

COVID-19 Student Parent Community Resources

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On Campus Resources

ASUCD Pantry at the Aggie Compass Center

The Aggie Compass Basic Needs Center is committed to staying open and supporting our students in need fall quarter. Our priority is to ensure that all basic needs services will continue even if they are remote or accessible in different ways. Our [website](#) will be updated frequently with new information about where resources are available.

[The ASUCD Pantry](#) is operating on a weekly distribution schedule. [Register](#) to pick up free food resources, menstrual products, and toiletries on the Pantry website. We'll pack a bag of food for you to pick up at a designated location. If you have a friend or family member who is sick or cannot come to the bag drop, you are encouraged to pick up a bag for them.

Women's Resources and Research Center Student Parent Closet

The Student Parent Closet provides free diapers, wipes, nursing pads, and other supplies for parenting and caregiving students at UC Davis. The Closet will be offering limited hours during Spring quarter. Please check the [WRRC website](#) and add yourself to our [Student Parent Listserv](#) in order to get updates on our weekly pickups.

Paid Administrative Leave for Graduate Student Workers

Effective immediately, Graduate Student Employees are eligible to receive up to 128 hours of paid administrative leave in order to cope with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, including being unable to work because of a COVID-19 related school or daycare closure. In general, paid Administrative Leave is available for all academic appointees, policy-covered and represented (except for academic appointees with non-paid or without salary appointments), and is available as of March 1, 2020. There are some exceptions, however, so it is very important to read this document carefully and discuss options with your supervisor. If you have any questions, please email Tracey Pereida, Academic Personnel Analyst, at tgpereida@ucdavis.edu. [Read the UCOP Executive Order](#). More information [HERE](#).

To request paid administrative leave the employee should complete the [Emergency Administrative Leave form](#) (.pdf), and submit it to their immediate supervisor. The emergency administrative leave form can be signed by a grad student's department chair or direct supervisor. For grad students employed as a GSR or a TA/Al/Reader/Tutor, they should have a defined supervisor who directs their work. For a GSR it's usually a faculty member or other PI and for the TA, it's usually the instructor of request will be reviewed by the employee's immediate supervisor who shall be responsible for determining whether to grant the administrative leave. record for the course assigned. An AI is often supervised by the Chair. If you are unsure who your supervisor is it should be clearly defined in your appointment letter.

As long as graduate students are able to work or are on paid leave for the duration of the quarter, and in fee remitting jobs, the tuition and fee remission should remain intact as well.

Emergency child care resources for parents

- [Nextdoor](#) has many students who have posted child care availability
- Many departments are using [Slack](#) to share/schedule child care with colleagues
- [UC Davis Handshake](#) (formerly Aggie Job Link) can be utilized to post for child care providers who are UC Davis students: See [communication with instructions](#) from Internship and Career Center.
- [Facebook page](#) for all students who are parents

COVID-19 RELATED RESOURCES for parents and educators

- Woodland Dignity Health has put together a guide for parents entitled "[Emotional Health Survival Kit](#)." Please share the attachment with parents!
- Education resources, mental health, for kids, families during coronavirus pandemic from ACEs Connection:
<https://www.acesconnection.com/g/yolo-county-ca-aces/blog/education-resources-including-mental-health-for-kids-families-during-coronavirus-pandemic>
- The Creative Mom's Guide to Learning at Home from ADDITUDE:
<https://www.additudemag.com/slideshows/summer-learning-guide-adhd-children-parents/>

- Parents Need Stress Relief, Too from NY Times:
<https://parenting.nytimes.com/health/parents-need-stress-relief-too?module=editors-picks&action=click®ion=1>
- Start your day with Cosmic Kids Yoga:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>
- How to talk to kids about coronavirus
<https://www.unicef.org/coronavirus/how-teachers-can-talk-children-about-coronavirus-disease-covid-19>
- Compilation of [online resources](#) for kids

[Book donations for UCD parents \(students and postdocs\) facebook page:](https://www.facebook.com/groups/238418010678552/)
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SCHOOL MEALS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN ACROSS YOLO COUNTY

School lunches and breakfasts are available across Yolo County during school closures for all children 18 years and younger. More information and a map of locations are available at Yolo County Office of Education website:

https://www.ycoe.org/pf4/cms2/news_themed_display?id=1584169596163 (see “Food Locations for Students” at the bottom of the page).

The following information is from Davis Joint Unified School District:

Meals will be set up on a table outside the building for distribution for drive-thru pick-up from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday through April 3. We will provide one lunch for that day and one breakfast to take home for the following day. These meals will be free to any children 18 and under, regardless of whether they attend DJUSD schools. We do not ask for names, any form of identification or what school or district the child attends. An adult can pick up the meal(s) for the children in a family and there is no need to bring the whole family to a pick up site, consistent with County Health guidance to find opportunities to avoid groups and increase social distancing.

EXTRA MONEY FOR FOOD: Expensify.org is matching CalFresh benefits for up to \$50/family

In response to recent events, Expensify.org, is shifting focus (and funds) with immediate effect to help supporting families in the US that may be struggling to support themselves right now. If you know someone who is struggling because of not being able to work,

please share the information below about how to get their CalFresh benefits matched up to \$50/family. Details from expensify.org below:

These are unprecedented times, and it's inspiring to see communities rising to the challenge. However, not everyone has the resources to "shelter in place" especially the millions of people in the [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) (SNAP). Living paycheck to paycheck is hard when millions of businesses around the nation are closing down indefinitely, and hourly workers (including those dependent upon tips) are the hardest hit. In particular, families with kids whose primary meals happen at school are especially vulnerable when those schools shut down.

With this in mind, [Expensify.org](https://expensify.org) is going to temporarily redirect all of its charitable funds to [Expensify.org/hunger](https://expensify.org/hunger). With its ability to reimburse volunteers directly in real-time, [Expensify.org](https://expensify.org) is uniquely positioned to help families in need immediately. Until today, this fund was focused on paying off kids' "[lunch debts](#)", but with schools closed around the nation, that isn't the top priority. Instead, we're devoting everything to a new program: matching SNAP grocery purchases up to \$50 per family. It works like this:

1. Purchase food as normal with your SNAP card
2. [Download](#) [Expensify](#) on iOS or Android, for free
3. Join the [Expensify.org/hunger](#) policy
4. [SmartScan](#) the receipt, which will tell us how much you paid and show that it was paid for with an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card
5. Submit it to volunteer@expensify.org
6. Set up your [bank account](#) to receive the funds
7. So long as we have funds available, we will reimburse up to \$50 per family (one time), the very next day.

To be clear, we can't commit to reimbursing every single person in need — we have no idea how many people will do this, and unfortunately, we don't have unlimited funds. We also don't know how long this crisis will last and how far our brand new charity's resources will stretch. But we're going to do what we can with the funds donated on behalf of [Expensify Cardholders](#) via the [Karma Points](#) feature, as well as by the extremely generous donors who have signed up for our [Corporate and Personal Karma](#) programs.

If you have questions, please contact Stefanie Stavri at stefanie@expensify.com

Comcast- 2 months free internet

Comcast is offering 2 months free internet to low-income households. They have to meet certain criteria per the link below:

<https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19>