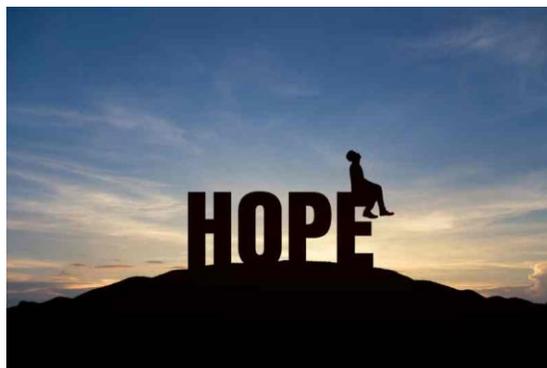


**Palm Beach County Commission
District 4**



From the desk of
Vice Mayor Robert S. Weinroth



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**Message from
Vice Mayor Weinroth**

First and foremost, we would like to thank everyone for their patience and adherence to the restrictions that have been in place for the last month! Because of your cooperation, we are finally starting to turn a corner.

We would also like to express our deepest gratitude to all the healthcare workers, first-responders and everyone doing essential work for putting themselves at risk for the benefit of our community.

Currently, county officials are discussing ways to reignite the local economy and relax certain emergency orders such as recreational activities (golf, pools, beaches, boat ramps and more).

At the same time, we must remain vigilant in adhering to mask-wearing, social distancing, and sanitizing measures.

It's our moral responsibility to minimize the impact our elderly and vulnerable residents, healthcare and essential workers, and first responders while minimizing the impact on our healthcare system.

Remember, this pandemic is still extremely dangerous and life threatening.

My office will continue to support our local emergency officials concerning gradual openings of recreational facilities and businesses and keeping everyone updated as decisions are made.

Our office remains open and staff is available to assist you. Please contact us at 561-355-2204 or 561-276-

1220. Also, please email me at RWeinroth@pbcgov.org with questions or if you need any assistance.

Good News Moment

For the first time in the history of Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control, they have completely emptied one of their three dog kennels. This amazing milestone was made possible by the help and support of our entire community.

If you are interested in fostering or adopting, please visit our website to view our available pets and submit an application online: www.pbcgov.com/snap

Covid 19 Relief Money

If you have not received your coronavirus relief money via direct deposit from the federal government, they request you visit the [IRS website](#) to provide your current banking information.

Additionally, if you did not file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 and/or don't receive social security or disability benefits, they have added a new tool on the [IRS website](#) to enter that information.

To check the status of your money, click [here](#).

Census Reminder

Less than fifty percent of Palm Beach County residents have responded to the census to date. It is critical that everyone take a few minutes to respond as soon as possible.

The federal funding allocations are based on the number of people who respond. More than ever, we will need these funds to assist with COVID-19 recovery efforts and other vital programs for the residents and businesses of Palm Beach County.

Please take a few minutes today to complete the US Census [here](#) and share the link with anyone who has yet to complete it.

Elections & Vote-By-Mail

The primary election are still scheduled for August 18th.

Request your Vote-By-Mail ballot [HERE](#) which will allow you to securely cast your ballot without concerns for your health or the health of poll workers.

The deadline to request a VBM for the August election is no later than 5:00 PM on August 8th, 2020.

It's never been easier to request your Vote by Mail ballot! Request online today and check the box for All Elections 



Wendy Sartory Link
Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections
www.pbc elections.org

Socially Distanced Supper Club

Thanks to a dedicated group of community members coming together, many of our favorite local restaurants have been able to continue employing staff and serving their communities.

To join the Facebook groups that contain your region's restaurant menus and schedules, click the links below.

[Delray Beach](#)
[Boynton Beach](#)
[Boca Raton](#)

Virtual Exercise

Baptist Health South Florida is offering virtual exercise, meditation, and educational seminars via Zoom. This resource is extremely beneficial to maintaining good habits while we stay home to stay safe.

To join one of the classes below, simply click the "link to join" from any electronic device. Download and install the Zoom app to facilitate entry. New to Zoom? Get it at: [Zoom](#)

Friday:

8:30 a.m. Dance Aerobics +

Strength, <https://baptisthealth.zoom.us/j/987109128> [baptisthealth.zoom.us]

9:30 a.m. Meditation and Tips for Emotional Well-

Being, <https://baptisthealth.zoom.us/j/764194277> [baptisthealth.zoom.us]

10 a.m.

