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Restore Illinois: A Public Health Approach to Safely Reopen Our State

Restore Illinois: [Read the full plan here](#)

[Phase 4 - starting June 26](#)

Current Phase

This plan recognizes regional differences. The Illinois Department of Public Health has 11 Emergency Medical Service Regions that have guided statewide public health work and guide this reopening plan as well. The service regions are grouped into 4 health regions that can move through the phases independently: Northeast Illinois; North-Central Illinois; Central Illinois; and Southern Illinois.

We are in the Northeast Region. Our region is currently in Phase 4.

Phase 4 Guidance for Businesses

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[Youth Sports Guidance](#)

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Revitalization - The rate of infection among those surveillance tested and the number of patients admitted to the hospital continues to decline.

Requirements for moving to next phase:

- Vaccine, or
- Effective and widely available treatment, or
- The elimination of new cases over a sustained period of time through herd immunity or other factors.

Requirements for moving back to Phase 3:

- Sustained rise in positive cases.
- Sustained increase in hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness
- Reduction in hospital capacity threatening surge capabilities
- Significant outbreak in the region that threatens the health of the region.

Overview of Reopening Phases

Phase 1 - Rapid Spread - The rate of infection among those tested and the number of patients admitted to the hospital is high or rapidly increasing.

Strict stay at home order and social distancing guidelines are put in place. Only essential businesses remain open. If mitigation efforts are unsuccessful, we could return to this phase.

Requirements for moving to next phase:

- Slowing of new case growth.
- Availability of surge capacity in adult medical and surgical beds, ICU beds, and ventilators.
- Ability to perform 10,000 tests a day statewide; testing available for any symptomatic health care workers and first responders.

Phase 2 - Flattening - The rate of infection among those tested and the number of patients admitted to the hospital in regular and ICU beds increases at a slower rate, moving toward a flat and even downward trajectory.

Non-essential retail stores reopen for curbside pickup and delivery.

Illinoisans are directed to wear a face covering when outside the home and can begin enjoying additional outdoor activities like golf, boating and fishing while practicing social distancing.

Requirements for moving to next phase:

- At or under a 20% positivity rate
- No overall increase in hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness for 28 days
- Available surge capacity of at least 14% of ICU beds, medical and surgical beds, and ventilators.
- Testing available for all patients, health care workers, first responders, people with underlying conditions, and residents and staff at congregate living facilities.
- Contact tracing and monitoring within 24 hours of diagnosis.

Phase 3 - Recovery - The rate of infection among those surveillance tested, the number of patients admitted to the hospital, and the number of patients needing ICU beds is stable or declining.

Manufacturing, offices, retail, barbershops, and salons can reopen to the public with capacity and other limits and safety precautions. Health and fitness clubs can provide outdoor classes and on-on-one personal training with IDPH approved safety guidance.

Gatherings of 10 people or fewer are allowed. Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.

All health care providers are open with DPH approved safety guidelines.

Limited child care and summer programs open with IDPH approved safety guidelines.

Requirements for moving to next phase: Driven by COVID-19 positivity rate in each region and measures of maintaining regional hospital surge capacity:

- At or under a 20% positivity rate and increasing no more than 10% over a 14-day period
- No overall increase in hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness for 28 days
- Available surge capacity of at least 14% of ICU beds, medical and surgical beds, and ventilators.

- Testing available regardless of symptoms or risk factors.
- Contact tracing and monitoring begins within 24 hours of diagnosis for more than 90% of cases in the region.

Phase 4 - Revitalization - The rate of infection among those surveillance tested and the number of patients admitted to the hospital continues to decline.

Gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed, restaurants and bars reopen, travel resumes, child care and schools reopen under guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.

Cinema and theaters open with capacity limits and IDPH approved safety guidance.

All outdoor recreation allowed.

Requirements for moving to next phase:

- Vaccine, or
- Effective and widely available treatment, or
- The elimination of new cases over a sustained period of time through herd immunity or other factors.

Phase 5 - Illinois Restored - Vaccine or highly effective treatment is widely available or new cases have been eliminated over a sustained period.

The economy fully reopens with safety precautions continuing. Conventions, festivals, and large events are permitted, and all businesses, schools, and places of recreation can open with new safety guidance and procedures.

Resources For Individuals and Families

Health Guidance

[COVID-19 latest information](#)

[Severe Illness Associated with Chloroquine Phosphate to Prevent COVID-19](#)

[Interim Cleaning and Disinfecting Recommendations](#)

[Checklist for families](#)

[Household Plan of Action](#)

[Get Your Community and Faith-Based Organizations Ready for Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)

[What to do if you are sick](#)

[When and How to Wash Your Hands](#)

[People At-risk for Serious Illness from COVID-19](#)

[Print Resources](#)

[Guidance for Law Enforcement](#)

[Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators](#) - March 25, 2020

IDPH

[Face shields have not been deemed effective for source control](#) - June 30, 2020

General Social Distancing Guidance - June 8, 2020

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

[Community Based Testing Sites to Reopen on June 3](#) - June 2, 2020

[Enforcing Public Health Requirements](#) - May 12, 2020

[Changes in Isolation Period for COVID positive cases](#) - May 6, 2020

- Minimum of 10-Day Isolation Period for all COVID-19 confirmed or probable cases
 - Includes both health care workers (HCWs) and non-health care workers
- 14-Day Quarantine Period remains unchanged for close contacts to COVID-19 cases.

[Graduation Ceremony Guidance](#) - May 2, 2020

[Face Coverings Dos and Don'ts](#) - April 20, 2020

[Enforcing Executive Orders](#) - April 17, 2020

- If you do not adhere to these Executive Orders, the Illinois Department of Public Health and Certified Local Health Departments have the authority...to order that a place be closed and made off limits to the public “to prevent the probable spread of a dangerously contagious or infectious disease . . . until such time as the condition can be corrected or the danger to the public health eliminated or reduced in such a manner that no substantial danger to the public's health any longer exists.” 20 ILCS 2305/2(b). The process of issuing such an order is set forth in 20 ILCS 2305/3(c).
- Furthermore, police officers, sheriffs and all other officers in Illinois are authorized to enforce such orders.

[Guidance Relating to Non-Discrimination in Medical Treatment](#) - April 10, 2020

[Guidance for Crisis Management for Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers](#) - April 7, 2020

- Essential critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure to SARS-CoV-2, provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect the community.

[Public Health Department Recommends that the public wear face masks.](#) - April 6, 2020

[Flyer for grocery stores](#) - April 2, 2020

[Guidance for Large Companies](#) - March 24, 2020 (added March 25, 2020)

[Guidance for Faith-Based Communities and Houses of Worship](#) - March 20, 2020

[Interim Guidance for Work Exclusion for Healthcare Settings following COVID-19 diagnosis](#) - March 19, 2020

[Guidance for Risk Assessment for Employers and Supervisors](#) - March 18, 2020

- Supervisors do not need to inform IDPH of COVID-19 cases.
- Supervisors have a general duty of confidentiality regarding employee medical information. Public health officials will alert co-workers about potential exposure.

Shelter

A Safe Haven has an isolation space for COVID-positive people who need a safeplace to heal in collaboration with Rush Medical Center and the City of Chicago.

Call (847) 773-7931

For more information see <https://www.asafehaven.org/>

Chicago residents can also call 311 for shelter information.

Economic Assistance

Grants

Illinois Housing Development Authority

Emergency Rental Assistance Program for Illinois Renters

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) will soon offer the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program to Illinois tenants unable to pay their rent. Approved applicants will receive a one-time grant of \$5,000 in ERA to mitigate housing instability during the period of March through December 2020. Pre-Covid-19 income cannot exceed 80 percent of the area median income (AMI). Only tenants that are already carrying an unpaid rent balance from March through present day can apply. Tenants will have to certify that the reason they could not pay their rent was due to a COVID-19 related loss of income on or after March 1, 2020. Assistance will be paid directly to property owner or landlord on behalf of the tenant. As a condition of accepting the assistance, landlords must agree to not initiate nor carry out eviction proceedings on the tenant for the duration of the ERA coverage period. Renters that have been disproportionately-impacted by the pandemic will be prioritized in the distribution of funds. Subject to the legislative distribution requirements, assistance will be available on a first-come, first-approved basis until the funds are exhausted. ERA cannot be applied to rent in 2021.

Program Funding: \$150 million

Assistance per tenant: \$5,000 affordable housing grant

Total assisted: 30,000 tenants

Application processing: Approximately 6,000 per month; 300 per business day

Assistance paid to: Landlords

Program launch: August 2020

Program fund flow: August 2020

Program termination: December 2020

Application format: Tenant applies directly

Emergency Mortgage Assistance for Illinois Homeowners

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) will soon offer the Emergency Mortgage Assistance (EMA) Program to Illinois homeowners unable to pay their mortgage. Approved applicants will receive a grant of up to \$15,000 of EMA to mitigate housing instability during the period of March through December 2020. Pre-Covid-19 income cannot exceed 120 percent of the area median income (AMI). Only homeowners with mortgage arrearages (or in forbearance) on or after March 2020 through present day will be eligible to apply. Homeowners will have to certify that the reason they could not pay their mortgage in full was due to a COVID-19-related loss of income on or after March 1, 2020.

Assistance will be paid directly to the mortgagor's loan servicer on behalf of the homeowner. Homeowners that have been disproportionately-impacted by the pandemic will be prioritized in the distribution of funds. Subject to the legislative distribution requirements, assistance will be available on a first-come, first-approved basis until the funds are exhausted. EMA cannot be applied to mortgage payments in 2021.

Program Funding: \$150 million

Assistance per homeowner: \$15,000 grant (maximum amount)

Total assisted: 10,000 homeowners

Application processing: Approximately 2,000 per month; 100 per business day

Assistance paid to: Mortgage loan servicers

Program launch: August 2020

Program fund flow: August 2020

Program termination: December 2020

Application format: Homeowner applies directly

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Governor Pritzker joined the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) today to announce a major expansion in funding for the state's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) programs. The \$275 million total funding includes an additional \$90 million allocated via the CARES Act, allowing the state to increase eligibility for these programs to 1 million income-qualified Illinoisans. These programs will provide emergency relief for families and displaced households across the state as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, with programs offering assistance with utilities, rent, and other household necessities for income qualifying residents.

LIHEAP

LIHEAP helps eligible low-income households pay for home energy services. This includes assistance with heating, gas, propane and electricity. More information on services available in your region can be found by visiting your Local Administering Agency (LAA) page.

Deadline: The deadline for FY20 LIHEAP services is June 30, 2020; however FY21 LIHEAP enrollment opens up earlier than usual on July 27, 2020.

[See here for more information and an application.](#)

CSBG

CSBG offers Illinoisans an opportunity to receive support for an array of essential services including rent assistance, food, temporary shelter, medicine and more. Check your local Community Action Agency (CAA) page for a list of available services near you.

Deadline: CSBG remains open all year with expanded income eligibility guidelines in effect as of February 2020.

[See here for more information and an application.](#)

Chicago Resiliency Fund

~~The Chicago Resiliency Fund is a cash assistance program to support Chicago residents who were excluded from federal stimulus aid in response to COVID-19.~~

~~The City of Chicago in collaboration with Open Society Foundations and The Resurrection Project (TRP) is launching the fund in mid June 2020. The fund will provide \$1,000 per household for eligible Chicagoans, which includes, but is not limited to, undocumented individuals, mixed status families, dependent adults and returning residents.~~

~~Applications will begin to be accepted by phone (312-880-1145) starting on June 22nd.~~

~~More information, including ways to apply for assistance, eligibility requirements and ways to donate to the fund, [see this page](#).~~

Chicago Coalition for the Homeless

~~The **Chicago Coalition for the Homeless Mutual Aid Fund** will provide one-time emergency grants of up to \$500 to individuals or families experiencing homelessness, including people who are unsheltered, staying at a shelter, or living doubled up with family or friends. Those who were previously homeless and are now at risk of becoming homeless again are also welcome to apply.~~

Eligibility:

- ~~● Must be 18 years or older OR an unaccompanied youth 16 years or older,~~
- ~~● An Illinois resident, and~~
- ~~● Homeless or previously homeless and at risk of becoming homeless again (includes people who are unsheltered, staying at a shelter, or living doubled up with family or friends)~~

~~Applications will be accepted from Monday, May 11 at 9 a.m. through Friday, May 15 at 5 p.m., and can be completed online or over the phone. To apply over the phone, please call (312) 641-4148 between 11 a.m. — 3 p.m.~~

~~[Here is more information and the online application.](#)~~

Niles Township COVID-19 Response Fund

- Applicant must be a Niles Township tenant or own primary residential property within Niles Township where mortgage payments are still owed
- Applicant must have household income within 100% of Area Median Income (AMI) or lower (see table below)

- Applicant must have earned income prior to (and up until) the Shelter in Place order (March 21, 2020)
- Applicant must have applied for Unemployment Insurance as a result of COVID 19 wage losses and either a) did not qualify OR b) have filed on or after March 21, 2020 and to date not received any payments, nor expect to receive payments in the next 30 days
- Applicant must not have received General Assistance or Emergency Assistance within the past six months. If the social worker deems the applicant is deemed a more appropriate fit for GA or EA, then applicant will be diverted to that program.
- Only one funded applicant per household
- Those with any residency status (immigrant, refugee, undocumented, citizen, etc) may apply

This grant will be administered to a maximum of \$1,000 per household as long as funds are available. For [full guidelines, see this document](#), and [complete this application](#).

[Cook County Community Recovery Fund](#)

[Application here](#)

Rapid relief loans for small businesses, gig workers and independent contractors.

Loan Amount: up to \$20,000 for small businesses and \$10,000 for independent contractors

Interest rate: 0%

Eligibility: businesses and independent contractors in suburban Cook County must meet these requirements:

Small Businesses: Fewer than 25 employees, less than \$3 million in revenue

Gig Workers: At least half of income from 1099 contract work, less than \$100,000 in gross annual income

To apply: Applications will open in mid-April on a first-come, first-serve basis. To learn more about the initiative and [sign up for updates for when the application period opens](#), please complete this form. Updates will be sent on a regular basis.

Unemployment

[Legal Aid Chicago's FAQ about Unemployment Benefits](#)

- Who is Eligible for Unemployment Benefits?
- How are benefits calculated?
- What is the Duration of Unemployment Benefits?
- How are Unemployment Claims Filed?
- What to do if Claim is Denied?

[Department of Employment Security \(IDES\)](#)

[IDES's Unemployment Handbook](#)

[I filed my claim. What happens now?](#)

[FAQ for Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation](#)

[FAQ about Pandemic Unemployment Assistance](#)

[Legislative Q&A, Part I](#) - April 17, 2020

[Legislative Q&A, Part II](#) - April 22, 2020

[IDES Legislative Call Briefing](#) - May 7, 2020

[Legislative Q&A, Part III](#) - May 12, 2020

[Legislative Q&A, Part IV](#) - June 1, 2020

[IDES Instructs 1099 workers to apply now for traditional unemployment benefits](#) - May 5, 2020

- PUA system will be up on May 11
- Need to be rejected from State UI

[Click here](#) to apply for unemployment benefits online. It is possible to apply over the phone but it is strongly recommended you apply online as the wait times for phone applications are a few hours.

HIGH TRAFFIC UPDATE: IDES has taken steps to address issues with applying for unemployment, but are aware that there are lingering capacity issues. They have asked applicants to adhere to the following filing schedule:

Online Filing Schedule:

- Those with last names beginning with letters **A-M** will be asked to file their claims on **Sundays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays.**
- Those with last names beginning with letters **N-Z** will be asked to file their claims on **Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays.**
- **Saturdays** will be available for anyone to accommodate those who could not file during their allotted window.

Call Center Filing Schedule:

- Those with last names beginning with letters **A-M** will be asked to call on **Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7:30am – 6pm.**
- Those with last names beginning with letters **N-Z** will be asked to call on **Mondays and Wednesdays between 7:30am – 6pm.**
- **Fridays (7:30am – 6pm)** will be available for anyone to accommodate those who could not file during their allotted window.

The day or time of day in which a claim is filed will not impact whether you receive benefits or your benefit amount. Additionally, claims will be back-dated to reflect the date in which a claimant was laid-off or let go from their job due to COVID-19.

The administration and the department understand and empathize with the heightened level of frustration this crisis has had on those wishing to file a claim. IDES is doing everything possible to support our customers and meet the demand for unemployment benefit inquiries and claims.

As of April 16, IDES is asking all 1099 workers to apply for unemployment benefits. They will be rejected using the state-level criteria, but this is a prerequisite to receive the full federal benefits. The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program will be fully implemented in Illinois in the week of May 11.

Components of the CARES Act that expands Unemployment Insurance

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)

FPUC provides an additional \$600 per week for individuals receiving regular unemployment benefits, PUA, PEUC, or extended benefits if they are triggered under Illinois law, beginning March 29, 2020 and concluding the week ending July 25. As of the first week of April, recipients of traditional unemployment benefits are receiving the additional \$600 in weekly benefits if they are receiving at least \$1 in benefits.

FPUC has been fully implemented and disbursement has begun.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)

PEUC provides up to 13 additional weeks of federally funded unemployment benefits for individuals who have exhausted regular unemployment benefits.

IDES received USDOL guidelines on April 10 and expects the program can be implemented through the current IDES computer system the week of April 20, 2020.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)

PUA provides up to 39 weeks of federally funded unemployment benefits to individuals not typically eligible for unemployment benefits, including independent contractors and sole-proprietors who have become unemployed as a direct result of COVID-19.

