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Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation

COVID 19 COMMUNITY RESOURCES



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If you know of or operate a funding source that does not appear in this resource guide and would like to be included, please email to danilo@csndc.com

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CITY OF BOSTON

City Hall and other City Owned Buildings

Boston City Hall will only be open to the public on Tuesdays and Fridays only from 9 am to 5 pm. Everyone in City Hall must complete a self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms. For more details on City of Boston services, status of City Departments, [please click here](#)

Multilingua Text Service with Covid 19 - updates

Residents can text BOSCOVID to 99411 to opt-in to alerts in English and the following keywords to opt-in to alerts in Spanish, Haitian Creole, French, Cabo Verdean Creole, Portuguese. [Click Here](#) for more information.

Office of Housing Stability-Rental Relief Fund

The funds will help income-eligible tenants in the City of Boston who:

- Do not have access to expanded unemployment benefits, or
- Because of the nature of their jobs, the unemployment benefits they will receive represent a significant reduction in their actual income. The City is helping tenants achieve housing stability by using these funds to assist with their rental payments. [Click Here](#) for more information:

FOOD - MEALS

Dorchester Food Pantries

[Click here](#) to find food closets, food banks, soup kitchens, meal locations, food boxes, vouchers, etc.

Greater Boston Food Bank

If you, or anyone you know, are in need of food, [click here](#) to find a list of food assistance options in each community served.



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City of Boston Meal Sites for Children and Youth Map

With Boston Public Schools closed to students, the City of Boston will continue to provide free breakfast and lunch meals to all Boston students. [Click Here](#) to see the map and locations.

City of Boston Free breakfast and lunch locations

[Click here](#) Locations will be open Monday - Through Friday from 8:30am - 11:30 am at the schools listed [here](#)

Ethos Meals for seniors

Every weekday, Ethos brings hot, nutritious meals to thousands of elderly residents in Boston. Please [Click here](#) for more details.

To initiate the service: Call the intake line at Boston Elder Info at 617.292.6211

Fresh Truck

Fresh Truck Box is a community-based food distribution in response to the COVID-19 crisis. Please [click here](#) for more details.

Community Servings - Food Is Medicine

For delivery options [Please Click Here](#)

Project Bread

For Food Resources for Households [Please Click Here](#)

Need Help Accessing SNAP Enrollment?

Connect with the [Department of Transitional Assistance](#) (DTA)?

Apply directly [HERE](#)

Or Roca can help individuals with DTA to do SNAP enrollment across the state. If you have any clients who need help getting on SNAP, including employees who have been furloughed or laid off, Roca is able to help.

Please contact Sunindiya Bhalla, Chief of Gen Strategy & Programming, she can be reached at (617) 409-3967, Sunindiya_Bhalla@rocainc.com.

ANTI - DISPLACEMENT - HOUSING RESOURCES

City Life - Vida Urbana

For more information on anti-displacement work or emergencies please [Click here](#) Resources in English and Spanish.



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English. If you are struggling with a displacement emergency: Call our Hotline during the Covid-19 pandemic at 617.934.5006

Spanish. Si está enfrentando una emergencia de desalojo, llámenos al: 617.397.3773

Guidance on Evictions and Rent Redetermination:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Department of Housing and Community Development. Please [Click Here for details](#)

Lease Enforcement and Evictions During Covid 19 Emergency

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Department of Housing and Community Development. Please [Click Here](#)

Other Guidance from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Covid 19 affordable housing updates. Housing resources, take actions, national and state updated. Please [Click Here](#)

Shelters - Housing

Emergency Assistance - Family Homeless Shelters

If you are a family seeking shelter, please call 1-866-584-0653. With office closures until at least April 3rd, families with children seeking to apply for Emergency Assistance (EA) shelter only can apply by phone with the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). More details about the EA program can be found here: <http://mahomeless.org/index.php/families-with-children>

Emergency Shelter Assistance for Individuals

List of individual homeless shelters in Massachusetts, maintained by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Visit: <https://hedfuel.azurewebsites.net/iShelters.aspx>

MassHousing - Financing for affordable housing in Massachusetts.

Homeownership & renters. MassHousing remains open and will continue to provide mission-critical business during this unprecedented period of time. If you need any services, please email Thaddeus, Director of Community Services at:

TMiles@masshousing.com



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Massachusetts Housing Partnership

Emergency Assistance Rental Program. The following information provides guidance as a short-term program to support lower income people negatively impacted by the spread of COVID-19. For more info and details [Please click Here](#). For the checklist please [Click Here](#)

CONNECT by WinnCompanies - Connecting Communities to Opportunity

Use [CONNECT](#) to search for free and reduced cost services like food, healthcare, job opportunities, benefits enrollment, rent assistance and more [Please click here](#)

HEALTH ACCESS

Should I be Tested for Covid 19?

[Here](#) the most common questions about when you should be tested for COVID 19
Still have questions please call: **Public Health Commission** at: **617. 534-5395**

Access to Medication

FamilyWize discount on Prescription Medications

Given everything that's happening with the COVID-19 pandemic, we know that now more than ever, it's **important for community members to adhere to their prescribed medications.**

FamilyWize has become critically important during this crisis. They want to make sure that you are aware that **CVS and Walgreens** (possibly others too) are providing **free delivery of prescription medications.** Therefore, when people call in to get a prescription filled or refilled, they can ask that the

FamilyWize discount be applied by providing them the following information below. Since FamilyWize does not require registration, there is no need for clients to physically show a card.

