

PA COVID-19 Resources

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Welcome to the PA COVID-19 Resource Page!

We hope this page can serve as a resource for immigrant serving organizations to find resources and materials that can help you serve your community. This page includes links to a variety of resources in Pennsylvania and nationally. To the extent possible, if the resource is available in languages other than English, that is indicated in the description.

To navigate through the page, click on the headings in the Table of Contents to go to that section. If you do not see a Table of Contents on the left side of this document, click the small grey box and it should appear.

If you are looking for resources pages from community organizations that are made specifically for immigrant community members, see the “Other Resource Lists & Guides” section.

PICC Staff is updating this page as we find resources. Please feel free to add comments with additional resources and links that you have found helpful. If you find a broken link or other error in a resource, please add a comment (icon of a square with a plus sign in the toolbar) with the information so that we can fix it!

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Official PA page on COVID-19 (page translation available in upper right hand of screen):

<https://www.pa.gov/guides/responding-to-covid-19/>

- Translated materials page:
<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Translated.aspx>

COVID-19 Testing & Precautions

General Flyers & FAQs:

- CDC Fact sheets (available in multiple languages):
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html>
- COVID-19 Safety Videos from CWS in 11 languages:
 - [Arabic](#), [Burmese](#), [English](#), [French](#), [Farsi \(Dari\)](#), [Kinyarwanda](#), [Nepalese](#), [Rohingya](#), [Somali](#), [Spanish](#), [Swahili](#)
 - [Full playlist of videos](#)
- Asian languages: <http://bit.ly/PhillyCOVID19FlyersAPAs>

- Multiple languages:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1eAWk1WQbBdcHRVcqDbvDcuZ9gzve1BwC>
- A round up of multilingual fact sheets, posters, and other resources on COVID-19:
<https://switchboardta.org/blog/a-round-up-of-multilingual-resources-on-covid-19>
- Resources from AAPIs for Civic Empowerment Education Fund:
<https://www.aapiforce-ef.org/post/covid-19-resources>
- COVID-19 fact sheets from NY Office of Immigrant Affairs (20 languages):
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-main.page>
- Wellspan Info Sheets:
 - Staying Healthy
 - When to Seek Immediate Medical Attention [ENGLISH](#) | [ESPAÑOL](#)
 - When to Call Your Doctor [ENGLISH](#) | [ESPAÑOL](#)
 - Household Safety
 - Can Friends or Family Visit [ENGLISH](#) | [ESPAÑOL](#)
 - What to do if Someone in Your Home is Sick [ENGLISH](#) | [ESPAÑOL](#)
 - Info For Workers
 - Essential Worker Safety [ENGLISH](#) | [ESPAÑOL](#)

County-Specific Resources:

- Adams County Resources for Confirmed or Suspected [ENGLISH](#) | [ESPAÑOL](#)
- Lancaster County Resources for Confirmed or Suspected [ENGLISH](#) | [ESPAÑOL](#)
- Lebanon County Resources for Confirmed or Suspected [ENGLISH](#) | [ESPAÑOL](#)
- York County Resources for Confirmed or Suspected [ENGLISH](#) | [ESPAÑOL](#)

Recommendations on Making & Using Masks:

- CDC Guidelines - [ENGLISH](#) & [SPANISH](#)
- [How-To video](#)
- [CDC DIY Mask Instructions](#) (multiple languages available in menu)

Public Benefits

[PA Emergency Assistance Program](#): emergency cash assistance for low-income families who have lost wages due to COVID-19.

- Must have a SSN to apply
 - Children with a SSN are eligible for this benefit even if their parents do not have a SSN. Parents should apply for this benefit on behalf of their eligible children.
 - If you have difficulties applying, or are denied benefits for an eligible child, you can contact Community Legal Services for assistance.
- Application will close June 12, 2020 or when funds run out, whichever comes first
- Taking advantage of this program will NOT be considered during public charge determinations, so all eligible families should apply ASAP.
- CLS Flyers on the EAP Program (includes contact info for assistance): [ENGLISH](#) - [SPANISH](#)

Accessing Benefits:

- Medical assistance for immigrants (CLS):
<https://clsphila.org/coronavirus/immigrants-medical-assistance-covid-19/>
 - [English Flyer](#) - [Spanish Flyer](#)
- United Way referral line: Dial 2-1-1
 - Available 24/7, has Spanish-speaking operators and ability to use translation service
 - Offer referrals for food banks and other social services statewide

USCIS announced they will not consider any treatment related to COVID-19 during public charge determinations. <https://www.uscis.gov/greencard/public-charge>

Public Charge:

- Public charge only impacts people **APPLYING** for a green card.
- These types of assistance **will NOT be considered** in any public charge determinations:
 - Going to a public health clinic
 - Filing for unemployment
 - Going to a food bank
 - CHIP (for eligible children)
 - Assistance from non-government funded sources like local non-profits or mutual-aid groups
- For complete information on who is impacted by public charge, and what benefits are considered: <http://paimmigrant.org/toolbox/public-charge-toolkit/>

Worker's Rights & Unemployment

Unemployment Insurance:

- Immigrant Eligibility:
 - Undocumented workers do not qualify for Unemployment Insurance.
 - Immigrants with work authorization do qualify (DACA, TPS, etc.)
 - For those with visas tied to a job it gets a little tricky as you need to be "able and available" to find other work in order to qualify for unemployment. Given that the state is waiving work search requirements, they may also be more lenient with visa issues.
- Flyers:
 - How to Apply for Unemployment: [ENGLISH](#) - [SPANISH](#)
 - Unemployment FAQ: [ENGLISH](#) - [SPANISH](#)
 - [Reason for Separation flowchart](#)
 - [NELP Immigrant Eligibility for Unemployment](#)
- Tips on applying for Unemployment:
 - Apply as soon as possible! <https://www.uc.pa.gov>
 - If at all possible, **apply for UC benefits online, using a computer** (instead of a cell phone, and certainly instead of calling).