Pilates, <https://baptisthealth.zoom.us/j/490889922> [baptisthealth.zoom.us]

11 a.m. Diabetes y

Nutrición, <https://baptisthealth.zoom.us/j/798537139> [baptisthealth.zoom.us]

12:30 p.m.

Zumba®, <https://baptisthealth.zoom.us/j/463127294> [baptisthealth.zoom.us]

6:30 p.m. Belly Dance Healthy

Hour, <https://baptisthealth.zoom.us/j/746820363> [baptisthealth.zoom.us]

Saturday:

10 a.m. Yoga, <https://baptisthealth.zoom.us/j/333505826> [baptisthealth.zoom.us]

11:30 a.m. Mindful Movement + Crafts for

Kids, <https://baptisthealth.zoom.us/j/172434843> [baptisthealth.zoom.us]

1:30 p.m. Zumba® +

Tone, <https://baptisthealth.zoom.us/j/240807953> [baptisthealth.zoom.us]

For additional event information, please

visit <https://events.baptisthealth.net> [events.baptisthealth.net] and type "virtual" in the search box.

Virtual Community Health Classes Week of April 13-18

These complimentary programs are available on Zoom in Eastern Standard Time (EST). See webinar IDs below. Get it at <https://zoom.us/>.



For more information, please visit Events.BaptistHealth.net or email Programs@BaptistHealth.net.

MONDAY

8:30 a.m. Chair Aerobics + Strength, ID: 782 011 426
 9:30 a.m. Meditation and Tips for Emotional Well-Being, ID: 653 985 979
 10:30 a.m. Kickboxing Aerobics, ID: 348 956 476
 12:30 p.m. Stretch & Breathe, ID: 396 229 732
 2 p.m. Stretch and Relax, ID: 421 047 669
 3 p.m. Nutrición para Fortalecer tu Sistema Inmune, ID: 574 683 896
 4 p.m. Strong by Zumba®, ID: 219 268 872
 5:30 p.m. Zumba®, ID: 448 694 988
 7 p.m. Grocery to Table, Meals Made Simple at Home, ID: 485 723 001

TUESDAY

8:30 a.m. Yin Yoga, ID: 302 005 404
 10:30 a.m. Cardio Sculpt, ID: 359 295 145
 12 noon, Tai-Chi, ID: 140 403 492
 1:30 p.m. Meditation and Tips for Emotional Well-Being, ID: 545 080 019
 3 p.m. Healthy Body, Healthy Mind for Kids, ID: 885 294 575
 4 p.m. Line Dancing, ID: 808 370 251
 5:30 p.m. Yoga, ID: 322 494 894
 7 p.m. Mindful Movement and Stories for Kids, ID: 604 964 357
 7 p.m. Eating Smart for a Healthy Heart, ID: 442 846 222

WEDNESDAY

8:30 a.m. Zumba® Gold, ID: 865 402 236
 9:30 a.m. Meditation and Tips for Emotional Well-Being, ID: 167 943 089
 10:30 a.m. Zumba® Sertao, ID: 626 477 371
 12:30 p.m. Como Comer Conscientemente en Tiempos de Estrés, ID: 924 754 268
 1:30 p.m. COVID-19 and Immune Dysfunction ID: 813 117 956
 3 p.m. Meditación y Consejos para el Bienestar Emocional, ID: 120 172 915
 4 p.m. Cardio Pump, ID: 230 730 895
 6 p.m. Wellness Wednesday Fitness, ID: 464 702 376

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. Cardio Strength, ID: 737 615 555
 9 a.m. Yoga, ID: 768 916 924
 10:30 a.m. Hip Hop with Miami Dance City, ID: 160 101 966
 12 noon, Tai-Chi, ID: 517 845 709
 1 p.m. Emotionally Supporting Yourself and Loved Ones, ID: 690 292 706
 1:30 p.m. Meditation and Tips for Emotional Well-Being, ID: 255 168 670
 2 p.m. Zumba®, ID: 974 371 430
 3 p.m. Mindfulness: Is it Hunger or Anxiety? ID: 287 841 060
 4:30 p.m. Boot Camp, ID: 860 432 489
 6:30 p.m. HIIT Workout, ID: 809 511 591
 7:30 p.m. Nutrition and Physical Activity, ID: 916 517 011