BIN: 610194

Card ID: FW100

Group ID: FW100

PCN: FW

Mental Health

Mental Health Mass General Hospital Psychiatry Guide



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MGH Department of Psychiatry has put together a curated set of resources for the COVID-19 emergency. Note that this guide is a “living document” and may be

continually updated over time. General and specific mental health conditions, for families and children, mindfulness and other tools. Most recent updates are listed [here](#)

Mental Health Resources for Parents & Families, Students and Educators

Please [Click here](#)

Boston Public Health Commission Covid-19 Information and Resources. Q&A

When Should I Be Tested for Covid-19?

[Click Here](#) for Boston Public Health Commission Fact Sheet

Cleaning and Disinfecting to Prevent Covid-19

[Click here](#) for Boston Public Health Commission Fact Sheet

Copying with stress due to Covid-19

[Click Here](#) for Boston Public Health Commission Fact Sheet

Common Questions

[Click Here](#) to learn more about COVID-19

COVID NEAR YOU Using smart phone or computer contribute your health status daily and help to track the Covid-19 pandemic. [Click here](#)

6 Ways to protect your Mental Health During COVID 19

[Click Here](#) to read the article

LEGAL HELP

National Consumer Law Center (NCLC) provides resources for consumers:
<https://www.nclc.org/special-projects/covid-19-consumer-protections.html#consumers>

Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) resources (housing, unemployment, debt collection, etc.) in English and Spanish:
<https://www.gbls.org/covid-19-information>



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Mass Legal Help's resources reviews your rights in different areas:
<https://www.masslegalhelp.org/health-mental-health/covid-19>

SUFFOLK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY - RACHAEL ROLLINS

Suffolk County District Attorney Office

[Please Click Here](#) for her 35 page Covid 19 Resource Guide

FEDERAL CARES ACT - ECONOMIC RELIEF FOR INDIVIDUALS & SMALL BUSINESSES

General Info:

Economic Impact Payments, Emergency Loans, Expanded Unemployment Pay, Paycheck Protection, Tax Provisions and More

On March 27, 2020, Congress enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) in its effort to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The CARES Act provides various forms of economic assistance to employers to address the economic effects of the pandemic, although this assistance is subject to certain conditions and restrictions.

This alert summarizes the significant provisions of the CARES Act that affect employers and employees.

Latest News: The deadline to **FILE** and **PAY** federal income taxes is extended to July 15, 2020 IR-2020-61, March 30, 2020 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 taxpayers who typically do not file returns will need to submit a simple tax return to receive the economic impact payment.**



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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. Social Security recipients and railroad retirees who are otherwise not required to file a tax return are also eligible and will not be required to file a return. **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 and up to \$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. The IRS will use the information on the Form SSA-1099 or Form RRB-1099 to generate Economic Impact Payments to recipients of benefits reflected in the Form SSA-1099 or Form RRB-1099 who are not required to file a tax return and did not file a return for 2018 or 2019. **This includes senior citizens, Social Security recipients and railroad retirees who are not otherwise required to file a tax**



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return. Since the IRS would not have information regarding any dependents for these people, each person would receive \$1,200 per person, without the additional amount for any dependents at this time.

I have a tax filing obligation but 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.

Where can I get more information? The IRS will post all key information on [IRS.gov/coronavirus](https://www.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](https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus) rather than calling IRS assistants who are helping process 2019 returns.

Expanded Unemployment Benefits for Individuals

The CARES Act includes expanded rights to unemployment compensation for individuals who are unemployed due to various reasons related to COVID-19. **Notably, the CARES Act provides a special unemployment compensation program for gig workers, independent contractors, and self-employed individuals, and individuals whose work histories might not otherwise qualify.**

The Act also provides for payments of an additional \$600 per week in unemployment compensation benefits above and beyond what an individual is otherwise entitled to under state law, for up to four months.

Further, the CARES Act extends an individual's ability to receive unemployment benefits by an additional 13 weeks, through December 31, 2020. However, individuals cannot receive unemployment compensation at the same time they are receiving paid sick leave from an employer.



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The federal government has incentivized the states to waive the one-week waiting period by funding the costs. In addition, the federal government will fund the expanded unemployment benefits.

Favorable Tax Provisions for Employers

The CARES Act includes some favorable tax provisions for employers as it concerns their employees. As explained below, certain provisions are limited to “eligible employers,” while other provisions are more generally applicable.

Employers may be eligible for a refundable payroll tax credit for employee retention, if they were fully or partially closed due to an order from a government authority limiting travel, commerce, or group meetings due to COVID-19, or faced a significant decline in receipts related to COVID-19. Where applicable, the tax credits are equal to 50 percent of qualifying wages paid to each employee in a particular quarter, up to \$10,000 per employee. These tax credits are not allowed where the employer takes advantage of the Paycheck Protection loans.

Employers may also defer the employer share of Social Security taxes owed as payroll taxes. Deferred payroll taxes are required to be repaid over the next two calendar years, with half due by December 31, 2021 and the remainder by December 31, 2022.

