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Dear Neighbor,

The COVID-19 pandemic has cost Americans so much. Just under 600,000 have lost their lives, many more have lost their livelihoods, and all have felt the impact of the pandemic for more than a year. The good news is, help is here, thanks to the *American Rescue Plan* proposed by President Joe Biden and created by the United States Congress.

Whether you are a retiree, small business owner, working parent, veteran, or unemployed, the *American Rescue Plan* has resources available to help you.

Here's what you need to know.



GET YOUR FREE COVID-19 VACCINE

The *American Rescue Plan* speeds up COVID-19 vaccinations by establishing a nationwide vaccine program. Vaccines are free of charge to all people living in the United States, regardless of their immigration or health insurance status.

To find a vaccine appointment near you, visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) or text your zip code to GETVAX/438829 (for English) or VACUNA/822862 (for Spanish). For information on free rides to vaccination sites, visit [frankel.house.gov](https://www.frankel.house.gov).



DIRECT ASSISTANCE FOR FLORIDIANS

Economic Impact Payments

You can check the status of your direct payment of up to \$1,400 per person [here](#) or call 800-919-9835.

Unemployment Assistance

Extends the federal supplemental unemployment benefit through September 6, 2021. To apply, visit [FloridaJobs.org](https://www.floridajobs.org) or call 833-FL-APPLY.

Rental, Utility, and Mortgage Assistance

Provides emergency rental, utility, and mortgage assistance to help renters and homeowners. To apply for housing assistance in Palm Beach County, [click here](#) or call 561-355-4700. The mortgage assistance program has not yet opened, but [check back](#) for updates.

Food Assistance

Strengthens food security by expanding SNAP benefits, supporting WIC, and ensuring access to school meals for low-income families. To apply for SNAP in Palm Beach County, [click here](#). To apply for WIC, [click here](#). To find Palm Beach County Schools food centers, [click here](#).

Veterans Assistance

Ensures veterans and servicemembers will not have copays or cost-sharing for services related to COVID-19. For care, [click here](#) or call 561-422-8262.

Funeral Costs

Provides up to \$9,000 to support funeral costs for families who have lost loved ones to COVID-19. [Apply here](#).

Help for Families

Most parents qualify for direct payments of up to \$3,600 annually per child under the age of six and up to \$3,000 annually for children under 19. To get these payments, [file your taxes for free here](#). The bill also provides \$400 million to Palm Beach County schools to reopen safely and get kids back on track, and supports affordable child care. To see financial assistance options and available child care facilities, [click here](#) or call 866-357-3239.

Internet Access

Provides discounts for broadband service. Apply [here](#), or call 833-511-0211.

Other Programs

Check your local city or county website for more info on COVID-19 relief funding for small businesses, nonprofits, and individuals.



ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

The *American Rescue Plan* provided more funding for the [Paycheck Protection Program](#) as well as the [Economic Injury Disaster Loan program](#) and created the [Restaurant Revitalization Fund](#) and [Shuttered Venue Operator Grant](#). Visit the links above to learn more and get in contact with the [Florida Small Business Development Center](#) for help navigating the assistance process.



LOWER YOUR HEALTH CARE COSTS

The *American Rescue Plan* increases subsidies and lowers co-pays for most individuals under the Affordable Care Act, which you can enroll in by visiting [healthcare.gov](#) or calling

800-318-2596. The bill also provides 100% subsidy for individual who lost their job and chose to use COBRA to continue their existing employer-sponsored health coverage.



A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

As always, [I encourage everyone to follow the CDC's best practices](#) and rely on the [CDC](#), [Palm Beach County Health Department](#), and [Florida Health Department](#) for the most accurate and up-to-date information on confirmed cases.

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to my office in Boca Raton or D.C. by calling the numbers listed below. For regular updates, follow me on social media [@RepLoisFrankel](#) or sign up for my newsletter [here](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lois Frankel".

Lois Frankel
Member of Congress

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