FRIDAY

8:30 a.m. Dance Aerobics + Strength, ID: 987 109 128
 9:30 a.m. Meditation and Tips for Emotional Well-Being, ID: 764 194 277

10 a.m. Pilates, ID: 490 889 922
 11 a.m. Diabetes y Nutrición, ID: 798 537 139
 12:30 p.m. Zumba®, ID: 463 127 294
 6:30 p.m. Belly Dance Healthy Hour, ID: 746 820 363

SATURDAY

10 a.m. Yoga, ID: 333 505 826
 11:30 a.m. Mindful Movement + Crafts for Kids, ID: 172 434 843
 1:30 p.m. Zumba® + Tone, ID: 240 807 953



Local Farmers Selling Produce



The farms listed at this [link](#) are selling fresh, local produce directly to the public. Support our outstanding agriculture community and buy Fresh From Florida.

Covid-19 Resource Guide

Below is a comprehensive resource guide to local, state and federal relief programs and general information in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. *We will continue to send this information to you with updates on a regular basis.*

FL DOH Dashboard
(as of 4/16/20)

Palm Beach County has 1,841 positive cases

***Palm Beach County Emergency
Information Center***

7 days a week from 8am - 6pm
561-712-6400

Municipal Call Centers

Boca Raton 561-982-4900
Delray Beach 561-243-7777
or contact your municipality

Who do I contact if I'm having symptoms?

Contact your primary doctor. If they are unable to provide you with a COVID-19 test, ask them for instruction on how to self-isolate at home.

If you don't have a doctor, contact any urgent care center, or the county primary care clinics at:

WPB Main Office: 561-840-4500

WPB: 561-314-5300

Delray Beach: 561-274-3100

Jupiter: 561-746-6751

Lantana: 561-547-6800

Greenacres: 561-357-6000

Riviera Beach: 561-803-7300

Belle Glade: 561-983-9220

chd50feedback@flhealth.gov

Palm Beach County

LATEST OPERATIONAL UPDATES

New Palm Beach County Issues Executive Order 20-004 Directive to Wear Facial Covers

Palm Beach County issued Emergency Order 20-004 effective April 13, 2020 which states all persons working in, patronizing, or otherwise physically present in grocery stores, restaurants, pharmacies, construction sites, public transit vehicles, vehicles for hire, and locations where social distancing measures are not possible should wear facial coverings as defined by the CDC. *All other persons physically present in any public place in Palm Beach County are strongly urged to wear facial coverings as defined by the CDC.*

A facial covering includes any covering which snugly covers the lower face, nose, and mouth, whether store bought or homemade

mask, or clothing covering, including but not limited to, a scarf, bandana, handkerchief or other similar cloth covering and which is secured in place.

Examples of compliant homemade facial coverings may be found on the CDC website: [CDC Face Coverings](#). Persons wearing facial coverings should review the CDC and Florida Department of Health guidelines regarding safely applying, removing, and cleaning facial coverings.

Persons utilizing facial coverings should not procure surgical masks or N95 rated masks, as those are critical supplies for health care workers, law enforcement, fire-rescue, emergency management, or other persons engaged in life and safety activities.

***New* Testing Sites Summary**

South County Civic Center-Cleveland Clinic Florida

During the eighth day of drive-thru testing for COVID-19 at the South County Civic Center, Cleveland Clinic Florida tested 152 patients. The Cleveland Clinic Florida COVID-19 Screening Center representatives have scheduled 92 appointments so far for Tuesday. Appointments can be made at 561-804-0250. You must call to be screened and confirm an appointment time.

Health Care District of Palm Beach County-FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches

During the 14th day of drive-thru testing for COVID-19 in Palm Beach County, the Health Care District of Palm Beach County's C. L. Brumback Primary Clinics tested 420 patients at the FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches in West Palm Beach. There were 73 patients who did not show for their scheduled appointments. The average age of the patients tested was 55. A total of 14 children were tested and the youngest patient was two years old. Patients are notified when their results

are in. A total of 5,813 tests have been administered at the site since it opened on March 31st.