The CARES Act makes certain employer payments of employees’ student loans excludable from employees’ gross income. Employers are permitted to make payments, whether to the employee or to the lender directly, of principal or interest for a qualifying student loan up to \$5,250 per employee per calendar year. This provision does not provide an additional exclusion to previously existing education assistance payments and applies only to payments made after March 27, 2020. This provision provides employers with an additional tool to promote employee recruiting and retention.

Small Business Loans

The CARES Act creates the Paycheck Protection Program within the Small Business Administration, which provides emergency loans (“Paycheck Protection loans”) through June 30, 2020 to most employers with fewer than 500 employees who were in operation on February 15, 2020 and who paid employees or contractors. For purposes of determining whether a business has fewer than 500 employees, the Act includes individuals employed on a full-time, part-time, or other basis. Certain employers in the



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lodging and restaurant industries with over 500 employees may also access Paycheck Protection loans.

The maximum amount of the Paycheck Protection loans is the lesser of:

- 2.5 times the average monthly payments the employer made for “*payroll costs*” during the year prior to the loan disbursement, plus certain outstanding loan amounts; or \$10,000,000

“Payroll costs” are broadly defined to include: salary, wages, commissions, and similar compensation (not exceeding \$100,000 annualized per employee); payment of cash tips or their equivalent; payment for vacation, parental, family, medical, and sick leave; allowance for dismissal or separation; payment required for group healthcare benefits, including premiums; payment of retirement benefits; payment of state or local tax assessed on compensation to employees; and payments of compensation to or income of a sole proprietor or independent contractor.

Paycheck Protection loans may be used to cover substantially the same payroll costs described above incurred between February 15, 2020 through June 30, 2020, as well as rent, mortgage, and utility payments related to the employer’s business. The loans may not be used to fund compensation for individuals above a cap of \$100,000 per year, as prorated for the covered period, or qualifying paid sick leave or paid family leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). Paid leave under the FFCRA is subject to separate tax credits. See our alert: [This is How the FFCRA Paid Leave Tax Credits Work](#).

In addition to meeting the maximum employee threshold referenced above, borrowers must certify that uncertain economic conditions make the loan request necessary to support continued operations and that the funds will be used to retain workers and maintain payroll.



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Importantly, these loans are eligible for loan forgiveness of up to 100 percent of the principal for qualifying uses. However, the amount eligible for forgiveness will be reduced:

- Proportionally by the number of full-time equivalents per month during the “*covered period*” divided by the average number of full-time equivalents per month employed between February 15, 2019 and June 30, 2019 or January 1, 2020 and February 29, 2020 (at the employer’s option); or
- For seasonal employers, proportionally by the number of full-time equivalents during the covered period divided by the average full-time equivalents employed between February 15, 2019 and June 30, 2019.
- In addition to the reductions above, by the amount of any reduction in total salary of any employee exceeding 25 percent of the employee’s total salary in the most recent full quarter (excluding employees who were paid over \$100,000 on an annualized basis in any pay period in 2019)

However, these reductions in loan forgiveness will not apply to employers who reduced their workforces or laid off or cut employee salaries by more than 25 percent between February 15, 2020 and April 26, 2020, if the employer rehires employees to equivalent levels or restores employee pay by June 30, 2020.

Importantly, for purposes of loan forgiveness, the term “covered period” means the eight-week period beginning on the date of the origination of a covered loan. Accordingly, employers considering applying for loans under this provision should give careful consideration to the timing of their application.

Forgiveness is available for additional wages paid to tipped employees.

The Coronavirus Economic Stabilization Act of 2020

The CARES Act also enacts the Coronavirus Economic Stabilization Act of 2020 (CESA), which provides \$500 billion in loans, loan guarantees, and other investments, which are available to businesses that do not qualify for other assistance under the CARES Act. Approximately \$46 billion in funds are allocated to passenger air carriers and certain allied businesses, cargo air carriers and businesses critical to maintaining national



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security. As a condition of receiving assistance under this section of CESA, recipients are required to agree:

- Not to engage in stock buybacks for 1 year after the loan or loan guarantee is no longer outstanding (including restrictions on affiliates and parent companies);
- Not to pay dividends for one year after the loan or loan guarantee is no longer outstanding;
- To maintain employment at 90 percent of levels established as of March 24, 2020 through September 30, 2020, to the extent practicable;
- To certify it is a business subject to United States law and that has significant operations and a majority of employees in the United States.

With regard to the other \$454 billion available under CESA, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to implement a program in conjunction with the Federal Reserve to provide financing to businesses with between 500 and 10,000 employees (including nonprofits). Recipients of this assistance must certify, in good faith, that:

- The uncertainty of economic conditions as of the date of the application makes necessary the loan request to support the ongoing operations of the recipient;
- The funds will be used to retain at least 90 percent of the workforce, at full compensation and benefits, until September 30, 2020;
- Not less than 90 percent of the workforce existing as of February 1, 2020 will be restored at full compensation and benefits no later than four months after the declaration of the public health emergency by the Secretary of Health and Human Services ends;
- The recipient is domiciled in, has significant operations in, and has a majority of employees in the United States, and that it is created, organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- The recipient is not a debtor in a bankruptcy proceeding;
- Dividends will not be paid, nor will stock buybacks occur;
- Jobs will not be outsourced or offshored for the loan term plus two years after repayment;



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- Existing collective bargaining agreements will not be “abrogated” for the term of the loan plus two years after repayment;
- The recipient will remain neutral in any union organizing efforts for the term of the loan.