- If you are unemployed because your workplace closed due to COVID and no work is available from your employer, you should **select the “lack of work” option** when the application seeks the reason for unemployment. Selecting “voluntary quit” or “fired” will require more time for the claim to be processed (although in some cases those reasons will be accurate and should be selected).
- You will get a “financial determination” about the amount of your UC benefit, but you still need a final decision on eligibility after that. If you are approved, you may not get a written eligibility decision, but the money will show up in your bank account. So after that first financial decision, **keep checking your bank account to see whether UC payments have been deposited.**
- Philadelphia Legal Assistance unemployment resource page: <https://philalegal.org/unemploymentcovid19>
- Folks in Philadelphia can reach out to CLS for assistance.

Know Your Rights & Organizing Resources:

- Philly Workers COVID-19 Demands Toolkit: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cL5yKkjRUoh3r8pJP5j29AYJom6OROrnmOc4vFzTnIM/edit>
- Information for Philadelphia Workers During the Coronavirus Pandemic (CLS): <https://clsphila.org/coronavirus/information-for-philadelphia-workers-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>
- National Restaurant Opportunities Center (ROC) United: <https://rocunited.org/stop-the-spread/coronavirus-support>
- Labor Notes worker organizing resources: <https://labornotes.org/coronavirus>
- FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS Immigrant Workers’ Rights and COVID-19: A Resource for Workers and Their Advocates (NILC, NELP, OSH Law Project): <https://www.nilc.org/issues/workersrights/faq-immigrant-workers-rights-and-covid-19/>
- Know Your Rights Fact sheets from UNITE Here:
 - [COVID-19 EXPOSURE PROTOCOL](#)
 - [PROTECT YOUR HEALTH](#): PA Safety Executive Orders

Health & Wellness

Healthcare Access:

- Statewide:
 - Pennsylvania Health Access Network (PHAN) Resources
 - COVID Page: <https://pahealthaccess.org/covid-19/>
 - Hotline for assistance: **877-570-3642**
 - PA Health Centers: <http://www.pachc.org/PA-Health-Centers/Find-a-Health-Center>
 - United Way referral line: Dial 2-1-1
 - Available 24/7, has Spanish-speaking operators and ability to use translation service
 - Offer referrals for food banks and other social services statewide

- Medical assistance for immigrants - CLS:
 - <https://clsphila.org/coronavirus/immigrants-medical-assistance-covid-19/>
 - [English Flyer](#) - [Spanish Flyer](#)
- The state's Medicaid program, Medical Assistance (MA) and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) will cover COVID-19 testing and treatment. There are no MA or CHIP copayments for COVID-19 lab tests. For the services with copayments, MA providers may not deny services if the beneficiary is unable to pay the copayment. Prior authorization is not required for COVID-19 testing when a healthcare practitioner determines it is needed.
- Project Baseline: Free testing through local Rite Aids.
 - Complete questionnaire at: <https://www.projectbaseline.com/study/covid-19/>
 - If approved, you will schedule a time to take the test. A government issued ID is required.
- Philadelphia:
 - <https://www.phila.gov/services/mental-physical-health/environmental-health-hazards/covid-19/covid-19-urgent-care-and-health-centers/>
 - City of Philadelphia: www.phila.gov/COVID-19
 - 24/7 helpline to talk to a medical professional: **800-722-7112**
- Pittsburgh:
 - Squirrel Hill Health Center. Phone number: 412-422-7442. Address: 4516 Browns Hill Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15217
 - East Liberty Family Health Center. Phone number: 412 6612802. Address: 6023 Harvard Street Pittsburgh, PA 15206
 - iHealth Clinic (call with a friend/family member who speaks English, or if you go directly to the office he has a device he can use to interpret). You can also go here without an appointment. (412) 385-7705 6008 Centre Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206
 - Birmingham Clinic 412-481-7900 ext. 281
<https://birminghamfreeclinic.wordpress.com/en-espanol/>
- Central PA:
 - Harrisburg:
 - HELP Ministries - offer one-time financial assistance for emergency medication: <https://www.ccuahbg.org/what-we-do/help-ministries.html> - **717-238-2851**
 - Camp Hill:
 - Giesinger: Call nurse's line for recommendations on your care and if you should go to the doctor: 570-284-3657
 - Geisinger Holy Spirit set up a large, tented area adjacent to its Spirit Urgent Care facility in Camp Hill. The health system said the tent will be used to screen patients who may have symptoms potentially related to COVID-19, which include fever, cough and respiratory problems. Geisinger Holy Spirit encourages residents with symptoms to call before showing up at a doctor's office, clinic or emergency room. Geisinger has a 24/7

