



Resources for Individuals and Families through COVID-19

Economic Impact Payments

- Every adult making \$75,000 per year or less (or 150,000 for married couples) will receive a direct economic payment of \$1,200 per adult and \$500 per child. If you filed income taxes last year, received a refund, and the IRS has your information on file, you will receive a direct deposit in the coming days. If you didn't receive a refund last year, you are encouraged to file as soon as you can to receive your payment more quickly through direct deposit. Payments will be made throughout the remainder of 2020.
- Adults making up to \$100,000 annually will receive a reduced payment. Individuals making over that threshold will not receive the payment.
- Taxpayers can use the Get Payment feature to check the status of your economic impact payment. As a note, there have been glitches with this feature and it may not provide you with full information.
- The IRS has also put up [this form for non-filers to update their information](#) if they haven't or don't plan to file their taxes.

Unemployment insurance

- Encourage everyone to apply for the unemployment insurance program through the Missouri [Department of Labor's website here](#). There is no penalty for trying and rejected applications should automatically bump over to the new unemployment funding streams created by the CARES Act. This includes family childcare providers, religiously-affiliated programs, programs that don't pay into the state Unemployment Insurance pool, and those who are partially unemployed.
- ***Pandemic unemployment insurance*** is an additional benefit that will provide traditional and non-traditional unemployment insurance recipients an additional \$600 a week through the duration of the crisis.
 - For *self-employed or sole proprietor providers*, unemployment insurance can help replace wages, while small business loans can cover rent, utilities, and other business related expenses.
 - The Department of Labor has issued guidance on unemployment insurance for the unemployed. Applicants are required to apply and get denied traditional unemployment before filing for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA).
 - [The Department of Labor walks through Frequently Asked Questions here.](#)

Other economic relief

- Tax filing and payment was delayed from April 15 to July 15, 2020.

Safety Net Benefits

- **Food Support**
 - Through May 7, 2020, Missourians in need can drive through and pick up food packages at over 200 distribution sites ran through Missouri's six food banks. For more information on locations, visit feedingmissouri.org or visit the [Missouri Service Navigator](#).

- Individuals who have lost their jobs or income may be eligible to receive food support through the food stamp or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) program, administered by the Family Support Division.
 - Additional **Pandemic SNAP (P-SNAP)** benefits are available through the crisis, allowing individuals and families receiving SNAP benefits to receive the maximum amount of benefits available based on household size.
 - **Pandemic EBT (P-EBT)** is also available to families of children who are eligible for free and reduced lunch. This means additional food benefits are available to those families through the crisis. These benefits are automatically loaded onto families EBT cards if they are already receiving other SNAP benefits. For families not receiving other benefits, they can apply to receive a card with the P-EBT benefits.
- **MOHealthNet Benefits (Medicaid)**
 - For families previously enrolled in MOHealthNet, no benefits will be terminated during the COVID-19 crisis. Co-pays have been waived for any testing related to COVID-19.
 - Additional MOHealthNet benefits are being extended to Missourians ages 19-64 who test positive for COVID-19 and meet the income and resource eligibility guidelines. Income is not to exceed 85% of the federal poverty level and the resource limits are \$4,000 for individuals and \$8,000 for couples.
- **Child Care assistance**
 - For families previously on subsidy, their benefits have been extended for 90 days and no benefits will be terminated at this time. They can also be approved for additional hours if necessary, due to school closures or employment with an essential business.
- **Overall notes on DSS Administered programs:** DSS created [this flyer](#) to help families determine if they are eligible for SNAP, TANF, Medicaid and Child Care benefits and [this flyer](#) to help families access benefits.
- **Child Abuse and Neglect**
 - The Children’s Division continues to work to prevent and investigate incidences of child abuse and neglect through this crisis. If you are concerned for a child’s safety, you can reach the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, toll-free at 1-800-392-3738. If a child is in immediate danger, please call 911.
- **Mental Health Support**
 - The Department of Mental Health encourages families to seek mental health support through telehealth services being offered through local community mental health centers. You can find a [community mental health center near you here](#).
 - The [Missouri Healthy Kids website](#) also provides great resources to help parents support their children’s mental health during these times.
- **Housing**
 - The CARES Act placed a 120-day moratorium on evictions from federally-supported housing, including those living in HUD housing, Low-income housing, Section 8 voucher holders, LIHTC properties, USDA voucher holders, and some others. Missourians are also protected by the Missouri Supreme Court order closing courts through May 1, 2020.

Read more about housing protections from Legal Services of Eastern MO [here](#).

- **Legal Assistance**
 - Missouri's legal aid programs provide free legal help to low-income individuals/families with civil issues in areas such as housing, family law, public benefits, consumer, healthcare, education,

domestic violence, immigration and other areas. They can help with issues relating to the current COVID-19 crisis including access to Medicaid and other public benefits and housing issues. Here is the contact information for Missouri's 4 legal aid programs:

- Legal Services of Eastern Missouri at (314) 534-4200
- Legal Services of Western Missouri: (816) 474-6750
- Mid-Missouri Legal Services: (573) 442-0116
- Legal Services of Southern Missouri: (417) 881-1397

Resources

[Missouri Budget Project's Breakdown of all economic relief provisions in the CARES Act](#)

[Information from the IRS on economic impact payments \(stimulus checks\)](#)

[More information on Unemployment provisions of the CARES Act from the National Unemployment Law Project](#)