The PUA program has been established for individuals who are unemployed for reasons attributable to COVID-19 and not covered by the state's regular unemployment insurance program. To establish eligibility under the new program, the claimant will have to demonstrate he/she is not eligible under the regular program. Applying for and being denied benefits under the regular program can help establish eligibility under the new temporary program.

For a list of Frequently Asked Questions, please [click here](#).

Q: If an employer's employee files for unemployment insurance benefits due to COVID-19, will the employer's unemployment insurance taxes go up?

There is no additional guidance for this from IDES at this time. Please see the link below for frequently asked questions from IDES. See the Section for Employers <https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/COVID-19-and-Unemployment-Benefits.aspx>

Q: Should employees file for unemployment insurance benefits if their hours have been reduced? For example, if an employee typically works 40 hours per week and their hours have been reduced to 20 hours per week due to COVID-19, can an employee file for unemployment insurance benefits for those 20 hours?

With regard to reduced hours, we received a similar question. Please find below the IDES response related to hours reduction.

When someone files, their weekly benefit amount is determined using a formula taking into consideration their base period wages. If someone is still working when they file, we have to determine how much they earned in a week. If the individual earned more than their weekly benefit amount in a week, they are not unemployed and so they are not eligible. If the individual earned some wages, but the wages were less than their weekly benefit amount,

they are eligible for benefits but some of those wages will offset their weekly benefit amount.

Housing

The Governor has ordered that residential and non-residential evictions will not be enforced through July 31. **This does not remove a renter's financial obligation to their landlord.** [You can see a flowchart here explaining these changes.](#)

Lockouts in Chicago are illegal. Tenants should call 311 to report a lockout and ask for a case report.

[Legal Aid Chicago's Eviction Flyer](#)

[Spanish](#)

The FHFA granted forbearance to some landlords under the condition that they would not pursue evictions of their tenants. **This does not remove a renter's financial obligation to their landlord.**

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

CSBG offers Illinoisans an opportunity to receive support for an array of essential services including rent assistance, food, temporary shelter, medicine and more. Check your local Community Action Agency (CAA) page for a list of available services near you.

Deadline: CSBG remains open all year with expanded income eligibility guidelines in effect as of February 2020.

[Apply here.](#)

Food and Nutritional Support

[Food Pantries](#)

Greater Chicago Food Depository

Find the nearest food pantry to you: <https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/find-food/>

[SNAP Benefits Outreach Team](#) - 773-843-5416

- **DHS** has extended the [application](#) for P-EBT to July 15th
If your child was enrolled in free/reduced-price school meals before schools closed in March, you likely qualify for P-EBT, a program that provides extra food benefits for families. You can qualify for up to \$342 in benefits

[Chicago Mutual Aid COVID-19 Support Request](#) -

Brave Space Alliance will be operating a crisis food pantry for queer and trans folks on the south side of Chicago during the pandemic. If you would like food or other supplies dropped off at your front door, please use this form. We are prioritizing folks who are sick, disabled, quarantined without pay, elderly, undocumented Black, Brown, or Indigenous.

Meals on Wheels Contact Information:

For seniors: 312-744-4016

For individuals with disabilities: 312-744-6673

ALL assessments will be made via phone/online.

The Salvation Army

- The Salvation Army's Metropolitan Division Emergency Disaster Services (EDS) will be providing mobile feeding services.
- The Salvation Army's 19 Chicagoland food pantries remain open to provide curbside service and will continue to serve as a resource for anyone who needs assistance.
- For more information on emergency assistance, please call (773) 725-1100 or visit salarmychicago.org/coronavirus.

Archdiocese of Chicago/Catholic Charities

- Catholic Charities will continue to serve residents at their Food Pantries and Evening Meal Programs. Locations and phone numbers can be found here: <http://www.catholiccharities.net/Home/Search.aspx?search=emergency+services>. To access other services please call 312-655-7700.

Niles Township Food Pantry

- Those in need of supplementary food will be able to pick up at our
 - Pop-up Pantry site at 8300 Lehigh Ave, Morton Grove, IL 60053
 - Assembled boxes of groceries will be available from **11 a.m to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays**
 - These boxes contain a week's worth of groceries
 - Township Building, Back Door Entrance.
 - Assembled boxes of groceries will be distributed from **5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays**
 - Groceries in these boxes have included peanut butter; trail mix; canned chicken; tomato soup; canned vegetables; canned beans or vegetarian chili; spaghetti sauce; pasta; dried fruit; dried beans; brown rice; juice; water; crackers; and cereal bars.

Personal Health and Medications**Eli Lilly Company**

Anyone with commercial insurance and those without insurance at all can fill their monthly prescription of Lilly insulin for \$35. The program is effective today and covers most Lilly insulins including all Humalog® (insulin lispro injection 100 units/mL) formulations.

The savings can be obtained by calling the Lilly Diabetes Solution Center at (833) 808-1234. The Solution Center is open 8 am to 8 pm (EDT) Monday through Friday. Representatives at the Solution Center will help people with diabetes obtain a card in the most convenient way for them, including through email or the U.S. mail. A card can typically be received within 24 hours by email. If you already have a co-pay card from the Lilly Diabetes Solution Center for an amount higher than \$35, no action is necessary. Active co-pay cards have been reset to a \$35 co-pay. Representatives at the Solution Center can also direct people to affordability options

that may reduce their out-of-pocket costs further – such as free insulin for people with minimal income, or no income at all, that has been donated by Lilly to non-profit organizations.

People with an urgent need for insulin and nowhere else to turn can contact the Solution Center for an immediate supply. Additionally, people with commercial insurance who use Baqsimi® (glucagon) nasal powder 3 mg can pay as little as \$25 for up to two devices with a co-pay card, which was first made available last summer. A separate co-pay card for Humulin® R U-500 (insulin human injection, 500 units/mL) allows for a monthly prescription fill for as little as \$25 for people with commercial insurance and can be accessed at Humulin.com.

Utilities

Free/Low Cost Internet: Various broadband providers and mobile carriers are offering free or low-cost access in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The National Digital Inclusion Alliance has information on providers and programs offering free or low-cost broadband. Please visit the DCEO website for more information.

Lifeline Program for Phone and Internet Service

The Lifeline program is a federally-funding program to provide reduced cost phone and internet service to eligible families and individuals so that they can stay in touch with loved ones, medical professionals, employers, and more. The benefit may be used on one the following: one landline telephone, one cell phone with or without internet access, or one home broadband subscription per household.

You can find participating companies by [using this tool](#) from the FCC or on this [list of participating companies](#) from the ICC. Many Lifeline providers have the application process built into their website, but consumers may also apply directly through the National Verifier. To apply using the National Verifier, use the FCC's [online verification portal](#) at <https://www.lifelinesupport.org/>

Commonwealth Edison (ComEd)

ComEd will provide continued relief from service disconnections by extending its suspension on disconnecting customers until either the state moves to Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan or Aug. 1, 2020, whichever comes first. In addition, residential and small business customers will have an additional 30-day grace period, during which time ComEd will not disconnect service for nonpayment to help customers get back on their feet.

Customers who are challenged in paying their outstanding balances and electric bills should contact ComEd's customer care team as soon as possible at 800-334-7661, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to take advantage of new and existing assistance options. More information is also available at ComEd.com/CARE.

There are programs available for residential customers with household incomes of up to 250 percent of the federal poverty level; as well as activated and deployed members of the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard, Reserves and honorably discharged veterans. There is also financial assistance available for nonprofit organizations. Any customer experiencing a hardship or difficulty with their electric bill should call ComEd immediately at 1-800-334-7661

(1-800-EDISON-1), Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to learn more on how to apply. [A list of assistance programs available can be found here.](#)

[See this document for more information.](#)

Ameren Illinois

Ameren has allocated \$8 million in payment assistance to help those struggling to pay their energy bills as a result of COVID-19. Under the “Fresh Start” program, up to \$700 is available for customers to use to cover their bills. Money offered will vary depending on the monthly income per family. More information can be found on this [press release](#).

People’s Gas

We are committed to working with all of our customers, and have payment plans available including for those who are impacted or otherwise experiencing a hardship due to COVID-19. Customers can find additional information [on our website](#) or by calling 866-556-6001.

AT&T

Service disconnections and late fees are halted for the time being.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Contact the Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc. (CEDA) by calling their toll-free hotline, (800) 571-2332, or texting “CEDA” to 313131.

Citizen Utility Board’s Virtual Bill Clinic

How it works: Send us your electric, natural gas, and telecom bills. A CUB specialist will look them over to see if you’re signed up with an alternative supplier or if you’re paying for unnecessary products and services.

We’ll also let you know how your usage compares to other consumers, tell you if you’re eligible for money-saving programs, including financial assistance, and guide you to free energy-efficiency products and services.

The details: Email a copy of your most recent electric, natural gas, and telecom bills to CUB at ubc@citizensutilityboard.org. (Put “Attn: Virtual Utility Bill Clinic” in the subject line.)

Feel free to redact your personal information, but be sure to include the account holder’s name and where we should send the analysis. We will do everything in our power to send you our bill analysis within the month, depending on how many requests we get.

The ARK

We continue to assist new and existing clients with rent and utility financial assistance, applying for government benefits, and providing community referrals. For the safety of our clients, staff and volunteers, we are providing these services by phone in the interim. For more information, please contact The ARK at 773-973-1000.

Comcast

We will not disconnect a customer's internet service or assess late fees if they contact us and let us know that they can't pay their bills during this period. Our care teams will be available to offer flexible payment options and can help find other solutions. Comcast announced new steps they're taking to help people stay connected to the Internet as more schools suspend classes and companies encourage employees to work from home due to the coronavirus.

- Pausing Our Data Plan: With so many people working and educating from home, we want our customers to access the internet without thinking about data plans. While the vast majority of our customers do not come close to using 1TB of data in a month, we are pausing our data plans for 60 days giving all customers Unlimited data for no additional charge.
- No Disconnects or Late Fees: We will not disconnect a customer's internet service or assess late fees if they contact us and let us know that they can't pay their bills during this period. Our care teams will be available to offer flexible payment options and can help find other solutions.
- Internet Essentials Free to New Customers: As announced yesterday, it's even easier for low-income families who live in a Comcast service area to sign-up for Internet Essentials, the nation's largest and most comprehensive broadband adoption program. New customers will receive 60 days of complimentary Internet Essentials service, which is normally available to all qualified low-income households for \$9.95/month. Additionally, for all new and existing Internet Essentials customers, the speed of the program's Internet service was increased to 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream. That increase will go into effect for no additional fee and it will become the new base speed for the program going forward.
- News, Information and Educational Content on X1: For those with school-age students at home, we've created new educational collections for all grade levels in partnership with Common Sense Media. Just say "education" into your X1 or Flex voice remote. To help keep customers informed, we also have created a collection of the most current news and information on Coronavirus. Just say "Coronavirus" into your X1 or Flex voice remote.
- 24x7 Network Monitoring: Underpinning all of these efforts, Comcast's technology and engineering teams will continue to work tirelessly to support our network operations. We engineer our network capacity to handle spikes and shifts in usage patterns, and continuously test, monitor and enhance our systems and network to ensure they are ready to support customer usage. Our engineers and technicians staff our network operations centers 24/7 to ensure network performance and reliability. We are monitoring network usage and watching the load on the network both nationally and locally, and to date it is performing well.
- Xfinity WiFi Free For Everyone: Xfinity WiFi hotspots located in businesses and outdoor locations across the country will be available to anyone who needs them for free – including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers. For a map of Xfinity WiFi hotspots, visit www.xfinity.com/wifi. Once at a hotspot located on the map, consumers should select the "xfinitywifi" network name in the list of available hotspots and then launch a browser.

Child Care

[Restore Illinois Child Care Guidelines](#) - May 22, 2020

[Reopening Child Care One-Pager](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Chinese](#) - May 26, 2020

Free Child Care: The City of Chicago partnered with SitterCity to provide first responders and essential workers with free childcare: <https://family.sittercity.com/chicagoresponds/>.

Department of Human Services

Child Care

- For employees providing essential services who need assistance with childcare, please call 1-888-228-1146. Stipends are available for providers to step into this space.
- Early Intervention Bureau is working on rolling out telehealth as a viable service delivery method for providers and families.
- Effective April 1st, all essential workers in health care, human services, essential government services, and essential infrastructure now qualify for the state's Child Care Assistance Program. The state will cover most of the cost of care provided by emergency child care centers and homes. This expansion of eligibility includes those working as nurses and doctors, supporting staff in hospitals, grocery store clerks and food producers.
- Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) is providing one-time stipends to help with additional expenses during this time. Homes may apply for \$750, or for \$1000 if they provide care during 2nd and 3rd shifts. ECCs with up to two classrooms may apply for \$2000. ECCs with three or more classrooms may apply for \$3000.
- Full details and applications for assistance are available on the Department of Human Services (IDHS) website DHS.illinois.gov/helpishere and coronavirus.illinois.gov.

Legal

[CARPLS Legal Aid Hotline](#) for legal information, advice and referrals for Cook County residents, 312-738-9200.

[Land of Lincoln Legal Aid](#), for free legal assistance in southern and central Illinois, 1-877-342-7891.

[Prairie State Legal Services](#), for free legal assistance in northern and western Illinois, 1-800-531-7057.

[Illinois Armed Forces Legal Aid Network](#), for free legal assistance for veterans, active service members, reservists and their dependents, 1-855-452-3526.

[Illinois Legal Aid Online](#), for online legal research, forms, guidance and statewide legal aid directory.

[Illinois Free Legal Answers](#), a virtual legal clinic where low-income Illinois residents can submit a question online to ask a lawyer for help with a civil legal issue.

Fines and Fees

City of Chicago

Beginning June 8

- City Hall Payment Center re-opens.
- The payment center located at 400 W. Superior will continue to operate while the neighborhood payment centers will open in phases throughout June.
- Motorists with unpaid tickets who had not been assessed penalties prior to March 18, 2020 will receive notices informing them of due dates and timelines around penalties.
- Reminder notices will be sent for ticket and utility payment plans.
- Ticketing will continue for public safety violations and for unpaid parking meters.

Beginning July 1

- Late payment penalties will be assessed on past due utility balances.
- Past due payment plans will be defaulted.
- Collection and enforcement activities including booting will continue.
- Residential and municipal utility customers with payment due dates prior to June 30 will not be assessed additional penalties until July 1.
- Ticket enforcement activities will increase citywide including street sweeping violations.

Beginning July 15

- Certain deferred tax payments will become due.
- Motorists will receive a grace period through July 15 to purchase residential parking permits, city stickers and renew license plates before enforcement begins on July 16.

Those who may need assistance with outstanding debt are encouraged to visit New Start Chicago, a source found on the City of Chicago's website that provides information on payment plans, hardship qualifications and other FAQs related to fines and fees reforms. By clicking here, www.Chicago.gov/newstartchicago, residents can sign up for a flexible payment plans for tickets and utility bills with a lower down payment and up to 60 months to repay amounts due. Residents can learn more or make payments online at Chicago.gov/finance.

Taxes

Income Tax

Federal tax day has been pushed from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020.

As of March 25, the State of Illinois delayed its tax day from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020.

Estimated payments are still due on their normal schedule.

Cook County Property Tax

A new Illinois law increases from nine months to 13 months the time that taxpayers have to pay delinquent Cook County property taxes before they are offered to investors, giving more breathing room to homeowners and business people struggling to pay their bills.

The Annual Tax Sale, required by state law, is the start of a legal process that can end in a loss of property ownership. Owners can avoid the Tax Sale by paying all delinquent taxes and

interest before the Sale begins. Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas obtained a court order to postpone this year's Tax Sale, originally scheduled for May 8, 2020. She will reschedule the Sale after the Governor's pandemic disaster declaration is lifted.

Physical and Mental Health

[National Alliance on Mental Illness \(NAMI\)](#) - Chicago Hotline 833-626-4244 (available 24/7)

Swedish Hospital's Coronavirus Help Line - [Poster](#)

Swedish Hospital's Coronavirus Help Line (773-907-7700) is staffed with clinicians who can help screen symptoms and answer questions on what to do next. Interpretive services are available to assist in most languages.

Mental Health Reminders for First Responders - [Poster](#)

Employment Opportunities

GetHired IL

The State launched a website to connect people looking for work with companies who are currently hiring.

You can find the listing here: <https://www2.illinois.gov/GetHired/Pages/default.aspx>.

[Search for Chicago Transit Authority career opportunities](#)

[Search for Chicago Public School career opportunities](#)

[Search for Cook County Government career opportunities](#)

[Search for City of Chicago career opportunities](#)

[Search for Chicago Park District career opportunities](#)

[Movetastic](#) is hiring movers and drivers.

[New City Movers](#) is now hiring.

[Domino's Pizza](#) is hiring drivers.

[Papa John's](#) is hiring drivers.

[Vivid Seats](#) is hiring customer support specialists.

[Amazon](#) is hiring for a number of Chicago positions.

[Mariano's/Kroger](#) is hiring for a number of different stores.

[Jewel-Osco](#) is now hiring.

Job Training

Coursera

Illinois is partnering with Coursera to provide people with free training and credentialing for new jobs. You can find more information here:

<https://www.illinoisworknet.com/Training/Pages/Coursera.aspx>

Become a Contact Tracer

DPH Contract Tracer Interest Form - <https://redcap.dph.illinois.gov/surveys/?s=KWKJL93TM7>
[More information](#)

COVID-19 Contact Tracing Certification-

<https://www.coursera.org/learn/covid-19-contact-tracing?edocomorp=covid-19-contact-tracing>

Individual health depts will hire contract tracers when the time comes.

