



Immigrants Rising is committed to serving undocumented communities during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We recently updated this list of resources to help undocumented immigrants navigate the crisis. However, this is NOT an exhaustive list. Please [contact us](#) if there are resources that are no longer valid within this document.

*Informed Immigrant promotes [resources for the immigrant community during COVID 19](#)  
Inmigrante Informado provee [recursos para la comunidad inmigrantes durante COVID-19](#)*

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## 1. Addressing Health Access & Wellness

### Health Access

- USCIS has confirmed that the [Public Charge rule](#) does not restrict access to testing, screening, or treatment of communicable diseases, including COVID-19.
- Some undocumented individuals are eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal. Currently, [Medi-Cal covers testing at no cost](#).
  - i. [Senate Bill 75](#) offers full-scope Medi-Cal to undocumented children up to 19 years of age.
  - ii. New legislation has expanded full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to [young undocumented adults under age 26](#).
  - iii. [Individuals with DACA status](#) will continue to be eligible for state-funded, full scope Medi Cal.
  - iv. Undocumented people are also qualified for [Emergency Medi-Cal](#).
- Protecting Immigrant Families explains [your rights when accessing health services](#).
- United We Dream published a [list of state-specific health care resources](#) for undocumented folks.
- One Degree connects low-income families to [health resources](#) in the San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles County.

### Wellness

- 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](#).
- Care for yourself and loved ones with the Informed Immigrant's [Mental Health Toolkit](#).
- 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](#).
- If you or a loved one are in need of support, call the 24-hour [National Domestic Violence Hotline](#) (1-800-799-7233) or text "LOVEIS" to 22522 anytime, for free and confidential support.

## 2. Relief Funds

*These resources have been verified as still accepting applications as of the date listed above. Please contact the organizations directly if you have any specific questions about availability.*

- [Relief Funds For Undocumented Workers In California and beyond](#) (available in English, Spanish, and Chinese).
- UndocuScholars created an [extensive list of nationwide resources](#) for undocumented Communities facing COVID-19.
- US-based BIPOC artists can apply to the [Arts & Culture Leaders of Color Emergency Fund](#).
- Access this fund for in-home care workers, nannies, and house cleaners from the [National Domestic Workers Alliance](#).

- BAJI is offering one-time cash assistance to Black migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in California, Florida, Georgia and New York. [Apply here.](#)
- The Professional Beauty Association's COVID-19 Relief Fund provides \$500 to licensed beauty professionals. Those participating in individual or salon-based fundraisers for COVID-19 relief (i.e. GoFundMe for your salon) are not eligible to receive the aid. [Apply here.](#)

### 3. Legal Rights and Supports for Workers

#### General

- Legal Aid at Work provides clarity about [Undocumented Workers' Employment Rights](#), as well as a [list of relief funds for undocumented workers in California](#) (English, Spanish, and Chinese).
- APALA has an infographic for employers with information on [Protecting API Workers](#).
- California Labor Commissioner's Office released FAQs on COVID-19 and Laws Enforced in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- County Office of Labor Standards Enforcement has an infographic detailing [Covid-19 Impact on Workers Pay](#) (check your local CA county office).
- The California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.'s [Guide to COVID-19 Replacement Income and Job-Protected Leave Programs for California Workers](#) provides an overview of what programs are open to California workers including undocumented folks. Available in both English and Spanish.

#### Workers with DACA & TPS

- Check out the [factsheet](#) on worker's rights and unemployment benefits, created by the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights Los Angeles (CHIRLA).
- To find out about unemployment benefits in your state, use the U.S. Dept. of Labor's [Unemployment Benefits Finder](#) to determine eligibility and how to apply.
- The California Employment Development Department (EDD) is encouraging individuals with DACA and other employment authorizations to apply for unemployment benefits ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)). Workers don't have to be sick to qualify. Individuals who were laid off or had hours reduced due to coronavirus restrictions can also apply.
- Michigan Immigrant Rights Center has information about DACA and Michigan Unemployment Insurance in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights created an [infographic](#) about DACA and unemployment insurance in Illinois.

### 4. Supporting Businesses & Freelancers

- Stay informed about the ways small businesses and freelancers can survive the impact of COVID-19:
  - i. [Small Business Majority](#)
  - ii. [COVID-19 and Freelancer Resources](#)
  - iii. [CAMEO](#)

- Low-interest business loans ranging from \$2,600 to \$250,000 are available through [Opportunity Fund](#).
- [Mission Asset Fund](#) offers 0% interest for credit-building loans (up to \$2,400) and loans to start or expand a business (up to \$2,500) for immigrants nationally.
- Find loans or local business assistance on [Venturize](#).
- The Governor announced the creation of a \$500 million COVID California Relief Grant for small businesses that have been impacted by COVID-19 and the health and safety restrictions. Grants ranging between \$5,000 to \$25,000 will be provided to underserved micro- and small businesses, **regardless of immigration status**, throughout the state by early 2021. Nonprofit organizations are eligible for these grants. **Round 5** applications are open March 25-31, [apply here](#).
- On Thursday, March 25, the Paycheck Extension Act of 2021 passed the U.S. Senate. This bipartisan deal extends the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) for two months from the current March 31 deadline. This extension comes at a vital time for small businesses and ensures that small businesses will have longer access to the allocated funds. [Learn more here](#).

## 5. Other Resources for Immigrant Communities

### General

- [Protecting Immigrant Families](#) created a table of federal public programs available to support individuals and families including their eligibility requirements.
- Informed Immigrant guide includes financial assistance, food distribution, physical and mental health resources, testing locations and more. Available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- Check out the [Multilingual list \(AANHPI\)](#) of resources for ALL immigrants by Asian and Pacific Islander Health Forum.
- [One-stop resource](#) for the people of California impacted by job loss during the COVID-19.
- The Rhizome Center for Migrants lists resources and services for members of the deported community, Mexican or other, who have been significantly impacted by the pandemic. Available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- If you have family members who are citizens, you may be eligible for CalFresh benefits. Available in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

### Technology

- Internet assistance for low-income families is available. Check out [this resource](#) for eligibility requirements to get a discount on your household's internet or phone bill.
- Free computers are available for low income students through [The On It Foundation](#) and [Computers with Causes](#).



# TANGIBLE SUPPORT FOR UNDOCUMENTED COMMUNITIES DURING COVID-19

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We would like to thank the California Immigrant Youth Justice Alliance (CIYJA) and the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration for their groundbreaking work in providing resources for immigrant communities.

## **ABOUT US**

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