More specific info for Individuals:

Benefits for Individuals

The bill also includes provisions restricting foreclosures on mortgages and evictions of renters. Those who are suffering hardship due to COVID-19 can obtain forbearance on their federally backed mortgage for up to 60 days, with a possible extension of four more periods of 30 days. Servicers of federally backed mortgages are barred from beginning

any foreclosures for 60 days beginning March 18. Fees, penalties and additional interest cannot be charged for delayed payments.

Holders of multifamily federally backed mortgage loans can receive 30 days of forbearance with up to two additional 30-day periods available. They may not evict tenants for failure to pay rent for 120 days and may not charge penalties or fees for missed rent payments.

The maximum weekly unemployment benefit will also go up by \$600. Under normal circumstances, private employers often have unemployment benefits charged to their account, but under the bill the federal government is fully funding the increase.

Businesses controlled by federally elected officials, cabinet members, their spouses and their immediate families do not qualify for the loans and investments managed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

For businesses, the measure represents a massive infusion of capital in the form of low-interest loans and, in some cases, direct grants. The intent of the bill is to streamline the process for obtaining monies by using existing Federal Reserve lending facilities and overhauling the Small Business Administration’s application processes.

Next Steps

Details on the specific application processes are expected to be announced by the Federal Reserve and the Treasury Department in the near future.



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Info for Homeowners

CARES Act Provides Additional Loss Mitigation Options for FHA-Insured Homeowners:

On April 01, 2020, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) published [Mortgagee Letter \(ML\) 2020-06](#), FHA's Loss Mitigation Options for Single Family Borrowers

Affected by the Presidentially-Declared COVID-19 National Emergency in Accordance with the CARES Act. This ML implements the mortgage forbearance provisions provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act that President Trump signed into law on March 27, 2020. Read the Press Release.

The loss mitigation options for borrowers experiencing a financial hardship negatively impacting their ability to make on-time mortgage payments due to the COVID-19 national emergency include:

- Availability of up to six-months of mortgage payment forbearance for affected borrowers and an additional six-month period, if needed.
- New COVID-19 national emergency stand-alone partial claim for eligible borrowers.
- Extends certain due and payable, foreclosure, and claim timeframes for Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECM) affected by the COVID-19 national emergency.

Today's Mortgagee Letter also informs servicers of the use of the new COVID-19 loss mitigation tools for borrowers impacted by the national emergency in place of the guidance on Presidentially-Declared Major Disaster Areas in FHA's [Single Family Housing Policy Handbook 4000.1](#).

This guidance applies to all FHA Title II Single Family mortgage programs. Mortgagees are strongly encouraged to read [ML 2020-06 in its entirety](#).

In addition to the COVID-19-related loss mitigation options announced in today's ML, FHA will continue to review its policies in its efforts to provide servicers with the tools



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needed to assist homeowners with FHA-insured mortgages with even more flexibilities/relief efforts during this national emergency.

Information for Mortgagees and Borrowers:

The [FHA Single Family COVID-19 Q&A](#) for mortgagees and other interested parties in FHA has been updated and is available on the Single Family main page on hud.gov.

FHA has launched a new consumer-oriented Q&A to help homeowners better understand what loss mitigation options are available to them during this national emergency. It is available on [Loss Mitigation Services for FHA Homeowners](#).

- [View Mortgagee Letter 2020-06 and all other archived Mortgagee Letters](#)
- [Access the HUD Press Room](#)
- [Access the Single Family Housing Policy Handbook 4000.1](#)
- [View the FHA COVID-19 Q&A](#)
- [Access the Loss Mitigation Services for FHA Homeowners consumer page](#)

Please direct all COVID-19 housing counseling questions to: housing.counseling@hud.gov or to your housing counseling agency's HUD Point Of Contact (POC).

JOBS

The NewMarket Boston Jobs

We are committed to hiring local talent into full-time jobs at our member and partner businesses.

Eligibility Criteria:

- 18-40 years old.
- Living in, or originally from, Roxbury, Dorchester or Mattapan.
- Affiliated with one of our community-based partner organizations (listed in our registration form)

If you have questions or require assistance, contact Marisa Lopez, Director of the Newmarket Jobs Initiative at: marisalopez@newmarketboston.org **[Please Click Here](#)** to see positions.

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Different positions. For the job list and description [Please Click Here](#)

Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program

To see job openings [Please Click Here](#)

Partners in Health (PIH) - Community Tracing Collaborative

Partners in Health (PIH) is hiring to reach out to all Massachusetts contacts of COVID patients, counsel them on testing and quarantine, refer them for testing, and connect them to necessary resources throughout their quarantine. This is in tandem with Commonwealth-wide efforts to increase testing, improve communication, and

implement isolation and quarantine. Apply now to work with PIH to fortify efforts to control the pandemic in Massachusetts.