<https://www.contrace.org/contact-tracing-jobs>

[Contact Tracing Training Announcement](#) (June 24th)

Tech Jobs Training

Discovery Partners Institute (DPI) and P33 are launching a new initiative to help Illinois residents hurt by COVID-19 gain new digital skills at steeply discounted tuition rates.

[TechReady Illinois](#) is a collaborative, statewide effort that brings together Illinois' top tier academic institutions, leading employers and local tech-focused non-profits. Participating institutions include the University of Chicago, the U of I System, the Illinois Institute of Technology, and City Colleges of Chicago.

Programs include: cloud computing, cybersecurity, data and analytics, and software development.

DMV Services/Secretary of State

Secretary of State's offices will open from June 1- July 31 to take care of the following customers:

- Expired driver's licenses and ID cards
- Vehicle transactions
- New drivers
- [Press Release](#) [Facility Finder](#) [Renew your vehicle sticker](#)

Expirations for driver's licenses, ID cards, and vehicle stickers have been extended at least 90 days once the stay-at-home order is lifted.

[Information about vehicle emissions testing](#), [FAQ](#)

- All locations are open but deadlines have been extended to match the vehicle registration deadlines.

[Drive-thru vehicle registration stickers](#) - May 15, 2020

- Starting Tuesday, May 19, people will be able to renew their vehicle registration stickers at 7 locations across the state. Credit card and checks only. No cash will be accepted

- Hours of operation at Chicago North, Chicago South and Chicago West will be Monday 7:30 a.m. to 2p.m., Tuesday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Hours of operation at Rockford-Central, Macomb and Tilton will be Tuesday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m. to noon.
- Hours of operation at Springfield-Dirksen are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- English flyer, [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)
- Spanish flyer, [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)

[E-check fees waived through August 2, 2020](#) - May 6, 2020

This e-Check payment processor fee will be waived for the following online services:

- renewing a vehicle registration;
- obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card; and
- renewing a driver's license with the Safe Driver Renewal program.

EXPIRATION DATES EXTENDED AT LEAST 90 DAYS AFTER FACILITIES REOPEN

Effective today, the Secretary of State's office has filed emergency rules extending expiration dates for driver's licenses, identification (ID) cards, vehicle registrations and other transactions and document filings for at least 90 days after Driver Services facilities reopen. The previous extension was for 30 days. This move will ensure driver's licenses, ID cards and vehicle registrations remain valid during the COVID-19 pandemic and will help alleviate the rush of customers visiting Driver Services facilities once they reopen.

ONLINE SERVICES

While Driver Services facilities are closed to the public through April 30, we are encouraging residents to go to www.cyberdriveillinois.com to take advantage of many online services - such as renewing vehicle registration stickers - from the comfort of their own home. People who conduct online transactions will further help to alleviate the rush of face-to-face transactions that will occur at facilities once they reopen.

Some of these online services include:

- renewing a vehicle registration;
- applying for a vehicle title and registration;
- obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card;
- obtaining a driving record abstract;
- renewing a standard driver's license with the Safe Driver Renewal program.

CDL

Effective today, employers who are registered with the Secretary of State's office as Third Party Testers can send in a completion form for each student that indicates the student took the road exam and the results of that exam. A commercial driver's license will be processed in Springfield and mailed to the driver. If the employer is not a Third Party tester, then the applicant will have to wait for Secretary of State Driver Services facilities to open.

Senior Services/Department of Aging

If you are a senior or know of a senior in need, please let them know of the IL Senior Help Line - 1-(800)252-8966.

[Volunteer needs from AgeLinc](#) for Sangamon, Christian, Montgomery and Logan counties

Resources for Businesses

[See our small business resources document here.](#)

Public Health Guidance

The [Center for Disease Control has issued guidance for cleaning and disinfecting public places](#) in preparation for reopening. This document provides a general framework for cleaning and disinfection practices. The framework is based on doing the following:

- Normal routine cleaning with soap and water will decrease how much of the virus is on surfaces and objects, which reduces the risk of exposure.
- Disinfection using EPA-approved disinfectants against COVID-19 also help reduce the risk. Frequent disinfection of surfaces and objects touched by multiple people is important.
- When EPA-approved disinfectants are not available, alternative disinfectants can be used (for example, 1/3 cup of bleach added to 1 gallon of water, or 70% alcohol solutions). Do not mix bleach or other cleaning and disinfection products together. This can cause fumes that may be very dangerous to breathe in. Keep all disinfectants out of the reach of children.

[Guidance for Employers](#) (Chicago Department of Public Health) - March 26, 2020

- Reduce transmission among employees
- Maintain business operations
- Maintain a health work environment

Face Coverings for Community Organizations

The HHS Partnership Center is supporting HHS and FEMA's efforts to make face coverings widely available in order to limit the spread of COVID-19. The face coverings, produced and delivered in partnership with USPS and the National Council of Textile Organizations, are being made available to community-based organizations at no cost (and while supplies last).

Please review the enclosed information sheet and click below for information on the face coverings and how to order.

<https://asprwgpublic.hhs.gov/aspcc/facecover/Pages/default.aspx>

A few things to note:

- Face coverings are 100% Cotton Jersey, bind around face and ears, and are treated with a 0.5% OWG Agion AMB-10 Antimicrobial (contains silver and copper, which will help to prevent the growth of viruses and germs. Washable up to 15 times). Adult One-size fits all.
- They do not replace the N95 face mask used in healthcare settings and should not be used when caring for those with COVID-19. **They are intended to expand the community's capacity to limit the spread of COVID-19.

- The face coverings come in cartons of 500 masks per carton. (Minimum order is one carton) Larger orders may be expedited more quickly.
- They are not to be sold and are to be used within US States/Territories/Tribal Nations.

Definition of Essential Business

Businesses and services that are deemed essential may remain open. These include:

- Police stations
- Fire stations
- Hospitals/clinics and healthcare operations
- Human service operations
- Community based organizations that provide meals and social services
- Jails/Prisons
- Garbage/sanitation
- Transportation, including airports, CTA and Metra
- Utilities: Water, power, gas, etc.
- Public works
- Gas stations
- Pharmacies
- Food:
 - Grocery stores
 - Food banks
 - Convenience stores
 - Restaurants for: Delivery, take-out, curbside delivery
- Banks and financial institutions
- Laundromats/laundry service
- Funeral services
- Hotel and lodging
- Hardware and supply stores
- Critical trades such as plumbers, electricians, exterminators, security personnel etc.
- Post offices and other shipping services
- Greenhouses, garden centers, and nurseries
- Animal grooming
- A full list can be found in the executive order at coronavirus.illinois.gov

In addition to these businesses, some outdoor activities are now allowed: fishing, boating, and [golf given there is compliance with DCEO guidelines](#).

Consult Executive Order 2020-32 at coronavirus.illinois.gov for the full list of industries allowed to remain open. If you are still uncertain about whether your operation can remain open, call 1-800-252-2923 or email CEO.support@illinois.gov. We encourage any company, essential or not, to implement work-from-home policies to the greatest extent possible.

Loans/Grants

[See the loan and grant information in chart form.](#)

Federal Small Business Administration

[Small Business Owner Guide to the CARES Act](#) (from the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship) continues to be a great resource for small businesses & non-profits looking for assistance during this period. This guide has frequently asked questions for each of the programs established or enhanced to support small businesses, and many of its key points are briefly summarized in the guidance below.

[Feedback on your Disaster Recovery](#). Share your organization's experience navigating the federal resources created to support these organizations during this time of need.

[SBA's Paycheck Protection Program](#) -- [See fact sheet here](#)

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO AUGUST 8

The PPP program is designed to help small businesses & non-profits maintain payroll in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program will cover costs beginning on February 15, 2020. Eligible businesses who enroll in the program will receive a forgivable loan to use for payroll purposes, in addition to helping pay for utilities, rent, mortgage interest payments, and more.

After a lapse in funding, **\$310 billion** in additional funding for the program was allocated \$349 billion in less than two weeks.

- \$30 billion of that total was set aside for small banks & lending institutions (under \$10b in assets) in addition to:
 - Community Development Financial Institutions, Minority Depository Institutions, Certified Development Companies, and microlenders
 - \$30 billion of that total was set aside for 'medium sized' lenders between \$10 billion and \$50 billion in assets

Eligibility: Small businesses up to 500 employees, non-profits, independent contractors and self-employed. Churches are eligible but only to cover payroll of an associated business like a thrift store. 501(c)6s are not eligible. Affiliation rules are waived for franchises.

Loan Size: Maximum loan is \$10 million.

If you were in business between 2/15/19-6/30/19, your maximum loan is 250% of your average monthly payroll costs during that period. If you employ seasonal workers, you can opt to choose March 1 instead of Feb 15.

If you were not in business between 2/15/19-6/30/19, your maximum loan is 250% of your average monthly payroll costs between January 1, 2020 and February 29, 2020.

At least 75% of your loan must be used for payroll.

Term and interest: If not forgiven, rate is 1% fixed for the first two years. Maximum term is 10 years with a maximum interest rate of 4% with zero loan fees, zero payment fee.

You must spend the funds in 24 weeks, but before December 31, 2020. This was previously 8 weeks

Forgivability: Forgiveness of up to 8 weeks of payroll based on employee retention and salary levels. The amount of the loan forgiven at the end of the year will be determined by how many employees were retained on the company's payroll, up to 100%. The forgiveness amount is the sum of: payroll costs, payment of interest on any covered mortgage obligations, any payment on any covered rent obligations, and any covered utility payment. Payroll excludes compensation

over \$100,000, and does not include any 1099 workers. 60% of the funds must be spent on payroll. This is a reduction from 75%.

How are loans made: The SBA's network for 7(a) lenders will be used to process these loans. [Find a lender here.](#)

Does this work with other SBA loans: Borrowers may apply for PPP loans and other SBA financial assistance including EIDLs.

Application Information: PPP applications are to be submitted through participating lenders. (See the [PPP Lender Find Tool](#) below)

If you have already submitted your application with a lender, we suggest that you contact that lender ASAP to ensure that they have the documentation they need to process your application as soon as possible.

If you have applied for a PPP loan but have found your lender non-responsive, you may want to consider other avenues to ensure that your application has a great likelihood of being processed and accepted. According to my contacts at the SBA, it is not uncommon for organizations to have multiple simultaneous PPP applications filed with different lenders. While I do not have anything in writing, it is my understanding that these simultaneous applications will not harm your attempt to receive PPP funding. Importantly, I want to reiterate that your organization may only receive one PPP loan.

Lenders Accepting New Customers: If you have not yet located a lender willing to take your application, our office has been informed about several lenders that are accepting applications from new customers. These include:

- Paypal ([PPP Page](#))
- TCF Bank ([PPP Page](#))
- Kabbage ([PPP Page](#))
- [Devon Bank](#)

These are lenders that small businesses have indicated are or were receiving applications from new customers, but to be clear: this isn't an endorsement of any of them. I encourage you to do your due diligence before entering into a relationship with any lender.

PPP Loan Resources: The Small Business Administration has distributed additional guidance from the U.S. Department of the Treasury on how the Paycheck Protection Program is going to be implemented and what both lenders and borrowers need to know. The following documents were provided:

- [General Program Overview for the Paycheck Protection Program](#)
- [PPP Lender Find Tool](#) (as of 4/27, there are 127, 293 lender results when I used the search tool)
- [Department of Treasury PPP Program: Frequently Asked Questions](#) (new as of 4/6)
- [PPP: Information for Lenders](#)
- [PPP: Information for Borrowers](#)
- [Sample Paycheck Protection Program Application](#) (link updated 4/6)

- [Small Business Administration's PPP Page](#)

Need assistance? You can call your local [Small Business Development Center](#) or [Women's Business Center](#) and they will provide assistance and guide you to lenders.

[Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance Loans](#)

SBA Disaster Assistance Loans Fact Sheet: [General](#)

SBA Disaster Assistance Loans Fact Sheet: [Businesses and Nonprofits](#)

SBA Disaster Assistance Loans Fact Sheet: [Homeowners and Renters](#)

General Information: The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program received significant additional funding in the recent bill signed into law on 4/24. These SBA loans provide small businesses with a long-term, low interest loan to help them survive the COVID-19 crisis.

Note that these are loans, not grants like the PPP may turn into. Applicants can apply for both EIDL and PPP loans simultaneously, although the funds cannot be used for the same purpose.

Illinois Numbers So Far: [According to the SBA](#), as of April 24, 38,984 EIDL program loans have been processed nationally, amounting to almost \$8 billion. This includes **1,243 loans for Illinois organizations**, amounting to about **\$256 million**. Note that there is significant demand for this program, and it is my understanding that there may be millions of applications being processed.

Application Process: The SBA has established a streamlined application process that is [available here](#). **Important:** if your eligible business or non-profit needs short term assistance, and you ***applied prior to March 29***, you must re-submit your application to request the EEIG cash advance.

If you have already applied for funds through EIDL and do not need the loan advance (discussed below), your application should continue to be processed without additional steps.

Application Status: You may check on the status of your application by calling 800-659-2955.

Businesses Damaged by Civil Unrest: If your business faced damage as a result of recent unrest, you may qualify for low-interest loans and financial assistance.

- SBA [News Release](#) on Disaster-Related Damages for Business - June 24, 2020
- SBA Low-Interest Federal Loans for Disaster-Related Damages: [Fact Sheet](#)

Emergency Economic Injury Grants

General Information: Businesses that need an infusion of capital in the short term and are applying for a loan through the EIDL program also have the opportunity to apply for an

Emergency Economic Injury Grant. The purpose of the EEIG program is to receive an advance of **up to** \$10,000 from the requested EIDL amount, and to receive this amount quickly while the EIDL application is being processed. This process can be started from the EIDL application, [available here](#). This program's original \$10 billion appropriation was recently doubled to \$20 billion.

Illinois Numbers So Far: [According to the SBA](#), as of April 24, 1,192,519 EEIG advances had been processed, totaling about \$4.8 billion. Of these, **42,381 Illinois organizations** had received the advance amounting to about \$176 million.

SBA Express Bridge Loans

The SBA has announced the availability of a new SBA Express Bridge Loan program, that is available to small businesses who already have an established relationship with a SBA Express Lender.

- [SBA Express Bridge Loan Program Homepage](#)
- [SBA Express Bridge Program Guide](#)
- [List of SBA Express Lenders](#) (noted with a "SX" in the Program Authority column)

General Information: SBA Express Bridge loans are being offered to act as a bridge for businesses who need short term funding in order to stay afloat until they receive EIDL funds they have previously applied for. These funds are available in amounts of up to \$25,000 and have a fast turnaround time. These loans will be repaid in full or in part by proceeds from the EIDL loan once the process is completed.

[Small Business Debt Relief Program](#)

The Small Business Administration is providing a program to assist small businesses who have non-disaster SBA loans – namely 7(a) loans, 504 loans, and microloans.

Program Benefits: The SBA will cover payments (on principal and interest) in addition to fees for six months.

Program Applicability: This program will apply to preexisting loans in these categories, in addition to *new borrowers who take out these loans within six months of the CARES Act becoming law*.

Loan Program Details: Please see the below links if you think that your business could benefit from these options:

- [7\(a\) Loan Program Information](#)

- 7(a) loans max out at \$5 million are targeted towards borrowers who lack credit elsewhere and need access to flexible capital. These loans are offered through approved 7(a) lenders ([a list is available here](#))
- [504 Loan Program Information](#)
 - 504 Loans max out at \$5.5 million and provide long-term fixed-rate financing and may be a good option for businesses looking to purchase property or large equipment
- [SBA Microloan Program Information](#)
 - The SBA's microloan program offers loans of up to \$50,000 to help small businesses start up or expand.

State of Illinois

Business Interruption Grant (BIG) Program

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) will launch the first round of Business Interruption Grants (BIG) by providing \$60 million to businesses experiencing losses or business interruption as a result of COVID-19 related closures. The BIG Program is available for up to 3,500 businesses that experienced a limited ability to operate due to COVID-19 related closures. DCEO will begin distributing funds to qualifying businesses in early July. The total program funding will amount to at least \$540 million in grants for small businesses, \$270 of which has been set aside for childcare providers and is funded by the CARES Act.

In the first wave of grants, priority will be given to small businesses that have been heavily restricted or completely shut down during the pandemic and are located in DIAs. Businesses eligible for the program must have experienced extreme hardship, demonstrated by eligible costs or losses in excess of the grant amount, since March and may continue to face depressed revenues or closure. Businesses must also have been in operation for at least three months prior to March 2020. An emphasis will also be placed on those businesses that are located in areas that have experienced recent property damage due to civil unrest, exacerbating the economic impacts of COVID-19.

Specifically, the program includes support for:

- Businesses in DIAs - \$20 million for businesses that are located in a subset of DIAs that have recently experienced significant property damage, providing 1,000 grants of \$20,000 each
- Bars and Restaurants - \$20 million for bars and restaurants unable to offer outside service, providing 1,000 grants of up to \$20,000
- Barbershops and Salons - \$10 million for barbershops and salons, providing 1,000 grants of \$10,000 each
- Gyms and Fitness Centers - \$10 million for gyms and fitness centers that have lost significant revenue due to COVID-19, providing 500 grants of \$20,000 each

Your district will contain a zip code that is a Disproportionately Impacted Area (DIA) if it has experienced property damage due to civil unrest. Only those zip codes will be eligible for the first bullet point, and these zip codes can be found [here](#). Zip codes that are DIAs but did not experience property damage will be eligible to apply for the other three bullet points, and they will receive priority. You can find a map of all DIAs [here](#).