- hotline at 570-284-3657 to offer care guidance or for those who want to talk to a nurse.
- York County:
 - [Wellspan is waiving all out-of-pocket costs for coronavirus testing and treatment](#), including for those without health insurance. You must be directed to the testing facility by a healthcare provider, first ((855) 851-3641).
 - Wellspan Health has an online [Coronavirus Assessment Tool](#)
 - Testing sites include:
 - York Hospital Pop-Up COVID-19 Testing Site
 - Red Lion Pop-Up COVID-19 Testing Site is located at WellSpan Family Medicine - Cape Horn.
 - York Expo Center Pop-Up COVID-19 Testing Site.
 - Hershey:
 - Penn State Hershey Medical Center Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing. Photo ID and insurance card are needed, if you have them. Testing is available only for people who have been screened on the Penn State Health OnDemand app and directed by a provider to get a test. There is not a cost for this testing if it is recommended by a medical professional. (<https://pennstatehealthondemand.com/landing.htm>) If this site is not accessible for you, call 1-800-243-1455 to speak with a nurse. Translation services are available, as need.
 - [UPMC Pinnacle](#): If you believe you may have Covid-19, please call your primary care provider or receive virtual care. The medical care provider will instruct you further from there.
 - General:
 - How To Get Health Insurance For Your Child and You PCCY Helpline (resources available in multiple languages):
<https://www.pccy.org/resource/howtogethealthinsuranceduringcovid19/>
 - For help in any language, call: 215-563-5848 x17
 - Philadelphia Office of Immigrant Affairs "[Citizenship Status and medical access during COVID-19. What you need to know.](#)"
 - NILC Access to Healthcare for Immigrants:
<https://www.nilc.org/issues/health-care/update-on-access-to-health-care-for-immigrants-and-their-families/>
 - Protecting Immigrant Families community education resource:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fQyxwXnXqGD4wxMNj4xMsJ4_1aOschc_bK0yxliN4k9w/edit
 - United We Dream list of undocu-friendly healthcare:
<https://unitedwedream.org/2020/03/healthcare-access-for-undocumented-folks-in-the-time-of-covid19/>
 - Free Clinic Directory has nationwide resources for uninsured people to [connect with affordable and free health clinics in their area.](#)

Wellness Tools:

- [La Cura Podcast](#): Culturally grounded wellness & resilience podcast
- [Peace Inside Out](#): Culturally Grounded wellness & resiliency programs. Offering online resources and meditations for community
- List of Health & Wellness Resources:
<https://www.emersoncollective.com/covid19-resources-for-wellness/>
- Dance Classes: <http://odc.dance/schedule>
- Virtual museum tours: <https://artsandculture.google.com/>
- Tools for teens:
<https://www.unicef.org/coronavirus/how-teenagers-can-protect-their-mental-health-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Mental Health:

- [Latinx Therapy](#): Will be providing pro bono therapy services for low income essential workers
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA)
 - For the Hotline: <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline>. This provides everything from substance abuse to the suicide hotline, as well as links for Mental Health services.
 - For the Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator
<https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov>. This is a direct link to find a variety of Mental Health Providers.
 - Counseling services available to you through their [Disaster Distress Helpline](#) and [Response Mobile App](#)
- Find a therapist: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/therapists>
- Find a Social Worker: https://www.helpstartshere.org/?page_id=3677
- Crisis Text Line: To connect with a crisis counselor about anxiety, isolation, concerns about school, financial stress, etc. related to COVID-19, text SHARE to 741741 for [free, confidential, 24/7 support](#).
- Immigrant Rising virtual [Wellness Gatherings](#) on Wednesdays and Sundays from 5-6 PM (PT), dedicated to helping undocumented young people stay grounded and connected to one another.
- Informed Immigrant [Mental Health Toolkit](#): Taking Care of Yourself & Loved Ones
- Center for Disease Control Tips on Managing Anxiety & Stress during infectious disease outbreaks in [English](#) or [Spanish](#)
- <http://socialworktech.com/>: Self-Care and Safety Plan resources supporting the mental and physical health of both spanish and english people
- Spanish tips for self-care during Covid-19:
<https://emmresourcecenter.org/resources/tips-self-care-during-covid-19-spanish>
- Self-care for Caregivers (Bilingual): <https://www.care2caregivers.com/self-care/>
- [La Puerta Abierta](#): Various mental health and wellness resources for Latinx people

Food Access

Statewide

- DHS list of food pantries:
<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/about/Ending-Hunger/Pages/Food-Pantries.aspx>
- Meals for Kids:
<https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/Meals4Kids/Pages/default.aspx>
- United Way referral line: Dial 2-1-1
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- <https://feedingpa.org/>
- <https://www.hungerfreepa.org/>: CSFP Food for older adults

Chambersburg

- Kids Meals
 - Stevens: 800 Hollywell Av. Mon. + Thu 11-12
 - Fayetteville: 8 E Main St. 17222 Mon. +Thu 11-12
 - Ben Chambers: 482 N Franklin St. Mon + Thu 11:30-12:30
 - Caretti's Pizza: By Walmart- need to bring school ID, 11:30-1 2 slices pizza + drink
- Free Community Meals
 - Salvation Army 159 LWW Tue + Fri 11-12
 - St. Seraphim Orth 148 LWW Thu + Sat 10-1
 - Maranatha Faith Feed-195 W Loudon St. Fri 1-5
 - Trinity Episcopal 58 S 2nd St. Thu 7-8:30 breakfast
 - First UM 225 S 2nd St Thu 5-6
- Food Pantries
 - SCCAP Pantry/Gleaing: 533 S Main St. Mon Wed Thu 9-12, 1-3
 - Maranatha: 195 W Loudon St. 1st 2nd 3rd Tu Thu 8-10:30
 - Corpus Christi: SVDP-320 Phila Mon Tu 9-12
 - Falling Spring: 221 N Main St. Tu Thu 9:30-12
 - First UM: 225 S 2nd St. Thu 9-1
 - Christian Life: 1400 Warm Spring Thu 9-12
- Other Food Resources
 - Backpack Program: Sent home from schools, weekends
 - Blessing Boxes open 24/7
 - Community Garden: Redwood/Buchanan plant your own plot
 - North Square/POP Farmers Market 50 N Main St. May-Oct Sat 8-12
 - SNAP Benefits: Appy 620 Norland Ave/online