Positions available: Contact Tracer, Care Resources Coordinator, Case Investigator. Work is via telephone. Bilingual candidates are needed. [Apply Here.](#)

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) - Massachusetts

Have you lost your job? You may qualify for temporary income to support you while you look for a new one. [Apply Here.](#) Most claims are processed within 21-28 days after filing. It may take longer if there is an issue with your claim. To know how to apply [Please Click Here.](#)

Multilingual Unemployment Services for those with Language Barriers

<https://blog.mass.gov/jobs/unemployment-insurance/multilingual-services/>

RESOURCES & TIPS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Emergency Child Care

To slow the spread of coronavirus, Governor Baker has issued an [Emergency Order](#) temporarily closing all early childhood education programs across the State of Massachusetts to suspend providing childcare by 11:59 P.M. on Sunday, March 22, 2020. This will remain in effect until April 6, 2020 and may be extended as needed. This closure applies to all center-based child care and family child care programs. It does not apply to residential schools, community group homes, temporary shelters, transition-to-independent living facilities, teen parent programs, and DYS secure facilities.



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[Click here to see the Exempt Emergency Child Care Programs that will be the only child care programs that are allowed to operate during this time.](#)

4 Corners Yoga - Online Activities

[Here](#) is a link to the recorded classes and community offerings.

Boston Central Activities for Kids and Families

We've put together a bunch of ideas on things you can do outside, as well as a bunch of old-school ideas for things to do at home. Take care of yourselves and one another. Be well, and hang in there. Please [click here](#)

Kidville a Virtual Community for Kids and Families

A virtual community of curated videos, resources, projects, and live streaming from your favorite Kidville Play Professionals. Dancing, storytime videos.

Please [Click Here](#)

Request a Chromebook

The City of Boston is providing ChromeBooks to BPS students who do not have consistent access to a computer at home.

[Click here](#) to fill out the request form.

Virtual Tours

[Boston Children's Museum Virtual Tour.](#)

[Virtual Tour of Yellowstone National Park](#)

[Virtual Tours of Museums](#)

Keeping Children Informed and Engaged

Below are some resources to help parents in talking to their children about COVID-19 and some fun activities to keep children engaged while out of school.

[MassAIMH - resources from mental health professionals](#)

[Families First - Tips and Resources for the whole Family](#)

[Family Nurturing Center - Coronavirus Response Resource Lists](#)

[DESE - Educational Resources for Students and Families](#)

Activities from Playworks

Playworks has created a video library of interactive games to encourage physical activity to help mitigate stress and anxiety and promote safe and fun play. Playworks also recently launched a live **virtual recess** that happens M-F at three different times a day. If you do try it out feel free to give a shout out



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to **#PlayAtHome** or **@PlayworksNewEngland**. More information on both opportunities below:

- [On-Demand Video Content](#): Playworks Coaches lead games, Minute Movers, and Brain Breaks to support physical activity, release energy, and increase focus. Use whenever your kids might need them or organize Virtual Recess play dates with friends!
- [Live Recess Streams](#) (M-F, 12 pm, 2 pm, and 4 pm EST): Playworks Coaches will be broadcasting Recess live on Facebook. Tune in for stretching, warm-ups, interactive games, cheers, and cool down activities.

Accessing Early Intervention Tele-Health Visits

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) issued emergency guidance allowing early intervention agencies to provide services to children and families using

phone/video communication. These services are referred to as “tele-health services”. Due to the current state of emergency and unknown time frame that social distancing

will be recommended, families are highly encouraged to continue participating in early intervention using the tele-health model. [Click here to learn more about tele-health visits from Thom Child & Family Services.](#)

Public Tips with Dr. VanWingen, MD

Dr VanWinged is a practicing family physician in Grand Rapids, MI, USA. He saw a need to share COVID-19 public tips such as **Safe Grocery Shopping**. [Please click here](#)

Internet Access for Low-Income Customers

Verizon Covid 19

Residential and small business wireless customers whose economic circumstances have been impacted due to the coronavirus, Verizon is waiving overage charges in addition to our Keep Americans Connected pledge Get Internet access through [Comcast's free 60-day package](#). Or get Lifeline. It is a government assistance program that offers discounts to qualified low income customers. Applications [are here](#) in English and Spanish. For more details and FAQs [Click Here](#)

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[Click here](#) to fill out the request form.

Internet Connectivity and Technology Support during Covid 19 Emergency.

Special offers for low-income residents from Verizon, Comcast, and Starry.

We have information and resources on connecting to the internet. To apply please [Click Here](#).

Mutual Aid Organizations Directory

For the list of Greater Boston Organizations [Please Click Here](#)

GRANTS AND RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS

Boston Music Maker Relief Fund

The Record Co. has established a fund to provide financial relief to music makers in the Boston area experiencing lost revenue from gig cancellations resulting from coronavirus and COVID-19. [Click here to access the application.](#)

Boston Artist Relief Fund

Click here to learn more about the [Boston Artist Relief Fund](#). The Boston Artist Relief Fund will award grants of \$500 and \$1000 to individual artists who live in Boston whose creative practices and incomes are being adversely impacted by COVID-19.

College Student Emergency Relief Mini Grants:

Mini-grants (\$100) for diverse and first-generation college-enrolled students in Greater Boston who have been asked to leave their housing. [Click here to apply.](#)

SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)

Program:

The US Small Business Administration (SBA) will offer low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to Massachusetts small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of COVID-19. For more information, and to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan, [click here](#).