Applications are available on Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

[See this document for more information.](#)

The application will open for submissions on Friday, June 26th on the [overview page](#), and will close on Tuesday, July 7th.

[DCEO's Emergency Small Business Grants and Loans Assistance](#)

[Illinois Small Business Emergency Loan Fund](#)

Eligibility: ~~Small businesses located outside of the City of Chicago with fewer than 50 workers and less than \$3 million in revenue in 2019. This is not for the City of Chicago due to the [Resiliency Fund](#).~~

What funds can be used for: ~~Loans can be used to support working capital, and at least 50% of loan proceeds should be applied toward payroll or other eligible compensation, with a commitment to hire or retain at least 50% of a business workforce for six months. Eligible compensation includes salaries, wages, tips, paid leave, and group healthcare benefits. Eligible uses will exclude compensation over \$100,000.~~

How much money is available? ~~Businesses can receive up to a low interest loan of up to \$50,000 with a 5 year repayment period with no payments due for the first six months.~~

How soon will businesses receive funds? ~~Eligible businesses will be invited to submit a full application beginning on April 1. Once submitted, we will strive to make a loan decision within 10 days, and make funds available within two days of receiving bank information from a business.~~

How to apply: ~~Businesses will be able to complete an interest form [on this web page](#) on Friday, March 27, 2020.~~

Temporarily not accepting applications at this time.

Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program

Eligibility: Small businesses of 50 employees or less. Communities receiving an annual allocation directly from HUD on an entitlement (formula) basis are not eligible to apply for the State's CDBG funding, and businesses located within the entitlement areas are not eligible for assistance.

How to apply: All applications must be made through a unit of local government (city, village or county) following the Program Guidebook and Application requirements. The Guidebook and related materials [can be found here](#).

Grant amount: Businesses may receive funding equating to 60 days of verifiable working capital up to a maximum of \$25,000.

Illinois Treasurer's Small Business COVID-19 Relief Program

The program is an impact investment loan program under which the State Treasurer would make up to \$250 million in deposits available to financial institutions throughout the state, at near-zero rates, to assist Illinois small business and nonprofits negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Treasurer's Office would partner with approved financial institutions to provide loans -- either lower rate loans, or loans to a business or non-profit that would not otherwise qualify -- to Illinois small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Deposited funds facilitate affordable loans (not to exceed 4.75%) to small businesses and nonprofits to be used to provide bridge funding, pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills.

Illinois businesses or nonprofits must be headquartered in Illinois and have been shut down because of COVID-19. Applicants are required to have less than \$1 million in liquid assets or \$8 million average annual receipts (per SBA standards).

[List of participating depositories.](#)

Cook County

Cook County Community Recovery Fund **closed**

[Application here](#) — [FAQs](#)

Rapid relief loans for small businesses, gig workers and independent contractors:

Loan Amount: up to \$20,000 for small businesses and \$10,000 for independent contractors

Interest rate: 0%

Eligibility: businesses and independent contractors in suburban Cook County must meet these requirements:

Small Businesses: Fewer than 25 employees, less than \$3 million in revenue

Gig Workers: At least half of income from 1099 contract work, less than \$100,000 in gross annual income

To apply: Applications are open on a first come, first serve basis. To learn more about the initiative and [sign up for updates for when the application period opens](#), please complete this form. Updates will be sent on a regular basis.

City of Chicago

Together Now Fund

In collaboration with The Chicago Community Trust, the City of Chicago is launching the Together Now fund to unite money raised by Chicago's philanthropies, corporations, and individuals to be disbursed to small businesses and not for profits throughout the City that have experienced damage as a result of activities over the past week. The fund is starting out with an initial \$10 million City commitment to address immediate needs of small businesses, and today Jewel Osco is announcing its support as the fund's first donor.

When businesses apply for assistance from the fund, multiple factors will be taken into consideration. While businesses throughout the city will be eligible, allocations will be made with an equity weighting to account for a disproportionate impact felt in particular neighborhoods throughout the city. Black and Latinx business owners are more frequently uninsured or underinsured and living in communities that have faced decades of disinvestment, both of which will be considered in the decision making process.

More information about the eligibility requirements, size of grants, and the number of recipients will be determined in the coming days as the City continues to take inventory of the total damages. In the meantime, for more information or to make a donation please visit cct.org/togethernow.

Chicago Small Business Resiliency Fund

— [Pamphlet](#)

The City is establishing a \$100 million Chicago Small Business Resiliency Fund, which will help to provide small businesses with emergency cash flow during this immediate health crisis. Funds will be provided to eligible businesses as low interest loans.

Loan Terms:

Loan Amount: ~~3 months average monthly revenues before the COVID-19 outbreak, up to \$50,000~~

Interest Rate: ~~The fixed annual interest rate on the loan will be 1% for the first 18 months. After 18 months, the rate will increase to 5.75% for the duration of the loan~~

Repayment: ~~For months 1—6: \$10 monthly payment of principal for account maintenance purposes; interest accrues but is not payable. For months 7—12: Interest only monthly payments. Month 13 and thereafter: Monthly principal and interest payments~~

Term: ~~Up to 5 years (60 months)~~

Proceeds: ~~Proceeds are required to be used for working capital with at least 50% of proceeds being applied toward payroll. The applicant must also make a commitment to maintain its workforce at 50% or more of pre-COVID-19 levels for at least 6 months~~

Eligibility:

~~Employ fewer than 50 employees, 50% of whom are Chicago residents~~

~~Have realized gross annual revenues of less than \$3 million pre-COVID-19~~

~~Have suffered a revenue decrease of at least 25% due to COVID-19~~

~~Be located in the City of Chicago and have been in business for at least 1 year as of the date of application~~

To apply you will need:

~~A valid business address within the City of Chicago~~

~~A valid City business license, if applicable~~

~~Business bank statements from October 2019 to February 2020~~

~~The most recently filed tax return~~

~~A photo ID (may include CityKey, consular ID, passport, or other forms) of the loan applicant business owner~~

~~The applicant business owner will be required to provide a personal guarantee and be subject to a credit check (Note: if two or more owners have equal ownership of the business, then each owner with that ownership share is subject to the credit check and personal guarantee)~~

Applications can be found [here](#).

US Chamber of Commerce

Save Small Business Grant

Qualifications:

- Employ between 3 and 20 people
- Be located in an economically vulnerable community
- Have been harmed financially by the COVID-19 pandemic

Grant Amount:

Funded by corporate and philanthropic partners, the Save Small Business Fund is a collective effort to provide \$5,000 grants to as many small employers as we can. We hope these supplemental funds will help you get through the next days and weeks.

Application: Opens April 20, 2020

<https://savesmallbusiness.com/>

A Better Chicago's Emergency Relief Grant

A Better Chicago is now accepting grant applications for projects and initiatives providing assistance to low-income youth and families experiencing significant hardship due to COVID-19.

Funds will support the urgent needs of young people and their families, with a specific focus on Black and Latinx youth due to the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on these communities and the systemic inequities that exist in Chicago. Grants may be requested from nonprofit organizations for the following needs:

- Providing direct financial support (e.g. stipends to students who have lost work)
- Providing essential goods and services (e.g. groceries)
- Rapidly innovating to continue delivering high-quality programming (e.g. virtual instruction)

Grant amount and duration will vary based on need, potential impact, and available funds. We anticipate making grants ranging from \$20K-\$100K over three to six months. We are currently providing funding for organizations serving youth and families in Cook County, DuPage County, Kane County, Lake County, McHenry County, and Will County.

To be considered for an Emergency Relief Fund grant, please submit an application focused on **the specific project or initiative for which you are seeking relief funding**. Our goal is to provide critical support as efficiently and effectively as possible. With that in mind, please consider the following options and select the most convenient way to apply:

- Complete [this Google Form](#)
- Respond to the application questions by sending an email to ERF@abetterchicago.org with:
 - Written responses in email body or an attachment
 - Video or voice recording
 - Relevant proposals or materials developed for other funders

If you have any questions regarding applying for relief funding, please email ERF@abetterchicago.org or call Marshana Roberts at 312.674.7088.

Application launched: April 6, 2020

Application deadline: Rolling

Decision Period: Rolling

Business Counseling and Application Assistance

In addition to direct financial assistance to small businesses and nonprofits, the recent stimulus packages have included significant funding for enhanced small business counseling services. These organizations are well versed in how to help small businesses succeed and stand ready and willing to help your organization navigate these difficult times. Counseling resources include:

- [Illinois Small Business Development Center at West Side Forward](#)

- Contact is Curtis Roeschley, 773-473-4774 / croeschley@bethelnewlife.org
- [Women's Business Development Center](#)
 - 312-853-3477 / wdbc@wdbc.org / contact for loan assistance: Lotika Pai, lpai@wdbc.org
 - In addition to serving women entrepreneurs, the Women's Business Development Center is mandated to serve the needs of underserved entrepreneurs, including low-income entrepreneurs.
- [Minority Business Development Agency Business Center](#)
 - 312-755-2563
- [Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity](#)
 - CEO.Support@illinois.gov

Tax Information

[Income tax collection postponed](#) - IRS

- The federal government has postponed income tax collections until July 15.

The CARES Act instituted a couple of tax provisions for those who are not receiving assistance through the Paycheck Protection Program.

- Employee Retention Credit for Employers Subject to Closure provides a refundable payroll tax credit for 50% of wages paid by eligible employers. Employers are eligible if their operations have been fully or partially suspended due to government-ordered limitations, or if their quarterly receipts diminish by greater than 50%.
- Delay of Payment of Employer Payroll Taxes. Employers can defer paying payroll taxes through the end of 2020 with all 2020 deferred amounts due in two installments -- one at the end of 2021 and the end of 2022.

[Taxpayer Resources during COVID-19 outbreak](#)

[State income tax filing deadline extended](#)

- Illinois has announced that, like the federal government, income tax filing has been extended to July 15. This does not include first and second installments of estimated payments of 2020 taxes that are due April 15 and June 15.

[Sales Tax Delay Fact Sheet](#) - Gov. Pritzker directed the Department of Revenue to defer sales tax payments for more than 24,000 small- and medium-sized bars and restaurants — accounting for nearly 80% of all such entities statewide. In order to qualify, the eating and drinking establishment needed to incur less than \$75,000 in sales tax liabilities last year. Penalties and interest will be automatically waived; however, qualified taxpayers must still file their sales tax return even if they are unable to make a payment. Any taxpayers taking advantage of this relief will be required to pay their sales tax liabilities due in March, April and

May in four installments starting on May 20 and extending through August 20. For more information, please view IDOR's informational bulletin available at tax.illinois.gov.

[Withholding Information for Out-of-State Employers](#) - May 2020

- If an Illinois resident employee has performed work for more than 30 working days from their home in Illinois for an out-of-state employer, the employer may be required to register with the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) and withhold Illinois Income Tax from the employee.

Information for Businesses Experiencing Physical Damages

Distressed Capital Program

Rebuild Distressed Communities is a \$25 million economic recovery program to support Illinois businesses that have sustained property damage as a result of civil unrest during protest and demonstrations on or after May 25th, 2020.

The Distressed Capital Program will reimburse the costs to repair structural damages, including repairs to storefronts and entrances, improving electrical systems, and restoring exterior work. Projects that were denied coverage by an insurance company are eligible, but must include documentation proving denial. Grants will range from \$1M to \$10M; with subgrants ranging in size from \$1,000 to \$200,000.

The Distressed Capital Program will specifically help businesses located in DIAs and will prioritize small businesses, women and minority-owned businesses, underinsured or uninsured businesses, businesses that have a high community impact – such as grocery stores – and businesses in communities that have experienced historic disinvestment.

The Distressed Capital Program also includes provisions to ensure BEP-certified contractors, including minority- and women-owned businesses, are the first in line to do the repair work. DCEO will invite applications for the Distressed Capital Program with a NOFO made available on Monday, June 22nd. To help applicants apply for the Distressed Capital Grant program, DCEO will host a webinar and other outreach to make eligible businesses aware of funding available to them.

[See this website for more information.](#)

Survey for Disaster Declaration from SBA

DCEO, IEMA and the Governor's Office are working with the US Small Business Administration to secure access to helpful resources for small businesses impacted by civil unrest throughout the State of Illinois. In order to receive assistance, you may need to have photos of any physical damages that you've experienced. Before cleaning up any store fronts, please take photos.

DCEO is conducting a Civil Unrest Impact Survey to assist the State in requesting a disaster declaration from SBA. [You can find the survey here.](#)

Insurance information

The Illinois Department of Insurance issued [a bulletin](#) to insurance companies as a result of the looting and pandemic. The bulletin calls on insurance companies to do the following:

- Insurers should apply claims best practices consistent with the categorization of this event as a catastrophic event, including expedited claims handling, advance claim payments, and fair treatment of all policyholders, regardless of size.
- Insurers should implement a moratorium on the cancellation or non-renewal of impacted policyholders for a period of 60 days from the date of this Company Bulletin.
- Insurers should err on the side of the policyholder when paying claims as a result of riots, civil commotion, or vandalism from commercial policyholders who were unable to make full premium payments during the period following the Governor's Executive Order 2020-10, dated March 20, 2020.
- To the extent business interruption provisions are included and operative under a policy, insurers should base payouts on business activity levels that eliminate the impact of COVID-19.
- Insurers should err on the side of the policyholder when considering the use of exclusions that may or may not be applicable.

For more information on how to approach property damage claims, see this guidance from the Department of Insurance in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Chinese](#), [Korean](#), and [Urdu](#) languages.

If you believe an insurer is not acting in good faith and not honoring their obligations, please file a complaint here: <https://mc.insurance.illinois.gov/messagecenter.nsf>.

Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR)
[Resources Regarding Coronavirus](#)

Health Care Providers

Department of Public Health (IDPH)

Personal Protective Equipment

[Using the Battelle Critical Care Decontamination System \(FEMA\)](#) - April 25, 2020

[Battelle CCDS Overview](#)

[PPE Burn Rate Calculator](#) - April 24, 2020

[Requesting PPE Procedure for LTCFs](#) - April 21, 2020

[Update on PPE](#) - April 16, 2020

- The state has now delivered PPE from the state stockpile to all 102 counties, including local Emergency Management Agencies, all Regional Health Care Coalitions, and local health departments. The state stockpile supports the existing PPE supply chains and stocks at various healthcare facilities.
- In sum, the state has sent out more than 5 million surgical masks, over 1.5 million N95 masks, nearly 20,000 gowns, over 4 million gloves, and nearly 200,000 face shields.

If you have any of the following items, please find a way to get them into the hands of the medical professionals who desperately need them.

- PDI disinfectant wipes
- Surgical masks
- N95 masks
- Sterile, cotton-tipped swabs (specifically BD #220531)
- M3 reusable masks + N100 cartridges
- Gowns/bunny suits
- Hand sanitizer

There are several websites that you can use to let medical personnel know that you have resources you are willing to donate. Please only submit information to one donation website to avoid any possible confusion.

[The State of Illinois has a COVID-19 PPE donation page](#)

[The University of Chicago Hospitals](#)

[The NorthShore Hospitals Donations from the Community page](#)

[Northwestern Medicine's donations page](#)

Please note that hospitals are only accepting donations of specific items – generally, they want factory-made, hospital-quality supplies that are still in the manufacturer's unopened original packaging – and you should only drop off donated supplies after you have made prior arrangements with the hospital. However, guidelines differ from hospital to hospital, so please check the web page first.

[Clarifying guidance on KN95 Masks](#) - April 16, 2020

- When supplies are available, IDPH recommends using NIOSH-approved N95s or similar respirators for aerosol generating procedures, such as intubations. When supplies of NIOSH-approved N95s are not available, authorized respirators listed on Appendix A may be used. When used in this manner, employees should still be fit tested to confirm a

proper fit. A list of these respirators is available from:

<https://www.fda.gov/media/136663/download>. This listing changes frequently so partner agencies should check it often.

- IDPH recommends using KN95 respirators that are not included on Appendix A to FDA's EUA as acceptable crisis alternatives to medical procedure or cloth masks. KN95s may provide equal or greater protection under these circumstances. IDPH is not recalling previously distributed KN95 respirators.
- IDPH and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) will evaluate future supplies of respirators that are shipped to Illinois to determine whether they are authorized under FDA's EUA or they should be used as alternatives to medical procedure or cloth masks.

Stop using KN95 Masks - April 15, 2020

- Discontinue using any KN95 respirators for procedures that require the use of an N95 or similar respirator unless their authenticity and performance (through fit testing) can be verified.
- Stop distributing any KN95s that have not been added to Appendix A of FDA's emergency use authorization.
- Remove from service any KN95s that have already been received.
- Do not use KN95s whose performance cannot be verified through successful fit testing.