The Health Care District's Testing Hotline, 561-642-1000, reopens at 8 a.m. tomorrow to continue filling 1,000 available appointments for Friday and Saturday. The Health Care District's C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics' staff who are conducting the testing, along with on-site Palm Beach County staff and members of the Florida Army National Guard, thank patients for their understanding in this hot weather and appreciate their messages of support at the drive-thru site.

Cleveland Clinic Florida Testing

Cleveland Clinic Florida has **expanded criteria** for individuals eligible for COVID-19 testing. Anyone over the age of 16 who has the following signs and symptoms will be eligible for testing at our South Palm Beach County drive-through location:

- Fever and respiratory illness (such as cough, shortness of breath, runny nose)
- Fever and gastrointestinal illness (such as diarrhea, vomiting)

Individuals must still call first to speak with a nurse to ensure they meet criteria and make an appointment for testing at 561.804.0250.

Belle Glade COVID-19 Testing

COVID-19 testing is available on a walk-up basis outside of the Primary Care Clinic at Lakeside Medical Center. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Individuals who believe they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 and would like to be tested are invited to walk up and see a provider for screening. If the provider determines they are a candidate for screening, they will be registered on-site and tested. Results will

be communicated by a Health Care District provider as soon as they are available.

***New* Libraries**

You can use the Palm Beach County Library system 24/7 from your computer, laptop or mobile device by visiting our website. Branches will continue to have the applications available in English, Spanish and Creole.

<http://www.pbclibrary.org/unemployment>

Librarians are available to assist you with your research, filing for unemployment, and help using our online resources Visit our website at www.pbclibrary.org and click on the Ask-A-Librarian icon or call 561-233-2600.

***New* Unemployment Online Application Assistance**

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity has a new mobile-friendly site to apply for Reemployment Assistance for new claimants. Learn more [here](#).

Link to the **downloadable unemployment form** to apply

FedEx store locations are also providing free printing and mailing of reemployment assistance applications. [Click here](#) for a list of locations.

Check out the COVID-19 Resource Page and the Virtual Library offerings. You will need your library card to access many of these resources. **If you do not have a Library card you can get a free temporary e-card today.**

Library staff have put together some recommendations to help you stay well, have some fun & games and binge watch some TV shows.

Car Payment Deferral Programs

For Floridians having trouble making car payments and who are worried about having their car repossessed, some payment deferral programs have been created by car manufacturers.

For debtors struggling to make car payments during the COVID-19 pandemic, many automakers have created Corona Virus Car Payment Relief Programs which allow the borrowers to defer payments for a period of time.

Click [here](#) for links to a list of programs that are available:

Palm Beach County Victims Services

The Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center helpline is available for information, options and support: 561-833-7273. Services are free, confidential and private.

Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability

Foreclosure Prevention – Funding may be provided to assist with delinquent mortgage payments, property taxes and homeowner insurance to prevent foreclosure Applicants can apply for up to \$20,000.

Libraries Unemployment Assistance

The Palm Beach County Library System has many resources available to help those unemployed due to COVID-19.

Staff are available by phone, email and chat to help members who have questions or need assistance filling out

unemployment/reemployment forms through Ask-A-Librarian on our website at www.pbclibrary.org.

Solid Waste Authority asks residents to refrain from tree trimming in April. While garbage, recycling and bulk waste remain on schedule, **residents are asked to delay major yard trimming until May.**

Garbage bags should be tied securely for disposal so waste workers do not come in contact with any potentially virus-contaminated waste.

Click [here](#) to view all Local and Governor Executive Orders.

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Palm Beach County Health Department

24/7 call center: 866-799-6121 or click [here](#)
email: COVID-19@flhealth.gov

Testing Site Appointments:

- **561-642-1000 at FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches in West Palm Beach**
- **561-804-0250 at the South County Civic Center in Delray Beach**

***New* Senior Assistance: 211 and the Area Agency on Aging Join Forces**

For assistance with food, food stamps, COVID 19 information such as testing sites, and questions on Medicare or Medicaid call ADRC at 1-866-684-5885 Monday - Friday from 8am - 5pm.

Senior who are in immediate crisis or need someone to talk to after hours, or are in a food crisis are encouraged to call 211.

Community Services

Utility assistance click [here](#) or call 561-355-4792.

Rental or emergency services click [here](#) (click on "contact us: to ask how to apply for services, schedule a call back, and/or request an application) or call 561-904-7900

Childcare for Emergency Response Personnel and Essential-Business Workers

The Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County is open and connecting parents who are emergency response personnel and essential-business workers to open child care facilities and early learning centers. For more information, call 561-514-3300.

