) (770) 922-0165

Distributing food to ROCKDALE RESIDENTS ONLY on Tuesday & Thursdays 10am- 1pm 350 Tall Oaks Drive, Conyers, 30013.

**Conyers 7th Day Adv Church** [https://www.conyerschurch.org/](https://www.conyerschurch.org/) (770) 483-0764

3001 Old Salem Road, S.E., Conyers 30013Food Pantry suspended. Next Month April 18th will do Mobile Food Truck 1p-3p;

**Emanuel Community Church** [https://emmanuelconyers.com/](https://emmanuelconyers.com/) (678) 413-3603

1400 Hwy 212, Conyers, 30094 Tuesday 6:30- 7:30 pm and Sat 10:30am-11:30 am
Excel Christian Church
Providing free meals to go! Monday-Friday 3pm-5pm  1151 Flat Shoals Road, Conyers, 30013

Sankofa Community Food Pantry will be offering a free lunch drive-through starting on Wednesday, 1, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1240 Sigman Road, Conyers.

The nonprofit is hosting the grab-and-go lunch program weekly, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., through May 15 in response to school closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
http://ocgnews.com/sankofa-provide-free-grab-go-meals-students/

XtraMile Food Ministry

FOOD BANK OPEN TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY 9 AM TO 1 PM

Guests can stay in their car and food will be brought to them or they may come in. Following the guidelines, we'll be allowing a few people at a time in the food bank keeping the 6 foot request.

1203 Royal Drive, Conyers, GA  30013
$10 Donation Requested

For More Information Call: 678-910-5725

Newton County Resources

Covington First UMC  https://www.covingtonfirst.org/  (770) 786-7305

1113 Conyers Street, SW, Covington 30014- Doing Drive through Food distribution Thurs & Fri 2p-4p, Sat 10am-12noon.  They are only serving 70 people per day. 1st come, 1st serve