Urgent call for PPE Donations - March 21, 2020

- Any type of healthcare PPE will be welcomed, especially surgical gloves, gowns, goggles, face shields, surgical masks and N-95 respirator masks.
- There is an email set up for anyone who has PPE and would like to donate:
Ppe.donations@illinois.gov

IEMA has set up the following email address to funnel all leads or connections on PPE or other goods: Covid.procurement@illinois.gov

Updated guidance for optimizing the supply of N95 respirators - April 7, 2020

- Updates to conventional, contingency, and crisis capacity strategies from CDC

Updated Guidance for Requesting PPE for Hospitals - April 3, 2020

Letter to EMS about requesting PPE - April 3, 2020

Guidance for Requesting Personal Protective Equipment for EMS - March 29, 2020

Guidance for Requesting Personal Protective Equipment - March 18, 2020

- ~~Request in IMATS~~
- ~~If no products are available via IPS or SNS, check regional supplies through hospital/RHCG.~~
- ~~If no resources exist in the region: LHD requests resources via → EMA → IEMA → SEOG~~
- ~~Facilities in Suburban Cook County contact CGDPH~~
- ~~Facilities in Chicago contact CDPH~~

Updated Guidance for Extended PPE Use and Conservation - March 25, 2020

CDC: Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators - March 25, 2020

Memo on the PPE Burn Rate Calculator - March 26, 2020

Call to conserve PPE at all hospitals and EMS - March 21, 2020

Respirator (N95) Reuse Recommendations - March 19, 2020

- [National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health Guidance for Extended N95 Use IDPH Recommendations for PPE Use and Conservation](#) - March 16, 2020
- ~~Updated recommendations include conservation strategies and crisis/alternative strategies if supply is low and are unable to procure more supplies.~~
- [CDC Guidance on PPE](#)

Hospitals and Clinical Guidance

[EmResource Update](#) - June 18, 2020

[Remdesivir Allocation Letter](#) - June 5, 2020

EMResource Information - May 28, 2020

[Overview](#)

[User Guide](#)

[Roles and Rights](#)

[Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children](#) - May 21, 2020

[Provisional Guidance on Remdesivir](#) - May 21, 2020

[Letter](#)

[Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Medical Emergency Services Managed in Hospital Emergency Departments During COVID-19 Pandemic](#) - May 18, 2020

[Distribution of Remdesivir to Combat COVID-19 in Illinois](#) - May 16, 2020

[Letter](#)

[COVID-19 Capacity and Utilization Reporting](#) - May 15, 2020

[Support Persons in Health Care Facilities](#) - May 15, 2020

Hospitals should allow patients with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities or cognitive impairments to be accompanied by a support person determined to be essential to their care. Persons with disabilities should be provided reasonable accommodations that afford meaningful access to information and an equal opportunity to benefit from the treatment.

[Changes and Additions to EMResource](#) - May 6, 2020

[Elective Procedures FAQs](#) - May 6, 2020

- Elective procedures may begin on May 11

[Returning MABAS Tents from Illinois Hospitals](#) - May 4, 2020

[Guidance on leaving COVID-19 at work](#) - April 26, 2020

[Guidance for Elective Procedures](#) - April 24, 2020

- Starting May 11, hospitals may begin performing elective procedures as long as they align with this guidance from IDPH.

[Guidelines on Emergency Preparedness](#) - April 20, 2020

[Ethical Guidance for Crisis Standards of Care](#)

[HHS Requests from Hospitals--Reporting in EMResource](#) - April 24, 2020

Long-Term Care, Congregate Living Facilities, Home Care Agencies

[Outdoor Visitation Guidance](#) - June 18, 2020

[LTCF NHSN COVID-19 Module-IDPH Group Reporting](#) - May 29, 2020

[Testing and Response Strategy for LTCF and Congregate Settings](#) - May 28, 2020

[Mandated Testing in Long Term Care Facilities](#) - May 28, 2020

[Call with Legislators. Briefing](#) - May 9, 2020

[Response to Nursing Home Plan for Coronavirus Pandemic](#) - April 30, 2020

[Short version](#)

[Communicating with residents and families about cases](#) - April 27, 2020

[Requesting PPE Procedure for LTCFs](#) - April 21, 2020

[Communicating COVID Diagnosis in LTCFs](#) - April 20, 2020

[Long-Term Care Facilities. Access for Essential Personnel](#) - April 17, 2020

[Home Health Agencies Guidance](#) - April 16, 2020

[Guidance on Transferring Patients from Hospital Settings to Skilled and Intermediate Long-term Care Facilities](#) - April 7, 2020

- Guidance for non-COVID 19 patients, suspected COVID-19 patients, and confirmed COVID-19 patients

[Guidance for Home Care Service Providers Regarding Supervisory Visits](#) - April 4, 2020

[Guidance for Congregate Living Facilities](#) - March 31, 2020

[Long-Term Facility Guidance](#) - March 20, 2020

- Suspending all in-person resident assessment for the Identified Offenders Program effective immediately.
- Per March 13 guidance from CMS/Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, nursing homes are to restrict visitation of all visitors and non-essential health care personnel, with an exception for compassionate care situations.
- [Long-term care facility assessment](#) (March 20, 2020) - please as soon as possible or March 27.

EMS and First Responder Guidance

[EMS Update](#) - July 2, 2020

[Roles required within EMS Administrative Code and furlough issues](#) - May 28, 2020

[Division of EMS Update Powerpoint](#) - May 21, 2020

[Division of EMS Update Powerpoint](#) - May 7, 2020

[Guidance for Firefighters](#) - April 24, 2020

[Division of EMS Updates Powerpoint](#) - April 23, 2020

[Crisis Standards of Care for EMS](#) - April 22, 2020

[Letter to Healthcare Leaders about clinical and EMS pathways](#) - April 16, 2020

[Clinical and EMS Pathways](#) - April 16, 2020

[Transport Options for EMS Patients](#) - April 16, 2020

[EMS Paper Refusal Forms](#) - April 16, 2020

[Transport Options for EMS Patients](#) - April 16, 2020

[Guidance to Local Health Departments on Disclosure of Information Regarding Persons with Positive Tests for COVID-19 to First Responders](#) - April 10, 2020

[EMS Alternate Transport Guidelines](#) - April 8, 2020

[Division of EMS Update Webinar Slides](#) - April 9, 2020

[Guidance for Transporting High-Risk Populations](#) - March 27, 2020

[Guidance for EMS, Non-Transportation for Mild Symptoms](#) - March 26, 2020

[Changes to EMS Scope of Practice and Alternate Care Patterns](#) - March 25, 2020

[Attachment to Memo](#)

Oral Health Guidance

[Revised Guidance for Oral HCPs](#) - May 21, 2020

[Interim Guidance on Routine Oral Health Care](#) - May 8, 2020

[New Requirement for Oral HCPs](#) - April 14, 2020

Dental offices should cease routine dental care immediately.

Dental offices should limit dental services to emergency and urgent care until further notice.

Emergency and urgent care should be provided without the use of aerosol-creating equipment.

[Actions for when provider or staff have exposure to or are COVID-19 positive](#) - April 14, 2020

[Plan of Action to meet urgent dental needs](#) - April 14, 2020

[Guidance for Oral Health Community and Dental Practices](#) - March 20, 2020

- Strongly recommended to cease all elective, non-emergency, non urgent oral health care immediately.
- If you have a surplus of PPE, please reach out to your local hospital or health department.

Chicago Department of Public Health

[Reopening Considerations for Healthcare Facilities](#) - June 3, 2020

Resources for Local Governments

Public Health Resources

Grants

Federal Government

The CARES Act made \$1.5 billion available through the EDA for a competitive grant for states and communities to apply for funding to plan and implement economic recovery strategies in response to COVID-19. The Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) grant became available on May 7th and applications are available on a rolling basis until funds run out.

The EDA is the only federal agency devoted exclusively to economic development policy. Its programs seek to expand local economic opportunities and focus on support for distressed communities.

Who Can Apply?

Eligible applicants for the EAA grant include state, county, local, and tribal governments; public and private colleges and universities; nonprofits; and economic development districts.

What are the Requirements?

In general, grants are intended to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to spread economic prosperity in distressed communities. The CARES Act requires these projects should also be preparing for or responding to COVID.

[More Information](#)

Department of Commerce and Economic Development

The Fast-Track program leverages funding from Rebuild Illinois, the state's multi-year capital plan, for allocation to shovel-ready projects just in time for the summer construction season. Fast-Track frontloads a portion of an existing Notice of Funding, to expedite funds available for grants ranging in size between \$500,000 and \$5 million. Funding will be awarded on a rolling basis, with projects submitted in underserved areas to be given priority.

Eligible grantees are local governments and other public entities with significant public infrastructure projects that could commence work within 90 days of receiving award notice. Projects eligible for grant funding must be public assets, must be permanent in nature and must not have recurring project expenses. Fast-Track projects must meet shovel-ready criteria, as well as the minority business participation requirements of the State of Illinois' Business Enterprise Program. To apply for the grants, please visit <https://bit.ly/3cGMtHv>.

Open Meetings Act Amended

[Guideline for Open Meetings Act \(OMA\) and Freedom of Information Act \(FOIA\) Requests in the pandemic](#) - March 23, 2020

Information for Schools

Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)

[Updated Frequently Asked Questions about School Reopening](#) - July 7, 2020

What parents need to know - [English](#) - [Español](#)

[CARES Act Information - March 31, 2020](#)

[Where to get Help Flyer // Spanish](#) - May 27, 2020

[Graduation Requirement Changes Per Executive Order 2020-31 and Emergency Rules](#)

[Summer school program guidance](#) - June 4, 2020

[Update to schools](#) - June 2, 2020

[Update to schools](#) - May 27, 2020

[Educator Licensing Changes FAQ](#) - May 22, 2020

[Update to schools](#) - May 18, 2020

- Includes information about the fiscal year 2020 Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Grant (ESSER)

[English Learners and English Learner Services During Remote Learning FAQ](#) - May 11, 2020

[Update to schools](#) - May 11, 2020

[Summer School Guidance](#) - May 6, 2020

[DCFS/ISBE Wellness Checks Information](#) - May 6, 2020

- What Schools and Districts Should Do If They Are Unable to Make Contact with a Student for Over a Week

[Update to schools](#) - May 6, 2020

[Frequently Asked Questions - May 5, 2020](#)

[Graduation Ceremony Guidance](#) - May 2, 2020

[Update to schools](#) - April 27, 2020

[Update to schools](#) - April 24, 2020

[Update to schools](#) - April 20, 2020

[Pandemic EBT Information for Schools](#) - April 20, 2020

[Update to schools](#) - April 17, 2020

[Frequently Asked Questions - April 15, 2020](#)

[Update to schools](#) - April 15, 2020

- Please verify students for the National School Lunch Program so that their families can qualify for the Pandemic EBT.
- May 1 is the last day to submit your nominations for School Lunch Hero Day.
- Please be sure to check out today's updated FAQ. It includes information on Career and Technical Education/Perkins V and agricultural education.

[Update to schools](#) - April 14, 2020

[Update to schools](#) - April 13, 2020

[Pandemic EBT Data Collection](#) - April 10, 2020

During these unprecedented times, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has authorized Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) benefits to SNAP and Non-SNAP households with children who have temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price school meals due to pandemic-related school closures. In order to approve these P-EBT benefits for families, the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) needs our help to validate students that qualify to receive free and reduced-price meals. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is working in partnership with DHS to ensure that this validation is available for all National School Lunch Program sponsors.

Therefore, ISBE is asking all NSLP sponsors to assist with this data collection effort no later than April 17, 2020. Please keep this information current going forward to make sure that students who become eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits in the future are accounted for and their families gain access to these needed extra funds.

[Update to schools](#) - April 10, 2020

[Update to schools](#) - April 7, 2020

- Finance Department temporarily suspending all further refund due notifications and freezes that are currently applied to all fiscal year 2020 grant projects
- [Teach Plus](#) Illinois is offering All Means All: Making Remote Learning Work For Every Illinois Student.

[Update to schools](#) - April 3, 2020

- Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) materials
- Nutritional resources
- LearnAway! From the University of Illinois

[Update to schools](#) - April 2, 2020

- Remote Learning Recommendations in Spanish
- Zoom Policies for Schools
- Assistive Technology
- All in Illinois

[Remote Learning Recommendations](#) - March 27, 2020

[Emergency Day Care Program Fact Sheet \(DCFS\)](#) - March 28, 2020

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[Guidance for Child Care Centers and Early Education Programs](#) - March 15, 2020

- Early childhood programs located within public and private schools must close.
- Funding will not be affected for early childhood programs funded through ISBE.
- Head Start programs will not lose funding for closing the public health emergency.
- Chicago DCFS will not reduce funding for closure or low attendance.
- DHS has a simplified waiver process for low attendance.
- Programs receiving funding from DCFS, ISBE, and/or DHS are expected to pay their staff as if there were no public health emergency.

[School closures letter and guidance](#) - March 13, 2020

- Includes suggestions for meal pick-up, and educational resources for children who lack access to internet

Chicago Public Schools

[Say Their Names - A toolkit to help foster productive conversations about race and civil disobedience](#)

As our district continues to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic, we want our families and students to remain engaged. The Chicago Public Schools FACE2 (Family and Community Engagement in Education) team is hosting virtual offerings in the following areas: social-emotional support, academics, arts and mediation, technology support, and direct access to experts from the field.

To receive information about future workshops please encourage individuals to sign up here: tinyurl.com/FACEparent. Visit tinyurl.com/FACE2workshops to view [weekly programming](#) and recordings of past workshops. There you will find an array of resources in English and Spanish, including tutorials on how to log onto a ZOOM or Google meeting.

For more information reach out to Norma Seledon at nseledon@cps.edu and follow our department on social media at @CPSParentU on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

Government Response to COVID-19

STATE GOVERNMENT

Governor's Office

Executive Orders and Disaster Proclamations

[Executive Order 2020-48](#) - July 24, 2020

- Executive Orders 2020-03, 2020-04, 2020-07, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-11, 2020-12, 2020-13, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-22, 2020-23, 2020-24, 2020-25, 2020-26, 2020-27, 2020-28, 2020-29, 2020-30, 2020-31, 2020-34, 2020-35, 2020-36, 2020-42, 2020-43, and 2020-45 hereby are re-issued by this Executive Order.

[Executive Order 2020-47](#) - July 24, 2020

- All public and nonpublic schools in Illinois serving pre-kindergarten through 12th grade students may open for in-person learning after the regular 2019-2020 school term. All schools must follow IDPH and ISBE health guidelines, including using PPE, temperature checks, hygienic practices, social distancing, and limiting people to 50 or fewer in one space.

[Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation](#) - July 24, 2020

[Executive Order 2020-46](#) - July 9, 2020

- Due to COVID-19 delays, the Census deadline has been extended from July 31, 2020 to October, 31 2020
- The Census Advisory Board will serve through December 2020 and dissolve December 31, 2020

[Executive Order 2020-44](#) - June 26, 2020

- Executive Orders 2020-03, 2020-04,, 2020-07, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-11, 2020-12, 2020-13, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-22, 2020-23, 2020-24, 2020-25, 2020-26, 2020-27, 2020-28, 2020-29, 2020-30, 2020-31, 2020-34, 2020-35, 2020-36, 2020-40, 2020-41, and 2020-42 are reissued until July 26, 2020.

[Executive Order 2020-43](#) - June 26,2020

- Individuals must still practice social distances when available and where face masks while working or in public. Gathering should still be limited and elderly people should take additional precautions. Being outside is better than socializing inside.
- Businesses must continue to utilize remote work, wear masks while operating brick and mortar stores, and promote social distancing/mask wearing with signage in store. Max capacity is at 50% for retail stores. Manufacturers must provide face masks for employees that cannot social distance.
- Restaurants and entertainment can start to return. Restaurant's will allow 50% capacity inside. Museums, Zoos, and indoor/outdoor activities can resume at 25% capacity.

[Executive Order 2020-41](#) - June 4, 2020

- For the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, people are no longer required to create sports gambling accounts in-person for wagering offered through phone apps.

[Executive Order 2020-40](#) - June 4, 2020

- Schools may open for limited education purposes following the completion of the 2019-2020 regular school year, but must limit the number of people to ten in one space and follow social distancing guidelines.
- [Summer school program guidance](#)

[Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation #6](#) - June 3, 2020

- Adding counties to protest proclamation

[Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation #5](#) - May 31, 2020

- George Floyd Protests

[Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation #4](#) - May 29, 2020

[Executive Order 2020-38](#) - May 29, 2020

- Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois plan implemented statewide

[Executive Order 2020-39](#) - May 29, 2020

- Previous executive orders extended through June 27, 2020

[Enforcing Executive Orders](#) - April 17, 2020

- If you do not adhere to these Executive Orders, the Illinois Department of Public Health and Certified Local Health Departments have the authority...to order that a place be closed and made off limits to the public "to prevent the probable spread of a dangerously contagious or infectious disease . . . until such time as the condition can be corrected or the danger to the public health eliminated or reduced in such a manner that no substantial danger to the public's health any longer exists." 20 ILCS 2305/2(b). The process of issuing such an order is set forth in 20 ILCS 2305/3(c).
- Furthermore, police officers, sheriffs and all other officers in Illinois are authorized to enforce such orders.

[Executive Order 2020-37](#) - May 13, 2020

- Defines and renders assistance in support of the State's response to hospitals, health care facilities, health care professionals, and health care volunteers. Those that continue to cancel or postpone all elective surgeries or procedures, or begin elective surgeries on or after May 11th, in order to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak shall be immune from civil liability for any alleged injury or death relating to COVID-19.

[Executive Order 2020-36](#) - May 1, 2020

- To obtain a marriage license, couples may appear before the county clerk and conduct a marriage ceremony using two-way audio-video communication technology, if certain conditions are met. Suspends the requirement that a fully executed marriage license must be submitted to the county clerk within 10 days. Suspends the requirement that a marriage license becomes effective one day after the date of issuance.

[Executive Order 2020-35](#) - May 1, 2020

- Suspends provisions in the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act, the Nursing Home Care Act and the Community Care Act. For example, suspends IDPH conducting an on-site review at each facility annually. IDPH will continue to conduct on-site reviews to the extent feasible. Suspends provisions regarding pest control, milk production, mobile homes, body piercing and speech language pathology.