Harrisburg

- Central PA Food Bank: 717-547-6336 or <https://www.centralpafoodbank.org/>. This service is available 24/7 and has operators who are spanish-speaking.
- Downtown Daily Bread: 310 N 3rd St Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, (717) 238-4717

- DAILY, the Soup Kitchen provides bagged lunches from 12:30 p.m to 1:30 p.m from Willis Street door.
- WEEKDAYS 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Distributing needed items such as blankets, water, clothing, hand sanitizer, and snacks. MAIL is also available. Front entrance at 234 South Street. Staff checking entrance every 10 minutes.
- Salvation Army Harrisburg Citadel: 506 S 29th St, Harrisburg, PA 17104, (717) 233-6755
 - Breakfast: Wednesdays 9:00-10:00 AM
 - Food Pantry: Must call first, by appointment only
- Sheetz free lunches for school-aged children
 - No documentation needed
 - <https://www.sheetz.com/news/kidzmeals>
- Ecumenical Food Pantry: 901 N 6th St, Harrisburg, PA 17102, 717-233-6889
 - Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM - 12:30PM
 - They will ask for a social security number, though none is needed
 - No spanish-speaking volunteers
- Bethesda Mission: 611 Reily St, Harrisburg, PA 17102, (717) 257-4440
 - Daily Breakfast and Dinner
 - Details TBD
- Mini Food Pantries
 - Take and leave items as you are able
 - Locations:
 - 2101 N 2nd St. in Harrisburg
 - 4409 Locust Lane in Harrisburg
 - 3807 Derry Street in Harrisburg
 - Jefferson and Woodland Street in Harrisburg
 - 2300 Derry Street in Harrisburg
- Helping Hands Inc: 118 State St, Harrisburg, PA 17101, (717) 919-4383
 - Hot meals served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays at 4:30 PM
 - No documentation needed
 - No Spanish-speaking volunteers
- St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church: 1439 Market St, Harrisburg, PA 17103, (717) 232-1003 or (717) 829-7619
 - Contact Father Orlando at capreyes2@juno.com
 - Details TBD
- First Church of the Brethren: 219 Hummel St, Harrisburg, PA 17104, (717) 234-0415
 - Occurs every Friday
 - Arrive at 7AM to receive a ticket
 - Come back at 11AM to receive a box of mainly fresh food
 - ID is helpful, but not necessary
- LHACC: "Centro Hispano: 1301 Derry St, Harrisburg, PA 17104, (717) 232-8302
 - Every Tuesday from 3-5 p.m.
 - Enroll First/Walk In or Drive Thru

Lancaster

- Meals for Students in Lancaster:
 - https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/heres-where-to-pick-up-free-meals-for-students-this-week-updates/article_20bac686-67cf-11ea-9dee-6f3569c3543d.html
- Central PA Food Bank: 717-547-6336 or <https://www.centralpafoodbank.org/>. This service is available 24/7 and has operators who are spanish-speaking.
- Breakfast in Lancaster City (Grab and Go)
 - Mon-Fri 8:30-9:45 AM @ First UMC, 29 E Walnut St
 - Sat 9-10:30 AM @ Lancaster Moravian, 22 N Queen St
 - Sun 8-8:45AM @ Holy Trinity Lutheran, 31 S Duke St
- Lunch in Lancaster City (Grab and Go)
 - Mon-Fri 11:30AM-1PM @ St. Anne's, 929 N Duke St
 - Mon-Fri 12PM @ Arch St Center, 629 N Market St
 - Tues and Thurs 11AM-12PM @ Crispus Attucks Center, 407 Howard Ave
 - ID required
 - Sun 11AM-12:30PM @ City Gate 218 N Duke St
 - Mon-Sat 12:30-1:30PM @ SACA, 545 Pershing Ave
 - Enough for lunch and dinner
- Dinner in Lancaster City (Grab and Go)
 - Mon 5:30-6PM @ Chestnut St Mennonite, 432 E Chestnut St
 - Tues 5-6:30PM @ Lancaster Moravian, 227 N Queen St
 - Weds 5:30-6PM @ Grace Lutheran, 517 N Queen St
 - Thurs 5:30PM @ Redeemer Lutheran, 500 Pearl St
 - Fri 5:30 @ St Mary's Catholic, 119 S Prince St
- Mission Church: 651 Lampeter Road Lancaster, PA 17602, 717.393.9600
 - Complete this form as you are able:
 - <https://mission.cbcchurch.com/goto/forms/32/responses/new>

Philadelphia

- City of Philadelphia food pickup sites. Open to all, no proof of income or immigration status required.
 - <https://www.phila.gov/2020-03-28-where-to-find-free-nutritious-food-during-covid-19/>
- Meals for Students in Philadelphia:
 - <https://generocity.org/philly/2020/03/21/resource-list-food-in-the-time-of-covid-19/>