Office of Equal Business Opportunity

See [this](#) flyer for information on available funding for local small businesses in response to COVID-19.

School Information

The Palm Beach County School District announced that Palm Beach County schools will remain closed until further notice.

The School District of Palm Beach County continues its commitment to feeding students while schools are closed. Thirty-

five sites across Palm Beach County are distributing 'Grab and Go' meal bags.

New Starting Monday, April 13 and until further notice, the 35 feeding sites will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Two days' worth of meals will be provided each day.

Meals are FREE to anyone under 18 years of age (under 22 for ESE students), regardless of financial need.

- [Click here for School District](#) locations distributing 'Grab and Go' bags from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- [Click here for Feeding South Florida](#) locations distributing food from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Community Coordinated Sites

- [Click here for FLIPANY-Eastern](#) locations distributing food from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., and three locations that are distributing food from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- [Click here for FLIPANY-The Glades](#) locations distributing food from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- [Click here for information about Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County](#) locations distributing Grab 'n Go bags and other food.
- [Click here for a summary of food sites](#) – when you click this link, please scroll down for links to information about Food Sites/Pantry Information/Food Distribution information.

To find the location nearest you, visit <https://summerbreakspot.freshfromflorida.com/>.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has provided a waiver to allow parents/guardians to pick up meals without the child being present. The parent needs to provide confirmation of the number of children for which they are picking up meals, by one of the following methods: student ID, student passport,

student library card, student birth certificate, or a photo of the adult picking up the meals with the students for whom they are picking up meals.

The parent will show the identification to staff providing the meals, and meals will be provided for the number of children identified. The District follows food distribution rules as outlined by the USDA.

To limit person-to-person contact, please remember to adhere to social distancing. Those driving to one of the feeding sites are asked to open the trunk of their car or leave a seat open where staff can place the food. People walking up to a site should remember to maintain a distance of at least six feet. These measures are taken very seriously and are intended to keep everyone safe.

Meals provided may vary by location and may contain allergens. Adults picking up the food are asked to be vigilant and ensure they do not take food if allergies may be a concern. Food should be refrigerated or discarded if not consumed upon receipt.

Food Assistance

The Palm Beach County Food Bank (PBCFB) supports close to 200 partner agencies that provide food to our neighbors in need. To view the list of PBCFB's partner agencies, click [here](#).

***New* Feeding South Florida**

DRIVE-THRU FOOD DISTRIBUTION

9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Catherine Strong Park, 1500 SW 6 St., Delray Beach, FL 33444

We adhere to COVID-19 CDC guidelines Remain in your car & open the trunk when it's your turn in line. Food is distributed first come, first served, while supplies last.

All seniors can access meals on wheels by calling the elderly helpline at 866-684-5885.

Food Assistance: United Way: click [here](#).

Pet Food: Click on Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League [website](#) or email peggyspantry@peggyadams.org

Job Seekers and Employers

CareerSource Palm Beach County for job seekers and employers, they offer assistance such as career counselors, business coaches, training and more. Call 561-340-1060, follow the directions, leave a message and someone will get back to you ASAP.

CareerSource is providing paper unemployment applications you can mail in at their locations in West Palm Beach, Delray Beach and Belle Glade. Click link for details.

Alcoholics Anonymous

To find an A.A. meeting near you contact the A.A. resources below for a meeting list in that location and surrounding areas. For information about online meetings/online groups: www.aainpalmbeach.org Phone: (561) 276-4581

Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.
COVID19 Resource Guide to help answer questions regarding education, rent, mortgage, credit cards,

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Call 211 for mental health and community services such as food assistance, medical clinics, foreclosure prevention, parenting info on developmental concerns (Help Me Grow), special needs and senior services or click [here](#).

For more information, visit the county's COVID-19 [website](#)

Landscape & lawn watering restrictions issued

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) issued an order on water conservation measures with strict guidelines to property owners to follow irrigation schedules that conserve water amid drier than average conditions.

The District has lawn watering restrictions all year. Amid recent dry conditions, property owners should take additional measures to conserve water including:

- Water lawns only two days per week between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- Apply no more than 3/4-inch to 1 inch of water per week on their lawns and landscapes and only as needed to supplement rainfall.