[Gubernatorial Emergency Proclamation #3](#) - April 30, 2020

- Governor Pritzker declared the State of Illinois to be in a state of emergency through May 29, 2020.

[Executive Order 2020-32, Updated Stay-at-Home Order](#) - April 30, 2020

1. **All individuals who are able** must wear a face covering in public indoor spaces.
2. **Essential stores** must provide face coverings to all employees who cannot maintain 6 foot distance at all times, cap occupancy at 50% of capacity, set up one way aisles where possible, communicate with customers through in-store signage and PSAs, discontinue use of reusable bags.
3. **Non-essential stores** may re-open for phone and internet orders for pick-up outside store and delivery. Employees in the store must wear face covering when within 6 ft of another employee and follow social distancing requirements.
4. **Manufacturers** must take appropriate precautions such as face coverings, staggering shifts, and reducing line speeds.
5. **All businesses** must evaluate who can work from home and are encouraged to facilitate remote work whenever possible. If any workers are at the worksite, IDPH and Illinois AG guidance regarding workplace safety must be posted.
6. **New permitted outdoor activities** include fishing, boating, and [golf given there is compliance with DCEO guidelines](#).
7. **Greenhouses, garden centers, and nurseries** have been added to the list of essential businesses.
8. **Adds exception to leave the home** to engage in the free exercise of religion.
 - a. Religious activities are allowed so long as they comply with Social Distancing Requirements, limit gatherings to 10 and keep with CDC guidelines. Explicitly allows drive-in services.
9. "Businesses not specifically addressed by this Executive Order generally should cease activities and reduce to Minimum Basic Operations."

[Executive Order 2020-33, Extending Previous Executive Orders](#) - April 30, 2020

- Executive Order 2020-04, 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-11 Sec 3 & 4, 2020-12, 2020-13, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-22, 2020-23, 2020-24, 2020-25, 2020-26, 2020-27, 2020-28, 2020-29, 2020-31 are extended through May 29.
- Executive Order 2020-03 and 2020-17 as modified by 2020-18 are re-issued and extended through May 29.
- Hospitals must accept a transfer of COVID-19 patients from another hospital if the sending hospital lacks capacity and the receiving hospital has capacity. (added to EO 2020-19)
- Adds a ban to residential evictions to this executive order in addition to the non-residential eviction ban put in place on April 22. Effective through May 29. (EO 2020-30)

[Executive Order 2020-34](#) - April 30, 2020

- Postpones issuing 75 new recreational cannabis licenses.

[Executive Order 2020-31](#) - April 24, 2020

- For educators and student teachers, suspends requirements for: student teaching teacher performance assessment (TPA); student teaching requirement for individuals coming from another country with comparable licensure; internship requirement for principal preparation programs; chief school business officials endorsement, superintendent endorsement; internships for those coming from another country for principal or superintendent endorsement, chief school business official endorsement.
- For students, suspends requirements for: twelfth grade state assessments, examination on government, PE, consumer education, and other courses required to receive a high school diploma if an in person component is required; requirement for eighth grade student to show understanding of US history; foreign language proficiency; PE;
- Students who cannot complete apprenticeship or vocational classes will not be denied credit towards graduation
- ISBE can file rules as needed to suspend provisions of student graduation requirements, student teaching
- Construction bids for IL Public Community Colleges may be submitted electronically

[Executive Order 2020-30](#) - April 23, 2020

- Ceases enforcement of eviction for residential and commercial properties, unless the tenant poses a direct threat to the health and safety of other tenants, property, or violating regulations
- Consular ID is acceptable identification for state agencies, including Consular ID that has expired since the first Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation
- Illinois Human Rights Commission motions, orders, notices, pleadings can be sent by first-class mail, personally, or electronic mail

[Executive Order 2020-29](#) - April 20, 2020

- Suspends certain provisions in the Illinois Insurance Code that require in-person education and/or exams within a certain time frame in order to maintain or obtain a professional insurance license.

[Executive Order 2020-28](#) - April 20, 2020

- Suspends the provision in the Radiation Protection Act of 1990 that limits the validity of industrial radiography certifications to five years and industrial radiography trainee certifications to two years. Industrial radiography certifications and industrial radiography trainee certifications that have expired or will expire may be extended.

[Executive Order 2020-27](#) - April 17, 2020

- Suspends medical science institutions from holding indigent cadavers for 30 days after receipt from the State facility, for cadavers testing positive for COVID-19. Suspends requiring the director of any State facility in custody of an unclaimed cadaver to donate the cadaver to a qualified medical science institution for the advancement of medical science, for cadavers testing positive for COVID-19. Suspends requirement to test for drug and alcohol presence when death was not attended by a licensed physician for people who had a positive COVID-19 test or pending test.

[Executive Order 2020-26](#) - April 16, 2020

- Suspends provisions related to hospital licensure
- [Supplemental document form IDPH](#)

[Workers' Compensation Emergency Rules](#) - April 15, 2020

- Governor Pritzker issued an emergency order that states that an employee for essential businesses who contracts COVID-19 will not have to prove that they contracted the virus

from their workplace. The proclamation states that there will be a presumption that the employee contracted the virus at their place of employment, qualifying them for workers' compensation.

[Executive Order 2020-25](#) - April 14, 2020

- Suspends sections in the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure that permit the service of a garnishment summons, wage deduction summons, or a citation to discover assets on a consumer debtor or consumer garnishee.
- It shall not be construed to apply to domestic support obligations or relieving a debtor of any liability.

[Executive Order 2020-24](#) - April 10, 2020

- Suspends admissions to Illinois Department of Human Services Forensic Treatment Programs from Illinois county jails.
- Suspends certain provisions:
 - 1) Employees that are being investigated for conduct that would not result in their termination or placement on the HCWR or
 - 2) Employees who are the subject of an OIG investigation that is either complete or materially complete.

[Executive Order 2020-23](#) - April 9, 2020

- Directs the IDFPR to take certain steps to increase the number of licensed professionals available to respond to the pandemic

[Executive Order 2020-22](#) - April 7, 2020

- Annual Township meeting do not have be held on April 14, 2020
- Suspends definition of Child under Section 2.01 of the Child Care Act of 1969 to allow persons in the care of DCFS who are 18 or older to remain in their placements
- Requirement for fingerprints within 10 working days suspended for Health Care Worker Background Check Act
- Savings Clause - if any of these are made invalid by a court, it does not make another Section invalid.

[Executive Order 2020-21](#) - April 6, 2020

- Suspends provisions in the Unified Corrections code regarding furloughs.

[Executive Order 2020-20](#) - April 6, 2020

- Public assistance applicants do not need to provide audio recording of verbal attestation; statement over the phone to the State is sufficient to replace signature.
- Unsigned applications for public assistance can be signed by applicant by a verbal attestation by telephone

[Executive Order 2020-19](#) - April 1, 2020

[Executive Order 2020-18](#) - April 1, 2020

- Extends the previous executive orders through April 30

[Second Disaster Proclamation](#) - April 1, 2020

- Extends the previous Disaster Proclamation through April 30

[Executive Order 2020-17](#) - March 28, 2020

- Extends deadlines from E.O. 20-03 for cannabis industry applications.

[Executive Order 2020-16](#) - March 28, 2020

- Suspends vehicle repossession
- Suspends classroom requirement for security industry certification

[Executive Order 2020-15](#)

- Suspends provisions in the school code regarding pupil attendance and remote learning.

[Executive Order 2020-14](#) - March 26, 2020

- Allows for notarizations via two-way audio-video communication, and gives guidance for this process, and suspends provisions otherwise disallowing this.

[Executive Order 2020-13](#) - March 26, 2020

- Suspends admission to the Illinois Department of Corrections from County jails unless granted with the discretion of the Director of DOC for limited transfers.

[Updated Stay-at-Home FAQ](#) - **March 24, 2020**

[Executive Order 2020-12](#) - March 24, 2020

- Suspends provisions in the Healthcare Worker Background Check regarding certified nursing assistants (CNAs) returning to work after absences and granting provisional employment.
- Suspends provision of the United Code of Corrections that requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to notify the prosecuting State's Attorney's office no less than 30 days before a youth's targeted release date, though DJJ should notify the SA's office as soon as possible.
- Suspends provision in the Coal Mining Action requiring the Miners' Examining Board to conduct an examination each calendar month.

[Executive Order 2020-11](#) - March 24, 2020

- Makes technical revisions to Executive Order 2020-10

[Executive Order 2020-10](#) - **March 20, 2020**

- Gov. Pritzker issued a "stay at home" order for Illinoisans. All non-essential businesses need to close temporarily to limit the spread of the novel coronavirus.
- Extends previously stated closures to the end of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation (currently through April 30.)
- Gatherings of 10 or more prohibited unless exempted by the order
- Ordered a cessation of eviction enforcement for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation (currently through April 30.)
- [Legal Aid Chicago's Eviction Flyer](#) ([Spanish](#))
- ~~FAQs~~, updated FAQ above
- [Governor's Statement](#)

[Executive Order 2020-09](#) - March 19, 2020

- Requires insurance companies regulated by the Illinois Department of Insurance to cover Telehealth Services by in-network providers

[Executive Order 2020-08](#) - March 17, 2020

- Vehicle, driver's licenses, state IDs, permits, and parking decal expirations extended 30 days following the end of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation.

[Executive Order 2020-07](#) - March 16, 2020

- Halts on-premise food and beverage consumption with the exception of airports, hospitals, and college/university dining halls. Carry-out service is acceptable
- Gatherings of ~~50~~ 10 (E.O. 20-10) or more prohibited.
- One week waiting period for unemployment waived.
- Open Meetings Act amended

[Executive Order 2020-06](#) - March 15, 2020

- Amends E.O. 20-05 to allow for exception of schools operated by the Department of Juvenile Justice, Illinois State Board of Education, and the Department of Human Services.

[Executive Order 2020-05](#) - March 13, 2020

- All Pre-K through 12th grade schools closed through ~~March 30th~~ April 30. Allows for schools to be open for non-educational purposes such as food distribution.
- Schools can establish “e-learning” programs without school board prior approval, public hearing, or 30-day waiting period, but must be verified by regional office

[Executive Order 2020-04](#) - March 13, 2020

- Gatherings of ~~4,000~~ 10 or more cancelled for duration of Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation. (E.O. 20-10)
- Thompson Center closed to the public for the same duration.
- Two-year continuous service requirement to receive advancement of sick leave suspended for same duration.

[Executive Order 2020-03](#) - March 12, 2020

- Allows for deadline extension for cannabis craft growers application, and allows for application to be mailed instead of submitted in-person.

[Coronavirus Disaster Proclamation](#) - March 9, 2020

Q&As and Press Releases

[Governor's Office Q&A folder](#)

[Governor Announces Nearly \\$40 Million To Go To Rebuild Illinois Grants](#) - August, 20 2020

- Pritzker along with DCEO have created \$39.5 million in new grants for capital development projects, which involve public works projects and changes to infrastructure.
- A breakdown of all cities and projects receiving grants is included.

[Governor Pritzker Announces Updates to Phase 3 of Restore Illinois Plan](#) - May 20, 2020

- Bars and restaurants will have the option to resume operations for outdoor seating only. Tables must be six feet apart and away from the sidewalks, masks and distancing measures for staff must continue to be followed, and other precautions and guidance will be issued.
- All state parks will reopen on May 29.
- For golf, in Phase 3, courses can allow foursomes out on the same tee times. Carts will also be permitted with one person per cart, or one immediate household per cart.

[SNAP Recipients Will Be Able to Buy Food Online](#) - May 20, 2020

[Gov. Pritzker Releases Updated Statewide Model](#) - May 11, 2020

- Compared to the previous model forecasts which predicted peaking between late April and early May, that timeframe of plateauing near a peak has been expanded from mid-May into mid-June in Illinois. Daily death and hospital capacity data over the course of the last two and a half weeks have informed the model and led to the updated predictions.

[Governor's Office Staff To Work From Home For Isolation Period After Staffer Tests Positive](#) - May 11, 2020

[Q&A with Governor's Office](#) - May 2, 2020

- DHS answers questions about Paycheck Protection Program

[Q&A with the Governor's Office](#) - April 23, 2020 (extended Stay at Home Order)

[New Efforts to Expand Testing, Procure Personal Protective Equipment](#) - April 16, 2020

[Midwest Governors Announce Partnership to Reopen Regional Economy](#) - April 16, 2020

[Q&A with Governor's Office](#) - April 10, 2020

- Extended Q&A about Unemployment Insurance and IDES

[Q&A with Governor's Office](#) - April 9, 2020

- New guidance from DCEO regarding garden and flower shops

[Letter to Federal CMS, intent to form state-based health care exchange \(ACA\)](#) - April 7, 2020

[Compiled Guidance for Child Care Centers](#) - March 30, 2020

- New rules for emergency child care centers operating during pandemic
- Funding for child care centers
- Financial support for existing child care and early learning programs including simplified waiver for funding

[Press Release about Testing and Hospital Capacity](#) - March 24, 2020

[Q&A with the Governor's Office](#) - March 24, 2020

[Press Release](#) - March 23, 2020

- State of Illinois places order for 2.5 million N95 masks, 1 Million surgical masks, among other supplies

[Press Release](#) - March 21, 2020

- Gov. Pritzker issued a call to all recently retired or former medical professionals to return to the healthcare workforce.
- IDFPR will waive licensing fees and expedite the application process through IDFPR website.

[Press Release](#) - March 19, 2020

- Sales tax deferral for bars and restaurants, SBA loan eligibility, new grocery hours for seniors, expanded health care services

Office of Early Childhood Development

COVID-19 page on the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development (GOECD)'s

[website](#). The site includes recent updates on [emergency child care](#) and [teletherapy in Early Intervention](#), among other critical issues.

Child Care Restoration Grants

The Governor and the Illinois General Assembly has directed at least \$270 million of the state's Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency (CURE) Fund to support the economic health of child care providers as our economy reopens in the coming months. As part of CURE, the Business Interruption Grants (BIG) Program is specifically designed to support businesses who endure lost revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

We know our state's recovery relies on the economic survival of our regulated child care system.

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in partnership with the Illinois Department of Human Services is charged to develop the grant program for licensed child care. The Child Care Restoration Grants will be administered by the Illinois Network of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (INCCRRA).

Please respond to this [intent to apply survey](#).

The information gathered here will help to inform the development of the grants program to be released in July 2020. The opportunity to respond will close on June 19, 2020 at 5pm.

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[Letter to families](#) - March 21, 2020

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[Child care for essential workers during pandemic](#) - March 21, 2020

[Memo for Early Childhood Care and Education Program Administrators](#) - March 11, 2020

Office of Management and Budget

[Revenue Forecast for FY 2020 and FY 2021](#) - April 14, 2020

- FY 2020 - \$2.7 billion below the February estimate of \$36.9 billion
- FY 2021 - \$4.6 billion below the prior revenue estimate of \$38.5 billion.

Attorney General's Office (AG)

If you have questions about whether a business is violating the Stay at Home Order by not allowing for safe social distancing or that it is not maintaining a safe and sanitary work environment to minimize the risk of spread of COVID-19, please contact the Workplace Rights Bureau of the Illinois Attorney General's Office at 844-740-5076 or workplacerights@atg.state.il.us.

Guidance from the Civil Rights Bureau and Disability Rights Bureau about discrimination and hate crimes related to COVID-19

[Report hate crimes here.](#)

Visit the CRB's webpage at

<https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/rights/civilrights.html>

Call the Civil Rights Hotline at **1-877-581-3692**

civilrights@atg.state.il.us

Disability complaints and questions

Visit the DRB's webpage at

<https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/rights/disabilityrights.html>

Call the Disability Rights Hotline at **1-312-814-5684** or **1-800-964-3013 (TTY)**

disabilityrights@atg.state.il.us

[Attorney General's Office Collaboration with Local Public Health Departments to Enforce Workplace Safety measures](#) - April 21, 2020

[Stop Asian-American Pacific Islander Discrimination Press Release](#) - April 20, 2020

[Report incidents of discrimination here.](#)

Attorney General Raoul also encourages people to report discrimination or hate-motivated incidents to his office by visiting his website, emailing

CivilRights@atg.state.il.us or by calling his Civil Rights Hotline at 1-877-581-3692.

[Guidance for Positive Test Disclosure to First Responders](#) - April 3, 2020

[Consumer Alert: Warning about COVID-19 Scams + Price gouging](#) - March 10, 2020

Comptroller's Office

COVID-19 Related Expenditures: <https://illinoiscomptroller.gov/covid19-information/>.

Department of Agriculture (IDOA)

What is being done to protect our veterinarians and their staff since they are considered as an essential business?