Pittsburgh

- Pittsburgh food pickup sites and resources:
 - <https://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/get-help/>
- Pittsburgh Grab & Go: <https://www.pghschools.org/Page/5356>

Reading

- Reading Grab & Go: <https://www.readingsd.org/Page/2325>

Upper Darby

- Neighbor to Neighbor CDC
 - 818 Clifton Ave. Sharon Hill, PA 19079

- Thursday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Phone: (610) 461-8140
- Clients Can Visit Pantry Once a month
- Handicapped Access: Yes
- Allow guests to choose foods they want from shelves (Choice Pantry) AND provide prepacked bags or boxes of food. Bring ID. Serve only residents of Delaware County.*

York County

- York County Senior Centers Meal Pickup [ENGLISH](#)
- York County Food Resources [ENGLISH](#) | [ESPAÑOL](#)
- York County Food Distribution Flyer [ENGLISH](#)

Children & Youth

- PCCY Toolkit To Help Kids During The Coronavirus Shutdown: <https://www.pccy.org/covid/>
- Families Belong Together - Home With Kids <https://www.familiesbelongtogether.org/homewithkids/>
- [Guide for parents and caregivers](#) to help families cope from the National Child Traumatic Stress Network
- How to talk to children about COVID-19
 - ENGLISH: <https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/>
 - SPANISH: <https://childmind.org/article/como-hablar-con-los-ninos-sobre-el-coronavirus/>

Education & Schools

- **All PA schools are closed until further notice**
- PA Dept. of Education page on COVID-19: <https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/Pages/AnswersToFAQs.aspx>
- Recommendations for educators of English Language Learners during COVID-19: <https://www.colorincolorado.org/coronavirus-ell>
- Movimiento Cosecha call for tutors for English Learner school children https://airtable.com/shrQ35iYav7wl1FsF?fbclid=IwAR2QQi3_8i8XOnrjOCGG0QRQVffsyKrEbl19KMIjVjxpgBdYBH_0diGHMHU
- Several video conferencing software companies have opened up free access to their premium features including [Cisco Webex](#), [Google Hangouts \(for schools and businesses\)](#), and [Zoom \(for K-12 schools\)](#)
- Carriers like Charter, Comcast, and AT&T are offering free or reduced-cost internet access for students and low-income families. [Learn more](#)
- [Supporting Students during COVID-19](#)

- UndocuScholars created an [extensive list of nationwide resources](#) for undocumented Communities facing COVID-19
- At-Home learning and educational resources:
 - Berks At Home Learning <http://readyssetreadberks.org/servlet/eAndar.article/641>
 - Educational Activities: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EFB_qr69-e63zK2i0mK-hA4VM8RwIEU7S8Mmzhw_cr4/edit?usp=drivesdk
- Education Law Center: advocates for English learners and LEP parents on all school issues
 - Sophia Tan, stan@elc-pa.org, 215-346-6904 (phone interpreter available)

Housing

The Pennsylvania State Supreme Court has [suspended operation through April 30, 2020](#). This includes eviction proceedings.

- Letter from Attorney General Shapiro to landlords urging them not to begin any evictions during the COVID-19 crisis: <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.30.20-Eviction-Letter.pdf>

Housing Assistance:

- United Way referral line: Dial 2-1-1
 - Available 24/7, has Spanish-speaking operators and ability to use translation service
 - Offer referrals for food banks and other social services statewide
- Dauphin County:
 - Harrisburg area United Way provides rent assistance: <https://www.uwcr.org/how-we-help/basic-needs/>
 - HELP Ministries
 - Call (717) 238-2851 for an intake
 - Hours: 8:30AM-12PM Mon-Fri and 1PM-4:30PM Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri
 - Referrals to shelters, rental and utility assistance
 - Tri-County Community Action (Perry, Cumberland, Dauphin Counties)
 - Call (717) 232-9757 for various types of available assistance
 - <https://cactricounty.org/>
 - Salvation Army Citadel
 - Call 717-233-6755 for various types of referrals
 - <https://pa.salvationarmy.org/harrisburg-pa/Home>
- Lancaster County:
 - The Faber Chart System: If you are in need of housing assistance or a shelter, please call 2-1-1. They will be able to recommend options for you. In most cases, you will complete a phone Chart intake. This will then be sent to a Faber case manager who will call you by the end of the next business day. This case manager

will complete a more in-depth intake and recommend housing options for you as is appropriate.

- Water Street Mission: Water Street is a shelter that provides various human services. Call 717-393-7709 for information on intakes and the services that are offered.
- Philadelphia
 - City of Philadelphia [COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#).
 - Deadline to Apply is May 16, 2020
 - To be eligible, renters must:
 - Rent an apartment or house in Philadelphia
 - Have a valid and current written lease signed by landlord
 - Have lost income because of COVID-19
 - Meet income guidelines

Advocacy:

- Philadelphia Tenants Union Guide: <http://phillytenantsunion.org/covid-19/>
- Petition to Gov. Wolf to freeze rent: <https://campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/tell-governor-tom-wolf-to-implement-a-rent-freeze-and-moratorium-on-all-evictions-in-pennsylvania>

Detention/Decarceration/Criminalization

General Resources:

- ACLU National Prison Project: <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/virusresponse.html>
- National Lawyers Guild Know Your Rights During COVID-19 Guide: bit.ly/KYRights2020
- Immigrant Defense Project immigration and criminal justice demands: <https://www.immigrantdefenseproject.org/wp-content/uploads/immigration-and-criminal-demands-for-covid.pdf>