Emergency Loans for Massachusetts Small Businesses:

The Baker Administration has established a \$10 million loan fund to provide financial relief to small businesses that have been affected by COVID-19. The Small Business Recovery Loan Fund will provide emergency capital up to \$75,000 to



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Massachusetts-based businesses impacted by COVID-19 with fewer than 50 full- and part-time employees, including nonprofits. Loans are immediately available to eligible businesses with no payments due for the first 6 months. Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) has capitalized the fund and will administer it. [Apply here](#)

Verizon Small Business Recovery Fund (2.5 Million)

Financial support at this critical time can make the difference between staying in business or closing permanently, leading to lost income, jobs and economic stability.

Who is eligible?

LISC will use the Verizon funding to provide grants of up to \$10,000 to businesses facing immediate financial pressure because of COVID-19—especially entrepreneurs of color, women-owned businesses and other enterprises in historically underserved communities who don't have access to flexible, affordable capital.

What can it be used for?

Paying rent and utilities, meeting payroll, paying outstanding debt to vendors. Other immediate operational costs

Deadline: We're now accepting applications for the Second Round. **Middle of April.**

[Click here to apply.](#)

Paycheck Protection Program.

A Small Business Administration program loan that helps businesses keep their workforce employed during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. [Here](#) you will find:

Program Overview. Who Can Apply. How to Apply. Loan Details and Forgiveness. Other Assistance. [Please click here](#) to apply.

Financial Relief - A Handbook for Small Business Owners - City of Boston

In response to the quantity and scope of small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor's Office of Economic Development has assembled the following resource guide to support business owners in navigating the many capital programs at the local, state, federal, and private level. [Click Here](#) to read the Handbook.

Tax credits for small and medium sized business who provide paid leave to workers:



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Employers with fewer than 500 employees can take advantage of two new refundable payroll tax credits designed to reimburse them, dollar for dollar, for the cost of providing leave to employees affected by COVID-19. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Department of Labor (DOL) unveiled the plan in a March 20 [press release](#).

ICIC's Small Business Resource Center

Sharing a wealth of information and external resources as they become available. We will update this page as we become aware of initiatives to mitigate unexpected financial losses. [Webpage](#)

Small Businesses Grants Program - FACEBOOK

To see who is eligible, how this program can help your small business, and how to apply [Please click here](#)

Crowdfunding for Small Businesses - COVID-19 Assistance: PatroniCity is waiving all fees for non-matched crowdfunding campaigns that launch before May 15. Learn more [here](#)

COOPERATIVES

Emergency Cooperative Enterprise Relief Loan

Please [Click here for more details](#)

RESOURCES IN SPANISH – RECURSOS EN ESPAÑOL

- [Información exhaustiva sobre COVID-19 en 57 idiomas](#)
- [Información de la campaña One Fair Wage](#) sobre cómo apoyar a los trabajadores de servicio que tienen lo más a perder con el cierre de la economía
- [Información de nuestros amigos en Abogados por derechos civiles](#) sobre los problemas relacionados con los derechos y recursos con respecto a la atención médica, el empleo, inmigración, seguridad de comida, el permiso de conducir, y otros problemas
- [Boston COVID-19 cuidado de la comunidad](#) incluye cómo obtener comida, apoyo financiero, las viviendas, etc. y también cómo trabajar como un voluntario o contribuir al esfuerzo crítico ahora (esa lista de crowdsourcing es actualizado diariamente)
- Información de USCIS sobre el [cargos públicos](#) para los propósitos de los inmigrantes



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- [Lugares](#) para obtener el desayuno y el almuerzo en Boston de gratis para todos los estudiantes de BPS.
- [Resources on COVID-19 from the Immigrant Justice Accompaniment Skill-Share Network](#)
- Hotline de los desalojos de emergencias: ingles (617) 934-5006 y español (617) 397-3773.

RESOURCES IN PORTUGUESE – RECURSOS EM PORTUGUÊS

Queridos amigos e aliados

- 1) [Informação abrangente sobre COVID-19 em 57 línguas](#)
- 2) [Informação da campanha do One Fair Wage](#) sobre como ajudar os trabalhadores que recebem gratificação extra (gorjeta), e que são os que mais perdem com a crise na economia.
- 3) [Informação do nossos amigos em Advogados para Direitos Civiles](#) sobre problemas relacionados a direitos e recursos à assistência médica, ao emprego, à imigração, ao seguro-alimentação, à carteira de motorista, e outros problemas.
- 4) [Boston COVID-19 carinho de comunidade](#) que inclui como conseguir comida, apoio financeiro, habitação, etc. também como trabalhar voluntariamente ou contribuir

para os esforços que estamos empreendendo (essa lista está sendo atualizada diariamente).

- 5) Informação do USCIS sobre taxas [públicas](#) para serviços de imigração.
- 6) [Hotline de emergência para problemas com despejo](#): inglês (617) 934-5006 e espanhol (617) 397-3773
- 7) [Lugares](#) para ter café da manhã e almoço grátis para qualquer estudante de BPS.

RESOURCES IN CANTONES, MANDARIN, AND VIETNAMESE

South Cove Community Health Center (SCCHC) . The Health Center is currently operating in “Emergency Status” Please [Click here](#) for emergencies.

The Vietnamese American Initiative for Development (VietAID)
[Click Here](#) for resources available to households impacted by Covid 19



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Chinese Progressive Association (CPA)

For more resources to residents impacted with covid 19: [Please click here](#)

Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC)

To apply for the Emergency Family Fund, please [Click Here](#)

RESOURCES IN HAITIAN CREOLE

Immigrant Family Services Institute, INC - Guide to file for Unemployment

[Please Click Here](#) to watch a video explaining how to file for unemployment.