State Programs

Unemployment Support

Reemployment Assistance benefits, formerly known as unemployment compensation, can be filed by accessing CONNECT online via <http://www.floridajobs.org/> in the Reemployment Assistance Service Center or call 1-800-681-8102.

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
(DEO)[Reemployment Assistance FAQs](#).

[Link to the downloadable form to apply for RE-Employment \(unemployment\)](#)

Temporary Layoff Program: This is part of the Reemployment Assistance program. Individuals on a “temporary layoff,” which means a job separation due to lack of work which does not exceed 8 consecutive weeks and which has a fixed or approximate return-to-work date, may be eligible if they were temporarily laid off due to the virus and remain available to work. [Click here for more information.](#)

Health Care Support

Abuse Hotline (24/7). The Florida Abuse Hotline accepts reports of known or suspected child abuse, neglect, or abandonment and reports of known or suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult. Report [online](#) or by calling 1-800-962-2873 Call Center (24/7).

COVID-19 hotline: 866-779-6121

email: COVID-19@flhealth.gov

Early Prescription Refills. The Governor and the Insurance Commissioner have required all health insurers and HMOs that are licensed in Florida **to authorize up to a 30 day supply of**

most prescription drugs and to waive time restrictions on prescription drug refills. *Click here for more information.*

Suicide Prevention. If you or someone you know is thinking about suicide, please call 800-273-8255 right away. More crisis support information is also available [online](#).

Businesses and Workers Support

Business Damage Assessment Survey. The Business Damage Assessment Survey is activated to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Florida's local business operations. The survey, managed by DEO, will evaluate businesses affected by COVID-19 and the impacts the virus has had on the local economy so actions to implement appropriate relief programs can begin. **The Business Damage Assessment Survey can be taken [online](#).**

Division of Corporations Annual Reports Filing

Extension. The annual report filing deadline for Florida business entities has been suspended until June 30, 2020 per [Department of State Emergency Order 2020-01](#). This includes any corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership or limited liability limited partnership entities required to file an annual report with the Florida Division of Corporations. For more information, please visit the Division of Corporations [website](#).

Employee Paid Leave Rights. Effective April 1, 2020, the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act requires private employers with 500 employees or less to provide employees with paid sick leave or expanded family and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19. For more information on relief, please click [here](#).

Express Bridge Loan Pilot Program (Federal). This pilot program allows SBA Express Lenders authority to deliver expedited SBA guaranteed financing on an emergency basis for disaster-related purposes to eligible small businesses, while the small businesses apply for and await long-term financing. [Click here for more information.](#)

Paycheck Protection Program Loan Guarantee (Federal). Starting April 10, 2020, independent contractors and self-employed individuals can apply for and receive loans to cover their payroll and other certain expenses through existing SBA lenders.

Eligibility Criteria: Eligible recipients may qualify for a loan up to \$10 million determined by 8 weeks of prior average payroll plus an additional 25% of that amount. Loan payments will be deferred for six months. If you maintain your workforce, SBA will forgive the portion of the loan proceeds that are used to cover the first 8 weeks of payroll and certain other expense following loan origination. Click [here](#) to learn more. The application and further information is also available at this [link](#).

Short-Time Compensation Plans. Employers can work with DEO to enter into short-time compensation plans. **Under such plans, employers reduce hours for a group of employees (no more than 40% reduction) instead of resorting to temporary layoffs. Partial benefits are paid to employees. [Click here for more information.](#)**

Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loan or Loan Advance. The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program provides small businesses with working capital loans of up to \$2 million that can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing. If you have questions about this or other federal SBA programs please contact the Customer

Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 or (TTY: 1-800-877-8339) DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov. More information can be found at **SBA Disaster Loan Assistance**.

The #CARESAct has established new programs to help small businesses impacted by #COVID19 including:

- 1 Paycheck Protection Program
- 2 Up to \$10K Economic Injury Disaster Loan Advance
- 3 Bridge loans for businesses that have used SBA Express
- 4 SBA loan debt relief

Learn more. [👉 https://www.sba.gov/coronavirusrelief](https://www.sba.gov/coronavirusrelief)

Tax Support

State Tax-Related Support Florida Department of Revenue (DOR) established a dedicated team to address tax-related issues pertaining to COVID-19 and created an email address, **COVID19TAXHELP@floridarevenue.com**, where taxpayers can send questions and concerns. The Department encourages all taxpayers to use e-services applications to file and pay taxes or contact the call center at 850-488-6800.