Sign On Letters:

- Abolitionists Law Center letter to Allegheny County Jail: <https://medium.com/@abolitionistlawcenter/protecting-public-health-in-allegheny-county-release-and-divert-people-from-allegheny-county-jail-abdd35013aa>
- PA Demand Letter to State: [Release Our Loved Ones](#) (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIY9Blis65oZ4mhA9M5SqwpIVUzjHfxeqRtci4iFFkbFC4Q/viewform>)
 - Created by a group of PA-based grassroots organizations, including MILPA, VietLead, Juntos, AAU, Casa San Jose
- Detention Watch Network national sign on letter: bit.ly/ReleaseThemAll
 - Toolkit in [English](#) & [Spanish](#)
- [Letter from Medical Professionals to ICE Urging Release of Individuals Due to COVID-19](#), March 18, 2020 led by NYLPI

- LGBTQ and Immigrant Rights Organizations Demand ICE Release All People Currently Detained & Shut Down All Detention Centers in Light of Global Health Crisis: <https://transgenderlawcenter.org/archives/15728>
- Just Futures Law along with Grassroots Leadership, Mijente, the Bail Project, and Justice Strategies [letter calling on Attorney General Barr](#) and U.S. Attorneys to halt migrant prosecutions (unlawful entry and reentry cases)
 - Deadline for sign-on is Monday March 23rd at noon
 - Please use the [FORM LINK HERE](#) for organizational sign-ons

Legal Resources:

- Out of State: Pro-Bono List of Legal Immigration Services <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers>
- ACLU intake sheet for potential litigation around particularly vulnerable detainees.
 - Complete [short intake form](#) or contact Muneeba Talukder: mtalukder@aclupa.org or 513-453-6014
- [Materials for Humanitarian Release of Individuals in ICE Custody Due to COVID-19](#)
- National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild Practice Guide: <http://nipnlg.org/practice.html>
- The National Lawyers Guild (NLG) National Office is launching a hotline for activists and lawyers to report incidents of federal repression, such as FBI “door-knocks” at activists’ homes, grand jury investigations and subpoenas, and any other federal law enforcement efforts to undermine civil rights, such as federal grab squads and the use of unidentified federal agents to police protests. The line is live at: **212-679-2811 or email massdef@nlg.org**

Voting/Election

UPDATED DATE OF PRIMARY: June 2, 2020

Voter Registration Deadline: Application must be received by 5 PM on May 18, 2020.

- All eligible (US Citizen, resident of PA, over 18) residents can register online: <https://www.votespa.com/Register-to-Vote/Pages/default.aspx>

Mail-in and Absentee Ballots:

- All registered voters in PA can request absentee ballots and mail-in ballots online for the Primary and General elections: <https://www.votespa.com/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Mail-and-Absentee-Ballot.aspx>
- Read a step-by-step explanation of the new mail-in ballot option: <https://billypenn.com/2020/02/11/early-voting-is-here-how-to-vote-by-mail-in-pennsylvania/>.

For all other election-related information, go to www.votespa.com

Census 2020

Online Reporting: www.my2020census.gov

Phone Reporting:

- English: 844-330-2020
- Spanish: 844-468-2020
- Chinese (Mandarin): 844-391-2020
- Chinese (Cantonese): 844-398-2020
- Vietnamese: 844-461-2020
- Korean: 844-392-2020
- Russian: 844-417-2020
- Arabic: 844-416-2020
- Tagalog: 844-478-2020
- Polish: 844-479-2020
- French: 844-494-2020
- Haitian Creole: 844-477-2020
- Portuguese: 844-474-2020
- Japanese: 844-460-2020
- English (for Puerto Rico residents): 844-418-2020
- Spanish (for Puerto Rico residents): 844-426-2020
- TDD (Telephone Display Device): 844-467-2020

Census & COVID-19: www.CountUsIn2020.org/covid-19.

PICC Census PSA: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQcq70Y3KmM&feature=youtu.be>

ORGANIZING TOOLS & RESOURCES

- Resources for Organizers (PowerLabs):
<https://powerlabs.io/responding-to-coronavirus-resources-for-organizers-campaigners-digital-strategists>
- Free & cheap online tools:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JU51qtcfVpvlz1lfj8p1h5G2D4KIUROU4KXPWcgOPEg>
- Training for Change webinar on online facilitation: FREE
https://www.trainingforchange.org/public_worksh.../online-101/
- FIRM Toolkit:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OYxgtOYAuJJ-QD0TDfcj_WWh9htNHDTTPLDbWEcu-ij/edit
- [Demands from Grassroots Organizers Concerning COVID-19](#)
- Organizing During Coronavirus: <https://bayrising.org/organizingduringcoronavirus/>
- Protecting Privacy in the Age of Coronavirus: Digital Tools for Nonprofits:
<https://nonprofitquarterly.org/protecting-privacy-in-the-age-of-coronavirus-digital-tools-for-nonprofits/>

Community education on scams and misinformation:

- Tools for spotting misinformation: <https://newslit.org/get-smart/covid-19-misinformation/>
- UNITE Here “Watch Out for Scams” 1-pager: [ENGLISH](#) - [SPANISH](#)

Combating Hate Crimes:

- [Resources on "Coronavirus Racism"](#)
- If you or someone you know has been directly impacted by a hate crime or racist incident, please report the incident and your story to [STOP AAPI HATE](#) (English). Also available in [Chinese](#), [Korean](#), [Thai](#), [Vietnamese](#), [Japanese](#) or [Khmer](#).