Benefits for Families

To watch a video that explain The CARES Act [Please Click Here](#)

City of Boston - Covid 19 Care Resources

[Please click Here](#)

Massachusetts - Emergency Funds Covid 19

[Please click here](#) for more details.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

The Boston Foundation

Agencies can now apply for funding from The Boston Foundation's Covid-19 Response Fund: <https://lnkd.in/dMt2Dim>. Only nonprofits located in and serving communities in the Boston Foundation **catchment area** are eligible for grants at this time. Connect with Brian Gold at Brian.Gold@tbf.org for more information.

Parenting Journey - It Takes a Village Emergency Fund

Make a request to Parenting Journey's It Takes a Village Emergency Fund. Families are struggling to make ends meet. Parents and families in the PJ community: You can request a stipend to help ease some the financial burdens you are experiencing during these unprecedented times. This money will be delivered in the form of an online gift card. If you would like to request access to these funds, [please fill out this form](#).



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Women's Foundation of Boston Response Fund

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the Women's Foundation of Boston has launched a new fund to support women and girls in Greater Boston. In Boston, as in most cities, the most vulnerable are disproportionately women and girls. We know that women and girls in Greater Boston face growing challenges over the next few months and beyond. A public health emergency such as COVID-19 dramatically increases the risks for women and girls already in poverty. *Current partners who would like to request a relief grant to mitigate the impact of the*

Coronavirus crisis on their operations should fill out and submit a [COVID-19 Response Fund Letter of Inquiry](#).

Nonprofits can now apply for [disaster](#) loans from the US Small Business Administration (SBA):

Eligibility: Any Massachusetts nonprofit or small business may apply. [Click Here to access the application.](#)

Note: Because the SBA loan fund has been activated, the state [Mass Growth Capital Corporation](#) is no longer taking applications for emergency loans.

Asian American Community: Nellie Mae Education Foundation has launched a rapid response fund, the [Racism is a Virus Too Rapid Response Grant Fund](#), to respond to the hate crimes and bias against Asian American communities resulting from COVID-19.

Grassroots groups, apply for rapid-response grants from New England Grass Roots Environment Fund's [COVID-19 Rapid Response fund](#)

Eligibility: available for community-driven efforts. Organizations must be volunteer-driven, and have a budget of less than \$100K, with no more than 2 full-time staff equivalents, and a minimum of 3 people involved. The project must respond to a need as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. Deadline is on a rolling basis. More info: [here](#), or email tess@grassrootsfund.org with questions.

WEBINARS

Dr. Atyia Martin - Collective Care Sessions



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All Access uses the Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Transformation (DIET) Framework as an alternative to traditional DEI/D&I consulting and professional development.

STOP MISINFORMATION ON COVID-19 Fake Info is Lurking Behind Every Turn

[1] There is no amount of water drinking that will stop COVID-19
[You can slow down on the water]

[2] Pretending COVID-19 is not a big deal will not protect you
[You can stop ignoring requests to avoid groups]

[3] There is no home test to find out if you have COVID-19
[You can stop holding your breath]

[4] The sun will not protect you from COVID-19
[You can stop congregating at parks + beaches]

SHARE REAL INFORMATION Support Resilience + Collective Care

1 [1] Wash Your Hands with Soap and Water
[PROPERLY + OFTEN]

2 [2] Stay Informed about COVID-19
[FROM OFFICIAL SOURCES]

3 [3] Create Emergency Plan + Kits
[IF YOU HAVEN'T; UPDATE IF YOU HAVE]

4 [4] Avoid Others: Who Are Sick or If You Are
[CALL BEFORE GOING TO HOSPITAL ABOUT COVID-19]

5 [5] Stay Healthy + Stay Active
[BODY + MIND + SPIRIT]

6 [6] Practice Collective Care
[WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES + EACH OTHER]

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Engage with Team All Aces and other amazing people like you. We will bring our expertise in emergency management, public health, racial equity, conflict management, law enforcement and more. You just have to bring yourself(and maybe some ideas and questions). Recording of these sessions also will be available here. [Register for Free Here](#)

Consumer Rights (Attorney General Maura Healey's Office)

In light of the recent public health advisory, we are offering multiple webinars to conveniently assist service providers and community members. Please join us online and login to your respective webinar using the information below:

Please [Register Here](#)

If you have any additional questions or comments you can email our office at: AGOCCommunityEngagement@Mass.gov.

DONATIONS



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Boston Foundation - Covid 19 Response Fund

The COVID-19 Response Fund has been established by a coalition of business, government and philanthropic partners to rapidly deploy flexible resources to organizations in Greater Boston that are working with communities that are disproportionately affected by the coronavirus outbreak. For donations [please click here](#)

Donation to First Responders

For donations for first responders [Please click here](#)

Restaurant Strong Fund

The Greg Hill Foundation has teamed up with Samuel Adams* to support those from the Massachusetts restaurant industry who have been impacted by the Covid-19 closures. Together, and with the insights of notable Boston-area chefs Ming Tsai (Blue Dragon), Ken Oringer (Little Donkey) and Chris Coombs (Boston Chops), we will be raising awareness and funds to provide grants to full-time restaurant workers in Massachusetts who are dependent on wages plus tips to cover basic living expenses and provide for their families. [Click here to apply.](#)