State Property Taxes. Property tax is normally due by March 31 in the year following the year the taxes are assessed. **The Department waived the due date so that payments remitted by April 15, 2020, for the 2019 tax year will be considered timely paid.** Property taxpayers should contact their county **property appraisers** and **tax collectors** for information.

Veteran Support

Veteran Employment Assistance. Veterans Florida provides resume assistance and job placement for veterans and spouses seeking employment in Florida. Typically, the jobs are full-time and permanent; however, due to COVID-19, Veterans Florida is working with employers who are retooling and seeking temporary help at this time, as well. Click here for more information.

Veteran Legal Help Line. 1-866-486-6161

Veteran Support Line. 1-844-693-5838

Education Support

Following the closure of Florida's K-12 schools, in order to facilitate the remote connection between teachers and students, school districts are permitted to redirect unspent Title 2 funds to help low-income students purchase digital devices and establish Internet services. **[Click here for more information.](#)**

The Florida Department of Education (DOE) established a resource website for educators, parents, and students to utilize free resources to help students with distance learning. **[Click here for more information.](#)** In addition, DOE has a **[webpage](#)** dedicated to information and resources related to COVID-19.

Virtual and Telephonic Mental Health Counseling Services. **[Click here for more information.](#)**

Child Support Program. The Florida Department of Revenue (DOR) provides online resources to assist families in handling their child support case without visiting a local Child Support Office. (850) 488-5437.

Attorney General

Price Gouging. The Attorney General's NO SCAM Price Gouging App can be downloaded free of charge through Apple and Android stores by searching NO SCAM. A price gouging hotline is available toll-free at: 1-866-9-NO-SCAM (866-966-7226). Click **here** for more information.

Scam Alert. Anyone who suspects a scam or believes a product is being falsely marketed as protection against the virus should

contact the Attorney General's Office at 1-866-9-NO-SCAM (866-966-7226) or by visiting MyFloridaLegal.com

ACCESS, SNAP, temporary cash assistance (TANF), Medicaid. Contact DCF at 850-300-4323 or (TTY) 1-800-955-8771 or visit their [website](#).

Federal Programs

Unemployment Insurance

More laid-off and furloughed workers will be eligible for Unemployment Insurance and will see an additional \$600 per week to match the average paycheck for up to 4 months of benefits. For a list of unemployment offices by state please click [here](#).

Additional Resources

Committee on Ways and Means fact sheet &FAQ on unemployment compensation, click [here](#).

Direct Payments to Individuals and Their Families

Individuals making up to \$75,000 (\$150,000 for married workers) will receive payments of \$1,200 with an additional \$500 payment per minor child. The payments decrease ratably and stop altogether for single workers making more than \$99,000 (\$198,000 for married workers and \$218,000 for a family of four).

These payments will be issued by the IRS via direct deposit and will be based on 2019 or 2018 tax return or 2019 Social Security statement.

If someone has not filed a tax return in 2018 or 2019 and does not receive Social Security benefits, the IRS recommends filing a 2018 return to receive payment. If the IRS does not have the taxpayer's bank account information, the taxpayer should look for a letter from the IRS detailing how to receive their payment.

If you receive Social Security, retirement or other social safety net benefits, you may still qualify for direct payments. For more information from the IRS click [here](#).

New The IRS has added a new tool to their [website](#) for anyone who did not file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 and who don't receive Social Security retirement or disability benefits.

Food Assistance

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), more commonly known as food stamps, ensures that Americans receive the food they need, especially if they are newly unemployed. Congress has invested in SNAP in the last three bills to help Americans put food on the table during this crisis. In order to apply for SNAP, contact your state SNAP office or the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food & Nutrition Services regional offices near you.

SNAP State Directory of Resource

FNS Regional Offices, click [here](#).

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC) provides access to nutritious foods to low-income pregnant women or mothers. To see if you are eligible for WIC benefits click [here](#).

To learn more about how to apply for WIC click [here](#).

Food Banks

Congress has now secured \$850 million in emergency funding for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) to help food banks face increased utilization and demand in countless communities across the country due to the coronavirus.