The Illinois Department of Agriculture recognizes that animal shelters, animal controls and veterinarians are facing unique challenges during the COVID-19 event. Decisions are being made to protect staff and the public while also providing essential services for animals and the community at large. To that end, many clinics have stopped all elective surgeries at this time, including spay and neuter procedures. As a result, the Illinois Department of Agriculture will allow shelters and animal controls to utilize 225 ILCS 605/3.3(a)(2) during the COVID-19 pandemic. A licensed veterinarian must certify that the animals were unable to be altered prior to adoption due to COVID-19 requiring sterilization surgeries to be delayed. Furthermore, the licensee must ensure that they and the adopter agree in writing that the animals will be altered within 14 days of elective surgeries being resumed at the clinic. The licensee will be responsible for verifying this requirement is met. The Department has a full page of resources for pet

owners, veterinarians, animal shelters, caretakers of pets of humans exposed to COVID-19, and the livestock industry. A link to this information can be found at:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Animals/AnimalHealth/Pages/COVID-19.aspx>

[COVID-19 Response and Guidance](#) - April 24, 2020 - Update on pesticide testing and training

[COVID-19 Response and Guidance](#) - April 6, 2020

[COVID-19 Response and Guidance](#) - March 31, 2020

[COVID-19 Guidance](#) - March 23, 2020

Department of Central Management Services (CMS)

[Cheat sheet from Central Management Service](#)

[One-pager from Central Management Service](#)

Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

[COVID-19 Guidance for Pre-K-12 and Daycare Programs](#) - August 20, 2020

[Child Care Restoration Q&A](#) - July 20, 2020

[DCFS/ISBE Wellness Checks Information](#) - May 6, 2020

- What Schools and Districts Should Do If They Are Unable to Make Contact with a Student for Over a Week

Update on funding for Child Care Providers - April 10, 2020

- There is a one-time stipend for former licensed family care homes and child care centers opting to provide care for Essential workers. Emergency child care programs that serve CCAP eligible families will receive a 30% add on to the usual CCAP rate for April services.

[Updates to Purchase of Service community on response to COVID-19 pandemic](#) - April 5, 2020

[Application for an emergency license to provide care](#) - **March 20, 2020**

Email completed applications to Emergency.Daycare@illinois.gov.

[Emergency Day Care Program Fact Sheet](#) - March 28, 2020

[Spanish](#), [Traditional Chinese](#)

Support for Emergency Day Care Providers - March 27, 2020

- Childcare providers who are providing emergency care during this pandemic, may receive a one-time stipend to help address their added costs. Licensed homes can receive \$750 (\$1,000 if they provide evening or overnight care). Centers (both legally license-exempt and those with the Emergency Child Care license) with one to two classrooms open can receive \$2,000. Centers with three or more classrooms open can receive \$3,000. Applications for the stipend will be available on Monday, March 30, 2020, to providers through their local Child Care Resource & Referral agency. IDHS will continue to monitor the need for expanded child care options and to gather input on provider's needs for additional resources, and will continue to respond to these needs over the coming weeks.
- Applications for these stipends open on Monday, March 30, 2020 through your local Child Care Resource & Referral agency.

[Guidance for Child Care Centers from IDPH](#) - March 18, 2020

[Guidance Child Care Centers, Homes, and Early Education Programs](#) - March 20, 2020

- Effective March 21, 2020, all child care centers and child care homes licensed by DCFS are closed. Early Education programs in public and private schools remain closed.
- Includes guidance to apply for Emergency Child Care License and License-exempt homes.
- Closed programs will continue to receive public funding during closure

[FAQs Following the Mandatory of All Child Care Centers and Homes](#) - March 20, 2020

- Emergency Child Care centers will be the only child care center legally allowed to operate during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. They can serve 10 or fewer children in one room and cannot move children between rooms.
- Emergency Child Care Centers may be located in: schools, community-based organizations such as churches, health care facilities, or other workplaces for essential workers.
 - These centers must go through an application process, including currently licensed programs by DCFS.
- Child care homes may serve up to six children as a legally license-exempt home with no application or registration required, but must follow appropriate health practices.
- If you are not sure whether you are prepared to begin the process of opening an Emergency Child Care Center, contact DCFS Licensing at 1-877-746-0829 or 312-328-2464.
- Once your application is submitted, centers may resume operations for the children of essential workers only under a 5-day grace period.

[A Quick Reference of Rules for Emergency Child Care Centers](#) - March 20, 2020

[Frequently Asked Questions for Child Care Providers and Parents](#) - March 20, 2020

[Guidance for Purchase of Service Agencies](#) - March 15, 2020

[Frequently Asked Questions for Purchase of Service Agencies](#) - March 18, 2020

[DCFS Staff Work-from-Home Guidance](#) - March 18, 2020

[Guidance for Child Care Centers and Early Education Programs](#) - March 15, 2020

- ~~• Early childhood programs located within public and private schools must close.~~
- ~~• Funding will not be affected for early childhood programs funded through ISBE.~~
- ~~• Head Start programs will not lose funding for closing the public health emergency.~~
- ~~• Chicago DCFS will not reduce funding for closure or low attendance.~~
- ~~• DHS has a simplified waiver process for low attendance.~~
- ~~• Programs receiving funding from DCFS, ISBE, and/or DHS are expected to pay their staff as if there were no public health emergency.~~
- Child Care Centers are now closed. See Emergency Child Care Center guidance above.

[Memo for Early Childhood Care and Education Program Administrators](#) - March 11, 2020

- ~~• Steps to limit the spread of COVID-19 for program staff and families~~
- ~~• DCFS is asking Early Childhood Care and Education Programs to develop a COVID-19 Action Plan and submit the plan to DCFS at George.Vennikandam@illinois.gov by March 20, 2020.~~
- Deadline for submission passed.

[Submission of Agency Action Plan for COVID-19](#) - March 10, 2020

- ~~• Request of Agency Action Plan by close of business on March 15, 2020.~~
- Deadline for submission passed.

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

[Essential Businesses FAQ](#) - May 2, 2020

[Small business resource page](#)

[Rebuild Illinois - FAST-TRACK PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE COMPONENT GUIDEBOOK](#)

[Small Business Resources in English, Spanish, Chinese, Polish, Hindi, Korean, Tagalog](#)

Is my business an “Essential Business and Operation?”

- Please always refer to Executive Order 10 as it lists out many exceptions. If a specific business is not listed in the Executive Order, you can refer constituents and companies to call DCEO's helpline 1-800-252-2923 or CEO.support@illinois.gov to inquire whether their business is deemed essential.

[Boating and Fishing Guidelines](#) - May 5, 2020

[Golf with Restrictions](#) - April 24, 2020

[Small Business Resources Webinar Slides](#) - April 8, 2020

[Small Business Resources Webinar Slides \(Spanish\)](#) - April 13, 2020

[DCEO's Frequently Asked Questions](#) - April 7, 2020

[Essential Businesses & Operations Frequently Asked Questions](#) - April 6, 2020

[Essential Businesses & Operations Frequently Asked Questions](#) - April 1, 2020

[DCEO's Emergency Small Business Grants and Loans Assistance](#)

Non-profit organizations are not eligible for these programs.

Department of Corrections (DOC)

[Data Cover Page](#) - May 3, 2020

[Data](#) - May 3, 2020

DOC is working with the Governor's Office and Prisoner Review Board to thoroughly review all individuals who are eligible for early release. DOC is reviewing those who are incarcerated for low-level offenses who are either age 55 or older, eligible for earned discretionary sentence credit, or eligible for restoration of sentence credit. DOC is also prioritizing individuals who are pregnant, postpartum, terminally ill, ill, in an Adult Transition Center, or in the Moms and Babies program.

DOC provided \$4.15 to each person in custody for two free 20-minute phone calls and one 15-minute video visit. The total cost was approximately \$159,000. In addition, Global Tel Link (GTL) is providing each individual with one free 15-minute video visit per week for 12 weeks, four free electronic message vouchers per week for four weeks, and free games for 60 days for tablet owners.

[Executive Order 2020-13](#) - March 26, 2020

- Suspends admission to the Illinois Department of Corrections from County jails unless granted with the discretion of the Director of DOC for limited transfers.

All correctional facilities, Impact Incarceration Programs, and work camps are currently under Administrative Quarantine with no visits. Regular phone and video visit privileges will continue as normal. Administrative Quarantine is an intentional form of restricted movement within a facility to accommodate for unusual needs or circumstances, such as a pandemic outbreak. This measure must be taken to ensure the health and safety of those who live and work in our facilities.

We will continue to ensure men and women in custody receive all necessary treatment and services:

- Showers
- Medical and mental health treatment
- Alternative educational, clinical and substance abuse programming
- Access to the phone and GTL kiosks
- Cleaning supplies
- Law Library
- Commissary
- Leisure Time Services

Department of Employment Security (IDES)

[Guide for Legislative District Offices](#)

[UI Process Mapping](#)

Updates on Unemployment Claims - April 16, 2020

[Illinois Unemployment Rate Up, Payroll Jobs Down](#)

[Weekly Initial Unemployment Claims Data](#)

Updates from IDES about capacity and steps for implementation - April 13, 2020

[COVID-19 Unemployment Insurance Actions & Response](#)

[Pritzker Administration Efforts to Expand Access and Eligibility](#)

Update from IDES - April 10, 2020

The call center is getting 100K calls a day, on a good day they can answer 7K calls. In their call center they have 173 workers – they've added 73 since the crisis started. They are going to have an AI system soon for people who call in, to hopefully answer some questions that don't need a live person. And a chat bot will go live today on their website to answer some basic questions. They are also working on a contract with an external call center so that they can handle more incoming calls.

People are experiencing issues with their debit cards which could be a variety of problems. Money may not be loaded yet because the individual still needs to certify. IDES needs to know the individual circumstances in order to help resolve these problems. Direct deposit is preferred over the debit cards, it's easier to manage given the extraordinarily high volume they are dealing with.

[Latest update on Unemployment Insurance and the CARES Act](#)

IDES has expanded the number of people who are eligible for benefits. If you've been separated from your job through no fault of your own, or have had your hours decreased due to COVID-19, File an unemployment claim as soon as possible. Even if you're not sure if your job has been entirely impacted by COVID-19, you can apply for unemployment. This includes service providers like pet groomers, hair/nail salons, gyms, restaurants, etc.

Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR)

Frequently Asked Questions - March 31, 2020

[Guidance for Condominiums and Common Interest Community Associations](#) - May 13, 2020

[Guidance for Consumer Debt During COVID-19 Outbreak](#) - May 6, 2020

[IDFPR Initiatives during COVID-19](#) - May 8, 2020

Cashing your stimulus check - May 1, 2020

[Press Release](#)

[Information](#)

[Transmitter of Money Act \(TOMA\) Licensees Extension](#) - April 30, 2020

- For all TOMA licensees who are required to submit financial statements pursuant to 205 ILCS 657/40(3) for TOMA licensees renewed for calendar year 2020, the Department grants an extension of time pursuant 205 ILCS 657/45. All financial statements required to be submitted pursuant to 205 ILCS 657/40(3) must be received by the Department no later than 180 days after the end of the licensee's fiscal year. The Department will consider all other requests for an extension of time on a case-by-case basis.

~~[IDFPR'S Efforts to Expand the Healthcare workforce during COVID 19](#)~~ - April 29, 2020

[Expansion of Payment Relief for Student Loan Borrowers FAQs](#) - April 23, 2020

~~[Guidance for Consumer Debt During COVID 19 Outbreak](#)~~ - April 19, 2020

[Guidance for Medical Residents and Medical Students](#) - April 16, 2020

[Guidance for Nursing Students](#) - April 16, 2020

[Guidance for Physician Assistants and Recent Graduates](#) - April 16, 2020

[Best practices for Consumer Credit Licensees](#) - April 14, 2020

[Pharmacist Proclamation](#) - April 10, 2020

- Allows pharmacists to administer COVID-19 tests.

[Authorization for Experimental Credit Union Projects for CARES Act Implementation](#) - April 10, 2020

[Remote Notarization Release](#) - April 8, 2020

[Funeral Director and Embalmer Intern Variance](#) - April 7, 2020

[Help for Consumers Struggling to Make Debt Payments](#) - March 30, 2020

[How to renew your healthcare professional license or work in Illinois for out of state practitioners](#) - March 23, 2020

Health Care License Reinstatement: <https://www.idfpr.com/Renewals/Apply/Forms/F2396.pdf>

Physician License Reinstatement: <https://www.idfpr.com/Renewals/Apply/Forms/F2397.pdf>

Out of State Temporary Practice Permit: <https://www.idfpr.com/Renewals/Apply/Forms/F2398.pdf>

[Press release on relief for license renewal](#) - March 18, 2020

- Any professional licenses issued by IDFPR that have renewal dates between March 1, 2020 through and including July 21, 2020 are granted an automatic extension to renew to September 30, 2020. This extension additionally extends the deadline for continuing education coursework.

[Press release exhibit](#) - March 18, 2020

[License Renewal Order](#) - March 17, 2020

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) is urging all mortgage servicers to defer mortgage payments for 90 days for those who are suffering hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Foreclosure sales and evictions have been suspended for certain Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Loans, as well as FHA/HUD and Reverse Mortgages for Seniors. For more information, feel free to contact IDFPR at 1-888-473-4858.

Department of Healthcare and Family Services (DHFS)

[DHFS Fact Sheet and Waiver Applications](#)

I had health insurance through my employer and have lost my job due to COVID-19. How can I get coverage?

A person may be eligible for one or more of the following depending on the situation:

I. COBRA

II. ACA exchange: Losing health insurance that you got through your job is considered a "qualifying event" to enroll in a plan on the exchange. To learn more about this option visit: <https://getcovered.illinois.gov/en>.

III. Some ACA enrollees are eligible for grace periods for premiums, click here. Check with your insurer to ask about payment options available to you.

IV. Medicaid (Department of Healthcare & Family Services). Governor Pritzker has sought federal waivers that would further the expansion of Medicaid to ensure those without insurance can seek and receive treatment related to COVID-19. To check if you are eligible for Medicaid visit the enrollment website.

[COVID-19 Related Efforts](#) - April 25, 2020

- Updates on waivers to the federal government awaiting approval and action taken at the state level to provide relief
- Clarifies that the Medicaid blanket waiver also applies to Medicare

Care Comes First action plan - announced March 28, 2020

- The state has submitted two federal waivers requesting increased flexibilities around Medicaid coverage. If approved, the flexibilities will ensure that individuals, whether uninsured or insured, can receive Medicaid coverage for treatment if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Illinois has also taken steps to request from the federal government the authority to make Medicaid available to cover the costs to treat COVID-19 for every uninsured resident, regardless of income. An additional request seeks authority for Medicaid to help cover out-of-pocket expenses for insured residents, as a secondary payer for COVID-19 treatment costs.

- In an effort to fast track Medicaid enrollment, the state has also requested approval from the federal government to remove time-consuming verification processes, such as numerous co-payments, spend-downs, and asset verifications. The state is also streamlining processes, such as more phone assistance to help residents obtain information and complete applications as quickly as possible.
- The state is also working to simplify Medicaid enrollment for providers to expand access, including a request to allow any medical provider licensed in Illinois to bill Medicaid. Site visits to join and revalidation to remain in the program are suspended by the state, as well as minimum staffing levels for most facilities.
- Quicker and expanded access to treatment and medications has remained a priority for Illinois, as a result prior authorization rules are suspended, and existing authorizations remain for most services. The state is seeking authority from the federal government to allow Illinois to expand telehealth and alternate settings for a range of services, including allowing prescribers not enrolled in Medicaid to write prescriptions.
- Lastly, to promote social distancing and observance of stay-at-home orders, the state is seeking authority to provide home-delivered meals and temporary housing for those experiencing homelessness through Medicaid coverage.

Department of Human Rights (DHR)

[FAQ for Businesses Concerning Use of Face-Coverings During COVID-19](#) - May 11, 2020

Department of Human Services (DHS)

[Resources from DHS](#) // [Spanish](#) // [Chinese](#) // [Polish](#) // [Vietnamese](#) // [Korean](#)

Pandemic EBT Brochure // [Spanish](#)

[Legislative Bulletin](#) - July 24, 2020

[Legislative Bulletin](#) - June 9, 2020

[Legislative Bulletin](#) - May 21, 2020

Legislative Bulletin - May 7, 2020

[Arabic](#) // [Chinese](#) // [Hindi](#) // [Japanese](#) // [Korean](#) // [Polish](#) // [Russian](#) // [Spanish](#) // [Vietnamese](#)

[IDHS Relief Efforts for Child Care Providers during COVID-19](#) - June 16, 2020

Call4Calm: Text the following words to 552020 for corresponding purpose

“TALK” for a counselor in English

“HABLAR” for a counselor in Spanish

“FOOD” for information about food banks

“UNEMPLOYMENT” for the latest information about unemployment

“SHELTER” for information about housing

Accessing Services

- If you're seeking new services, please visit Help Is Here, available online at dhs.illinois.gov/helpishere or call our Hotline at 1-833-2-FIND-HELP.
- If you're already receiving services and need help, please visit ABE.Illinois.gov or call 1-800-843-6154.

Child Care

- For employees providing essential services who need assistance with childcare, please call 1-888-228-1146. Stipends are available for providers to step into this space.
- Early Intervention Bureau is working on rolling out telehealth as a viable service delivery method for providers and families.
- Effective April 1st, all essential workers in health care, human services, essential government services, and essential infrastructure now qualify for the state's Child Care Assistance Program. The state will cover most of the cost of care provided by emergency child care centers and homes. This expansion of eligibility includes those working as nurses and doctors, supporting staff in hospitals, grocery store clerks and food producers.
- Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) is providing one-time stipends to help with additional expenses during this time. Homes may apply for \$750, or for \$1000 if they provide care during 2nd and 3rd shifts. ECCs with up to two classrooms may apply for \$2000. ECCs with three or more classrooms may apply for \$3000.
- Full details and applications for assistance are available on the Department of Human Services (IDHS) website [DHS.illinois.gov/helpishere](https://dhs.illinois.gov/helpishere) and coronavirus.illinois.gov.