FUNDING for Organizations

- Philadelphia/SE PA Region:
 - Philadelphia COVID-19 Fund: <https://phlcovid19fund.org/covid-19/>
 - Direct link to application: <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/65561--Philadelphia-Foundatio>
[n](#)
 - Philadelphia COVID-19 Small Business Relief Fund: [CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)
 - [Fund for arts organizations](#)
 - [Bread & Roses organizing solidarity fund](#)
 - [Philadelphia COVID-19 Community Information Fund](#)
- Candid Funding tracking page: <https://candid.org/explore-issues/coronavirus>
- [Online contracting opportunities in high demand](#)
- [Supporting artists, performers, and service industry folks](#) during Coronavirus
- US-based BIPOC artists can apply to the [Arts & Culture Leaders of Color Emergency Fund](#)
- Federal assistance for non-profits through relief packages:
 - <https://pano.org/advocacy/s-748-the-cares-act-whats-in-the-bill-for-nonprofits/>
 - <https://pano.org/advocacy/h-r-6201-families-first-coronavirus-response-act-what-it-means-for-nonprofits/>
 - Video of PANO webinar: <https://vimeo.com/401467759>

Other Resource Lists & Guides**Resource Lists made for immigrant community members:**

- CATA resource list for community in Chester County (in Spanish): <https://cata-farmworkers.org/recursos-para-la-comunidad/>
- Philadelphia resource list from Juntos (ENGLISH & SPANISH): <https://www.juntoscontracovid.org/>
- Philadelphia Office of Immigrant Affairs: <https://www.phila.gov/2020-04-27-covid-19-resources-for-immigrants-refugees-and-asylees/>

- Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation resource page (in several AAPI languages): <https://chinatown-pcdc.org/resources-for-all-during-covid-19-crisis/>

PA-Specific resource lists:

- PA Gov. Commission on AAPI Resources: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QIKVCDQzH1xr5CffixN_nvCEUSvXev_ESkc52PmTV5E/edit#gid=0
- PA Council of Churches resource list: <https://www.pachurches.org/covid-19-coronavirus-resources/>
- Berks Mutual Aid Society/Sociedad de Ayuda Mutual Berks https://airtable.com/shr84jFSWVFn41v7o?fbclid=IwAR0DWbBOh_d1dRo2KCWK-qh-RjZY_1UoLRY0qvG0xQygWKIIJfW8ettZW8
- Chester County resources: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1s7cArL5JEctbnFw7iuj3xTXK-R3-LsXR>
- Harrisburg resources:
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1x-KJ4GL-IEWATYbLSRRsJ96YrPZuB7vwlym8-bSZ7ws/edit?fbclid=IwAR2tt7O-QjU4jY-06mWWu8yHmu6rq4rvhviYPnResJ95sr5ESITu5UH5Hr0>
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1seYWwWrwXLS_hc8ox2A8cJ5-55xeZf4ZX0CJ3219rpo/edit
- Lancaster County resources:
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jCEeggFq8dG9OpnWA8Atza679g9GGtyF6Z271npV3h4/edit>
- Philadelphia Immigrant Community Collective Action: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1b9cUPmqEvZ_GbwQdPBnXa8E4_a-vJfojuu0yvGnKSSU/edit?pli=1#gid=1262208058
- Resolve Philly COVID FAQ: <https://resolvephilly.ampd.news/>
- Pittsburgh Mutual Aid Network (English/Spanish): <http://txti.es/pgh-mutual-aid>
- Pittsburgh Mutual Aid Resource Library: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/0/d/1FQO1uLpHQgc3VU1GgFq1MnjiGzQhpS_N8GwKgHtbvdM/htmlview
- Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN): <https://palegalaid.net/coronavirus-covid-19-information>
- Wellspan Resource Guide: <https://www.wellspan.org/coronavirus/resources-for-community-partners/>
- Juniata county: The Welcome Center: bilingual volunteers currently providing needs based help via phone for immigrants. Contact Judy at 717-734-3835

Resource Lists compiled by National organizations:

- NPNA: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g_Onlpst2kL2dz1P1zsimsoDfH8WNx8sNZlqURql_rM/edit
- Resources for **undocumented communities** (National): https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/1/d/18p9OSlLpSYanIoUC-gEbhVbRMYVUfw4w_yrixa9ekGdc/htmlview?sle=true#gid=0

- NAKASEC Resource page: <https://nakasec.org/resources/covid19>
- **ESPAÑOL** Alianzas Americas resource list: <https://bit.ly/COVID-19Recursos>
 - Resources in **indigenous languages**: <https://bit.ly/3buK8yB>
- AILA Resource Page (tracks federal agency statements, memos, and policy guidance in response to COVID-19): <https://www.aila.org/advo-media/issues/all/covid-19>
- Center for American Progress resource page: <https://www.americanprogress.org/tag/coronavirus/>
- Migration Policy Institute Coronavirus resource page: <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/programs/us-immigration-policy-program-international-program/coronavirus>
- The Justice Collaborative: <https://thejusticecollaborative.com/covid19/>
- Informed Immigrant Resource list - [ENGLISH](#) - [SPANISH](#)
- Immigrants Rising
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PxLuuH0-hwHXftUXuEi52Q1qWUDegN8_I1L4ullFwzk/edit#
- AsylumConnect:
<https://asylumconnect.org/resource-list-for-lgbtq-asylum-seekers-and-other-lgbtq-people-during-covid-19/>
- Collective Care:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uP49OQGhosfBN4BOYQvyy_Mu3mpCSOYzip13LksC-S8/preview?fbclid=IwAR306g3LP28fEYdNulSWlkXDEbRr_y3MintZmDNGCDYU7MM9PlcJipEI99E# and <https://mutualaiddisasterrelief.org/collective-care/>

Federal Relief Bills

CARES Act--the third legislative package from Congress in response to COVID-19 the week of March 26, 2020.