Boston Resilience Fund

The Boston Resiliency Fund is the City of Boston's effort to help coordinate fundraising and philanthropic efforts to provide essential services to Boston residents whose health

and well-being are most immediately impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. [Please Click Here](#)

FOOD FOR PETS

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ([MSPCA](#)) can assist by delivering pet food to any food pantries that are already existing, if possible. Individuals with urgent needs for their pets are welcome to contact directly. (Contact: Alyssa Krieger, akrieger@mspca.org Community Outreach Coordinator, MSPCA Boston/617-524-5690)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES FROM BOSTON LATIN ACADEMY

Resources

· *Article on promoting your mental health during quarantine:* [article](#) (New)



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- *Tips for parents on supporting your child during quarantine: [article](#) (New)*
- *Download free books and audiobooks from the Boston Public Library [here](#). (New)*
- *Free [Audiobooks](#) for kids and teens (New)*
- *Read almost any comic book for free [here](#). (New)*
- *Visit local, national, and international parks, museums, and zoos [here](#). (New)*
- *Resources for Undocumented Students and Families: The Unafraid Educators and the BTU Immigrant Rights group shared these resources for undocumented students and families:*
 - [COVID-19 Resources for Undocumented Communities](#)
 - [Wellness Virtual Gatherings for Undocumented Young People](#)
 - 5 Things to Know ([Español](#)) and [English](#) from United We Dream
- *[Mental Health Resources](#) gathered by BPS*
- *Tech Resources and Links:*
 - For students with **tech needs**, BPS is offering free [chromebooks](#), and the city has shared low-cost [options for Internet connectivity](#).
 - [Home Learning Tips for Students and Families](#) (English, Spanish, for families) - other translations, including ASL, are forthcoming and will be on this page
 - [Tips for Healthy Habits](#) (English, for families)
 - [Protecting Student Privacy Online](#) (website, for teachers)
 - [Using Video in Google Classroom](#) (website, for teachers)
 - [How to Access Google Classroom from Home](#) (website with videos in English, Español, Portugués and Français)
 - [How to Access Clever at Home](#) (English)
 - [Clever Login Tutorial](#) (visual step-by-step tutorial)



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· *City of Boston Informational Coronavirus Website (In Many Languages):* “Information is rapidly changing, and the Boston Public Health Commission will

update this post as new and relevant information becomes available. The text includes information in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Cape Verdean Creole, Haitian Creole, and Russian. The city offers guidance and information on the new coronavirus in additional languages at [Boston.gov/coronavirus](https://www.boston.gov/coronavirus), through the Mayor’s Health Line at 617-534-5050, and through interpreters available through the city’s 311 telephone service.

· *Boston Public Schools Coronavirus Website:* The Boston Public School website [here](https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/coronavirus) is one resource that is comprehensive for BPS. [bostonpublicschools.org/coronavirus](https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/coronavirus)

· *CDC Guidelines around Coronavirus:* The decision to close schools is an attempt to slow the spread of the virus. It will only be effective if people also take steps to follow [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) recommendations. The [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) is asking people to do their part or the school closure will not be as successful in limiting the spread of the virus.

· *How to find help & access resources:* See [this article](#) with links to organizations that can provide help and services.

· *Access to Meals:* The City of Boston in partnership with Project Bread, YMCA of Greater Boston, Boston Centers for Youth and Families, and other community organizations will also be providing **free meals to school-aged children** at various locations and times across the city. These sites are shown in red on [this map](#) and the specific BPS food locations are [HERE](#) with BLA being one of them. More locations will become available soon. If you need additional food resources, you can contact Project Bread’s Food Source Hotline at (800) 645-8333.

· *Mental Health Resources:*

o If your child or someone in your family experiences a mental health crisis, please feel free to call **B.E.S.T. (Boston Emergency Services Team) at 1-800-981-4357** for guidance. This toll-free number can be used 24 hours a day, seven days a week to obtain services. Staff at the 1-800-981-HELP Call Center will provide support, information, referral, or arrange an in-person evaluation.



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o Please check out the [CDC guidelines](#) for managing stress and anxiety as students navigate through this new virtual learning experience. Here is another helpful document: [How to take care of your Emotional Health](#).

· *2020 MLK Scholars Summer Internship Program:* If you are a resident of Boston, age 16-18, who loves working with young children and is interested in the field of early childhood education, apply now! You can work with Dimock's Head Start program with infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers.

o This is a paid internship program from Monday, July 6th to Friday, August 14th, approximately 25 hours/week. It includes four leadership training seminars. Deadline for all applications is Monday, May 4, 2020.

o Application link:

<https://dimock.org/john-hancock-mlk-scholars-program/>

o If there are any questions, please reach out to Katie Mandosa-Hayes at kmandosahayes@bostonpublicschools.org

· *Summer Programs:* Please see this flyer with information on dozens of summer programs available for students. [Summer Stuff 2020](#) If there are any questions, please reach out to Mary Sullivan at msullivan10@bostonpublicschools.org

Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition is sponsoring an individualized 4 week walking challenge beginning this Saturday, April 18. The goal is to have our collective number of steps be sufficient to cover the distance from Boston to Miami, Miami to Haiti, and Haiti to Trinidad! Please use this link to join: <https://bit.ly/MFFCWALK>