Click [here](#) for your state contacts. To find a local food bank near you, click [here](#).

Homeowners and Renters Protection

Mortgage Forbearance: Homeowners with FHA, USDA, VA, or Section 184 or 184A mortgages (for members of federally-recognized tribes) and those with mortgages backed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac have the right to request forbearance on their payments for up to 6 months, with a possible extension for another 6 months without fees, penalties, or extra interest. **Homeowners should contact their mortgage servicing company directly.**

Eviction Protections: Renters residing in public or assisted housing, or in a home or apartment whose owner has a federally-backed mortgage, and who are unable to pay their rent, are protected from eviction for 4 months. Property owners are also prohibited from issuing a 30-day notice to a tenant to vacate a property until after the 4-month moratorium ends. This protection covers properties that receive federal subsidies such as public housing, Section 8 assistance, USDA rural housing programs, and federally-issued or guaranteed mortgages. **Renters whose landlord is not abiding by the moratorium should contact the relevant federal agency that administers their housing program or their local [Legal Aid office](#).**

Energy Assistance for Low Income Families

This legislative package includes \$900 million to help low income Americans and their families heat and cool their homes. To learn more about the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) in your state, click [here](#).

Emergency Paid Leave

Many workers in America currently have no paid leave and are being forced to choose between their paycheck, their health, and the health of the people around them.

The emergency paid leave provisions passed by Congress and signed into law by the President are a critical step toward protecting families' financial security and mitigating the spread of the coronavirus. Below is information on eligibility for emergency paid sick leave and paid family leave.

Committee on Education and Labor Fact Sheet: Who is Eligible for Leave [link](#).

Small Businesses Forgivable Loans and Grants

Congress secured \$350 billion in forgivable loans and \$10 billion in grants to small businesses, tribal business concerns, and certain nonprofits.

Loans through a new SBA 7(a) Paycheck Protection Program can be forgiven when used for payroll costs (including paid leave, health care, and other costs) to retain workers, and other expenses such as rent, mortgage interest, and utilities. Independent contractors, sole-proprietors, and other self-employed persons are eligible for these loans.

Small businesses can also apply for up to \$10,000 in grants to retain workers and pay for debt obligations.

Small businesses, tribal business concerns, 501(c)(3) nonprofits, and 501(c)(19) veterans organizations in your district should contact their lender and the Small Business Administration office directly.

For a list of SBA offices by state with contact information please click [here](#).

Paid Sick and Family Leave Tax Credit

Employers who provide required leave to their employees and who employ less than 500 employees are eligible for a tax credit to offset the costs of such leave. This tax relief will be provided against quarterly payroll taxes (those paid in connection the Form 941). For additional guidance, please refer to the IRS's [website](#).

Medium-Sized Businesses

Included in the bill is a fund administered by Secretary Mnuchin designed to provide low-interest bank financing to medium-sized businesses and nonprofits with 500 to 10,000 employees. As of now, we do not have information about the protocols for the administration of this fund. As soon as we have this information we will provide it to you.

Student Loan Relief for Borrowers

If you have student loan debt, Congress secured several options outlined below for borrowers that help provide relief through September 30, 2020. During this period, a borrower will be able to:

- Pause payments for federal student loan borrowers who have Direct Loans and Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL), which means these borrowers will not be required to make any payments toward outstanding interest or principal balance.
- Suspend interest accrual for such loans so that these balances don't accrue.
- Avoid forced collections such as garnishment of wages, tax refunds, & Social Security benefits.
- Halt negative credit reporting
- Ensure a borrower continues to receive credit toward Public Service Loan Forgiveness, Income-Driven Repayment forgiveness, and loan rehabilitation.

For additional guidance on how to apply and learn about next steps as this critical relief becomes available, please refer to the U.S. Department of Education [website](#)

School Meals

As more schools close due to coronavirus, Congress has provided emergency funding for Child Nutrition Programs to ensure students can still receive their free or reduced-price school meals during this time. Click [**here**](#) to learn more about what your state is doing during this time.

Veterans

Congress provided robust emergency funding to ensure the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has the equipment, tests, and support services – including setting up temporary care sites, mobile treatment centers and increasing telehealth visits to allow more veterans to get care at home – necessary to provide veterans with the additional care they need. For further guidance

as this funding and initiatives are implemented, please refer to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs [website](#).

Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255



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