- Summary of bill:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1a6xsUAlnJ3CZZFzUdRFHZFxiPbCOAcLEQWd43WhI61Y/edit>
- **Explainers on who qualifies for federal relief under the bill:**
 - [UNITE HERE Immigration Update: Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act: S 3548/HR 748](#)
 - [UNITE HERE Stimulus Highlights](#)
 - UNITE HERE Cares Act Payments - [ENGLISH](#) - [SPANISH](#)
 - [NILC Understanding the Impact of Key Provisions of COVID-19 Relief Bills on Immigrant Communities](#)
 - [NELP Immigrants' Eligibility for Unemployment Compensation](#)
- Expands unemployment insurance (including for independent contractors), which immigrants with work permits (e.g. DACA and TPS) are eligible for;
- \$1.3 billion to Community Health Centers (which can serve undocumented immigrants) for COVID-19 testing;
- The bill did not appropriate additional funding for ICE or CBP;

- The bill has transfer limitations, which prevent DHS from moving funds away from COVID-19; and prevents the use of Department of Defense funds for southern border wall construction;
- The bill has \$350 million in aid UNHCR for migrant and refugee assistance; and
- \$350 billion in loan forgiveness grants to small businesses and nonprofits to support existing employees, payroll, utilities, etc. (including businesses with immigrant workers).
- **Final Bill: Immigration-Specific Provisions**
 - Many self-employed workers and contractors who are not eligible for regular unemployment benefits will be eligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. However, noncitizens who are not work authorized or were not work authorized when they were working are ineligible.
 - People who use Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs) for anyone in the family are excluded from the direct cash assistance that is a centerpiece of this bill, even if some in the family have Social Security Numbers (SSNs) that are valid for employment. There is a limited exception for military families if at least one spouse has a valid SSN. “Non-resident aliens” (noncitizens who don’t have green cards and haven’t been physically present here long enough to establish “substantial presence”) are also excluded from the direct cash payments.
 - \$350 million for “Migration and Refugee Assistance” under the Department of State.
 - No new funds are included for Immigration and Customs Enforcement or Customs and Border Protection. Transfer and reprogramming restrictions attached to Department of Homeland Security operational money. The bill prevents Department of Defense funds from being diverted for border wall construction on the southern border.

The House version of the supplemental funding bill, **H.R. 6379, the Take Responsibility for Workers and Families Act**, included the following important measures that should be enacted in the future. ***The final stimulus bill did not include these measures and future legislation should address these concerns:***

- Give states the option to provide Medicaid to all individuals regardless of immigration status, including DACA recipients, TPS holders, green card holders, and undocumented individuals to ensure that they have access to testing and treatment.
- Provide cash benefits for all individuals who file taxes with an ITIN.
- Provide permanent Medicaid restoration of Medicaid for citizens of the Freely Associated States residing in the U.S.
- Automatically extend work permits for individuals with DACA and TPS and nonimmigrant visas for the same time period as the individual’s status or work authorization.

HEROES Act passed the House May 15, 2020.

Federal Advocacy

- Immigration Hub policy recommendations:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jSV82frqBHh0M0G7wKPNz0WRp1HAgxzu31Qz4Sr8BCk/edit>
- www.ProtectAllPeople.com petition to demand that everyone's health be prioritized, regardless of immigration status. Help amplify the [demands](#), share [graphics](#), and sign on to the [petition](#).
 - Put together by Community Change Action, FIRM Action, United We Dream Action, Bend the Arc Jewish Action, Center for Popular Democracy Action, and NIJC, launched last week.
- Advancing Justice www.StandAgainstHatred.org - Tracking tool and resources for hate crimes, harassment and discrimination against Asian communities.
- FIRM & NPNA toolkit for federal COVID-19 relief bills:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Y1-o5LOLQw7Rs2vNhIXahH00IdMoGfyX6VLNIGBBc7g/edit?usp=sharing>
- **Tell the US Senate to vote for the HEROES Act:** Congress is contributing to this public health crisis by excluding immigrant families from COVID-19 relief programs. The HEROES Act in the House is a first step toward what immigrant communities need in this moment of crisis. Call your Senators and tell them we need to pass legislation that includes everyone - because #WeAreEssential. This means:
 - Direct Economic Stimulus to All Workers, Including ITIN Filers, Mixed-Status Families, and Dependents
 - Expand Access to Testing and Treatment for COVID-19 Under Medicaid to All People, Regardless of Immigration Status
 - Expand Eligibility to Unemployment Insurance for All Workers, Regardless of Immigration Status
 - Automatically Extend Work Permits and Status for Immigrants with Employment Authorization
 - Suspend Immigration Enforcement and Release Immigrants from Detention
 - Suspend the Implementation of the Public Charge Rule
 - Find your Senator:
https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm
 - Find your Representative:
<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>
 -