SNAP

- Between April 8th and April 20th, all eligible SNAP recipients will see their SNAP benefit increase to the maximum benefit if they are not currently receiving the maximum benefit. The maximum SNAP benefit amounts will be implemented for April and May. It is not known at this time whether these extended maximum payments will continue beyond May.
- Federal legislation will increase SNAP benefits dramatically for April and May. There is no action required of customers to receive supplemental benefits. For SNAP recipients who can't shop, a trusted home care provider, family member, or friend may shop for them.
- While some of our offices remain open, we urge individuals to stay at home and sign up for SNAP and other benefits on-line or on the phone.
- Office closure schedules will be changing so please contact any member of the IDHS executive or legislative teams. Andre.Jordan@illinois.gov or 217-557-1551
- Apply for SNAP, cash, and medical assistance at [ABE.illinois.gov](https://abe.illinois.gov) or by calling the ABE Call Center at 1-800-843-6154.
- Check your application status, review benefits, and report changes through Manage My Case on [ABE.illinois.gov](https://abe.illinois.gov).
- Households with school aged children are now eligible for additional benefits through the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer program. These will automatically be added to Link Cards. A simple form is coming for those with school aged children who are eligible for free or reduced lunch, but do not currently have SNAP; this form will allow those families to easily register for SNAP and receive these expanded benefits.

Shelter

- While the state is under a Stay at Home order, not everyone has a home to go to. If you feel you are in danger of becoming homeless please visit housingactionil.org/get-help/resources-homeless/.

- If you are already experiencing homelessness, please visit the Emergency and Transitional Housing Provider List to find a shelter near you.

Individuals with Physical Disabilities

- [The Division of Rehabilitation Services' \(DRS\) new toll-free number](#) regarding programs and services that are designed to allow those with disabilities throughout the state to live, learn, and work independently. - **1-877-581-3690**

Domestic Violence

- Victims may directly call the Helpline at 1-877-TO END DV (**1-877-863-6338** voice or **1-877-863-6339** TTY)

Mental Health

- Fund Medicaid fee-for-service providers for average billing levels for last six months
- Psychiatric hospitals are employing several front door and other precautionary measures
- Illinois Mental Health Collaborative Warm Line: 1-866-359-7953.

Census

- The Census Bureau has extended the window for field data collection and self-responses to October 31, 2020. IDHS reminds us that every person in Illinois needs to be counted! Visit [My2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) to complete the census online or call 1-844-330-2020. For more info text 987987 or go to Census.Illinois.Gov.

[How DHS is using their CARES Act Funding](#) - July 13, 2020

[Pandemic EBT Social Media toolkit](#) - May 6, 2020

[Legislative Bulletin](#) - April 30, 2020

[Legislative Bulletin](#) - April 23, 2020

General Department of Human Services Information - April 16, 2020

[Legislative Bulletin](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Press Release - Early Intervention Services](#) - April 8, 2020

[Domestic Violence Services Update](#) - April 1, 2020

Request Vocational Rehabilitation services or Home Services at www.DRS.illinois.gov/apply.

[DHS Offices and Service Provider Contacts for SNAP, Cash, and/or Medical Assistance](#)

SNAP Expansion from Governor's Press Release - March 27, 2020

- Through the passage of the Family First Prevention Services Act and the state of Illinois' requests for special waivers from the United States Department of Agriculture, the Illinois Department of Human Services is increasing monthly benefit amounts, expanding SNAP access, and expediting process and flexibility. For many people, this will mean almost doubling their existing benefits.
- This expansion will result in almost \$80 million more for Illinois families.
- SNAP feeds nearly 900,000 Illinois households, feeding over 1.7 million people across Illinois and contributes to the local economy. Those eligible for SNAP include low-income seniors, people with disabilities, and working families.

- While many IDHS offices remain open, people are highly encouraged to stay at home and to sign up for SNAP and other benefits by visiting DHS.illinois.gov/helpishere.

Homelessness Information from Governor's Press Release - March 27, 2020

- Last week, the Illinois Department of Human Services announced a 5% increase to initiatives supporting people experiencing homelessness. An additional \$6 million in new funding has been allocated to support the 19 Continuums of Care across the state and an additional \$2 million will support housing and other services for people experiencing homelessness. Through the expansion of these services, DHS will ensure decisions are made at the local level allowing flexibility to better serve impacted people.
- DHS is building on the existing infrastructure of shelters and partner programs throughout the state to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness during this crisis. DHS currently funds homeless shelters, homeless prevention and permanent supportive housing.

Support for Emergency Day Care Providers - March 27, 2020

- Childcare providers who are providing emergency care during this pandemic, may receive a one-time stipend to help address their added costs. Licensed homes can receive \$750 (\$1,000 if they provide evening or overnight care). Centers (both legally license-exempt and those with the Emergency Child Care license) with one to two classrooms open can receive \$2,000. Centers with three or more classrooms open can receive \$3,000. Applications for the stipend will be available on Monday, March 30, 2020, to providers through their local Child Care Resource & Referral agency. IDHS will continue to monitor the need for expanded child care options and to gather input on provider's needs for additional resources, and will continue to respond to these needs over the coming weeks.
- Applications for these stipends open on Monday, March 30, 2020 through your local Child Care Resource & Referral agency.

[Early Intervention Teletherapy Update](#) - April 5, 2020

[Emergency Day Care Program Fact Sheet \(DCFS\)](#) - March 28, 2020

[Guidance For Drug Overdose Prevention Program Enrollees](#) - March 25, 2020

[Guidance Child Care Centers, Homes, and Early Education Programs](#) - March 20, 2020

- Effective March 21, 2020, all child care centers and child care homes licensed by DCFS are closed. Early Education programs in public and private schools remain closed.
- Includes guidance to apply for Emergency Child Care License and License-exempt homes.
- Closed programs will continue to receive public funding during closure

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- Emergency Child Care centers will be the only child care center legally allowed to operate during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. They can serve 10 or fewer children in one room and cannot move children between rooms.
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- These centers must go through an application process, including currently licensed programs by DCFS.
- Child care homes may serve up to six children as a legally license-exempt home with no application or registration required, but must follow appropriate health practices.
- If you are not sure whether you are prepared to begin the process of opening an Emergency Child Care Center, contact DCFS Licensing at 1-877-746-0829 or 312-328-2464.
- Once your application is submitted, centers may resume operations for the children of essential workers only under a 5-day grace period.

[Guidance on Homlessness](#) - March 20, 2020

- Includes information on DHS' initiative to increase funding for isolation housing for people experiencing homelessness through local Continuums of Care as well as increasing existing homeless service providers' funding by 5% to increase capacity during this crisis.

[DHS Service Location Closures](#) - March 18, 2020

- 75 Family Community Resource Centers temporarily closed
- 45 Division of Rehabilitation locations temporarily closed
- All emergency food relief applications are available online or by phone.
- Home services and vocational rehabilitation are still available.

[Guidance for Child Care Centers and Early Education Programs](#) - March 15, 2020

- Early childhood programs located within public and private schools must close.
- Funding will not be affected for early childhood programs funded through ISBE.
- Head Start programs will not lose funding for closing the public health emergency.
- Chicago DCFS will not reduce funding for closure or low attendance.
- DHS has a simplified waiver process for low attendance.
- Programs receiving funding from DCFS, ISBE, and/or DHS are expected to pay their staff as if there were no public health emergency.

[COVID-19 ATTENDANCE EXEMPTION FORM](#)

[Memo for Early Childhood Care and Education Program Administrators](#) - March 13, 2020

[Memo for Child Care Institutions, Group Homes and Child Welfare Agencies](#) - March 10, 2020

Licensed child care centers, licensed child care homes, license-exempt centers, and license-exempt homes may apply for an attendance exemption when an extraordinary event is responsible for substantially less than normal attendance. By claiming an exemption, the provider attests staff will continue to be paid for all scheduled work hours regardless of closure or reduction in services.

[IDHS PPE Request Form for community based residential services](#) - April 23, 2020

Department of Insurance (DOI)

[COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions about Business Interruption Insurance, Health Insurance, and other insurances](#)

Health Insurance Information

[Información de contacto del seguro de salud](#) - español

[Health Insurance Contact Information](#) - english

[Dane kontaktowe w zakresie ubezpieczeń zdrowotnych](#) - polish

[健康保險联系信息](#) - Chinese

[Impormasyon sa Pakikipag-Ugnay sa Seguro sa Kalusugan](#) - tagalog

ACA Special Enrollment Period

The Biden Administration announced a Special Enrollment Period (SEP) in response to COVID-19 to reopen the ACA Health Insurance Marketplace February 15, 2021 through May 15, 2021.. We want to remind you that the Illinois Department of Insurance and Get Covered Illinois (GCI) are here to help you answer questions about health insurance coverage.

You have up to 60 days to enroll in a health plan after your job loss.

You can enroll before your current coverage ends to avoid a gap in coverage.

[Flyer](#) // [Polish](#) // [Chinese](#) // [Tagalog](#)

[FAQs](#) // [Polish](#) // [Chinese](#) // [Tagalog](#)

[Letter to Legislators](#)

<https://getcovered.illinois.gov/> - review, compare and enroll in an ACA Marketplace health plan

<https://widget.getcoveredamerica.org/?original=/IL/> - get free enrollment assistance

<https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/medicalclients/Pages/default.aspx> Medicaid and other medical programs

Healthcare.gov 800-318-2596

IDOI - insurance complaints and external review requests 866-445-5364

Medicaid and other Medical Programs 800-843-6154

The Illinois Warm Line (Mental Health & Substance Abuse Assistance) 866-359-7953

I have tested positive for COVID-19. Does my insurance cover my treatment? Will I have to pay out of pocket for it?

Insurance carriers must cover emergency services for an emergency medical condition at in- network levels regardless of which provider performs the services. Emergency services include transportation services, such as ambulance services, as well as inpatient and outpatient hospital services that are needed to evaluate or stabilize the patient. Many individuals who have contracted COVID 19 have not required emergency services. Still, exceptional circumstances may arise.

The Illinois Insurance Code prohibits individual or group accident and health insurance carriers from imposing any pre-existing condition exclusions, including in connection with COVID 19. Federal law and state regulations provide protections against preexisting condition exclusions in health insurance coverage, as well. However, preexisting

condition consumer protections do not apply to short-term, limited-duration health insurance coverage or excepted benefit policies. We recommend calling your insurance provider to discuss available coverage. DOI has issued a FAQ regarding insurance coverage and COVID-19; it can be found by visiting:

<https://insurance.illinois.gov/Newsrsls/2020/03/COVID-19-FAQ.pdf>

[Request to implement policies to protect consumers](#) for property and casualty insurance companies - April 3, 2020

Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)

[Mitigation Actions Taken by DJJ](#) - April 6, 2020

[Department of Juvenile Justice FAQs](#) - March 31, 2020

Department of Labor (DOL)

If you have questions about employee benefits, including paid leave, please contact the Illinois Department of Labor at 312-783-2800 (Chicago office), 217-782-6206 (Springfield office), or dol.questions@illinois.gov.

[Safe and Sanitary Work Environment Enforcement](#) - April 19, 2020

FEDERAL OSHA CHICAGO

NORTH AREA OFFICE

701 Lee St., Suite 950

Des Plaines, IL 60016

Phone: 847-803-4800

chicagonorthosha@dol.gov

[Safe and Sanitary Work Environment Enforcement](#) - April 6, 2020

- Illinois OSHA only enforces Illinois public employers
- Federal OSHA enforces violations in the private sphere.
- When the Illinois Attorney General's office receives a complaint is against a private sector employer alleging a violation of the Governor's Stay at Home Order OR CDC guidelines, Illinois OSHA takes the following actions:
 - They are contacting the employer to get voluntary compliance. Many employers are willing to comply without further action.
 - Possible enforcement powers pursuant to 15 ILCS 205/6.3(b) for failure to voluntarily comply.

Department of Public Health (IDPH)

[Department of Public Health's Frequently Asked Questions](#)

COVID-19 Testing

Chicago rolls out two new locations for mobile testing ([Register](#)) - July 7, 2020

- Austin Health Center

- Kennedy King College

These locations are open to the public from Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm, and can take about 500 individuals

[Online process for requesting COVID-19 testing supplies](#) - April 30, 2020

[Updated testing guidelines](#) // Questions about Testing in [Spanish](#)

Testing is now available for people who meet any of the following criteria:

- Have COVID-19 symptoms
- Have a risk factor such as contact with someone confirmed to have COVID-19, a compromised immune system, or a serious chronic medical condition
- Work in a healthcare facility
- Work in correctional facilities, such as jails or prisons
- Serve as first responders, such as paramedics, emergency medical technicians, law enforcement, or firefighters
- Support critical infrastructure such as workers in grocery stores

[There is a map of everywhere you can receive a COVID-19 test in the United States.](#)

(Update 4/16/2020)

The state has partnered with Thermo Fisher to help improve testing capacities at the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) labs and across the state, and Thermo Fisher committed to prioritizing Illinois in its supply chain management. IDPH's five machines are now up and running with reliable results. As Illinois ramps up testing over the next week the state estimates a new capacity of thousands more tests per day at state labs alone.

The governor also announced that the state has eliminated our supply chain problems as they relate to viral transport medium (VTM) and swabs. These raw materials are critical to helping labs expand the number of specimens that can be collected and tested.

In order to collect more specimens to meet our new capacity, the governor announced that the state will be expanding testing through its statewide network of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FHQCs). In coordination with the Illinois Primary Healthcare Association, Illinois surveyed centers to gauge their interest in helping Illinois expand testing and is now working with dozens of centers to begin taking specimens. Dozens of other private facilities are also testing. [A full list can be found here.](#)

[Guidance for Federally Qualified Health Centers](#) - April 14, 2020

The Illinois Department of Public Health still determines who should be tested for COVID-19. Tests are limited to people who are at high risk. If you qualify for the COVID-19 test, Swedish Hospital will make sure you get the test, regardless of ability to pay. Test results can take up to four working days. Patients will be called with the results.

(Update 4/4/2020)

[The Department issued new guidance regarding testing.](#) The following groups will receive high priority from IDPH:

- Hospitalized (inpatients) with suspect COVID-19
- Individuals with suspect COVID-19 who are residents of a congregate setting that serves a vulnerable population¹ and are part of a potential cluster of COVID-19
- Outpatients with suspect COVID-19 who are involved in front-line COVID-19 response (Health care and public safety workers (EMS, law enforcement, firefighters))
- Outpatients with suspect COVID-19 who are employees in residential congregate settings serving vulnerable populations

The guidance notes that the FDA is allowing private labs to do testing but one test in particular has not been verified by the FDA and functional.

(Update 4/3/2020)

Community Based Testing Sites open in Bloomington and Chicago. [Information here.](#) Testing is limited to symptomatic people who are also healthcare facility workers, first responders individuals over 65, or individuals with underlying health conditions.

(National Update 3/29/2020)

Abbott Labs has developed a test that returns a positive result in 5 minutes and a negative result in 13 minutes. Tests currently in-use take between 4 and 8 hours. [The rapid test has been FDA approved.](#) There is no information yet on its disbursement in Illinois.

(Updated 3/25/2020)

Illinois is among the first states to test for COVID-19 in state-managed labs and has done a lot of work since February to expand our testing capacity to three-state labs running 600 tests a day.

The Illinois National Guard (ILNG) also opened the state's first drive-thru COVID-19 testing site on the northwest side of Chicago, adding 250 tests a day to the state's capacity. The site is located at 6959 W. Forest Preserve Road in Chicago, open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily, or until testing capacity is met.

In addition, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services has opened three sites with their private partners throughout the Chicago suburbs – one in Cook County and two in Will County. Each has the capacity to run nearly a 100 tests a day, and up to 250 with expanded staffing.

These locations are not open to the public. These testing sites are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the following locations:

Walmart: 137 East North Avenue, Northlake

Walmart: 2424 West Jefferson, Joliet

Walgreens: 695 West Boughton Road, Bolingbrook

All four of the mobile testing sites operate under U.S. HHS criteria which prioritizes health care workers and first responders. As availability allows, testing criteria may be expanded beyond this initial pilot program.

Finally, there are four commercial labs and 15 hospital labs operating across the state, which average about 1,500 tests per day. IDPH continues to work with hospitals to stand up their own labs, providing positive specimens to hospitals for validation so they can come online faster. Several existing hospital labs are building out their capacity and are within two weeks expected to provide additional 2,805 tests a day, totaling more than 4,300 a day.

[Interim Guidance on Requesting COVID-19 Testing at IDPH Laboratories](#) - March 19, 2020

- IDPH laboratories will only accept specimens from hospitalized patients with severe acute lower respiratory illness and specimens from clusters in a congregate setting that serves more vulnerable populations such as supportive care facilities.

The state is working on producing our own tests, but these are not yet available.

- Commercial Testing Labs
 - Quest
 - LabCorp
 - Mayo
 - ARUP
 - Northshore Health System

[Test site provider information](#) - April 24, 2020

IDPH is requesting the following information from providers be sent to DPH.COVIDLAB@ILLINOIS.GOV to be added to official COVID-19 listings: testing start date, name of center, type of site (drive-through, clinic, curbside, etc), address, where samples from the site are being sent for testing (will be kept internal), contact name (will be kept internal), contact phone (will be kept internal), hours of operation, days of operation, requirements for testing, website or COVID hotline

COVID Modeling Information

[Modeling powerpoint](#) - May 7, 2020

[IL COVID-19 Models Public Description](#) - April 22, 2020

Contact Tracing

[22 Additional Local Health Departments Go Live July 16 on Salesforce Contact Tracing System](#)

- July 16, 2020

[Contracting with Salesforce for contact interview management system](#) - May 30, 2020

[Update](#) - May 18, 2020

Other Guidance

General Public

[Reopening Guidance for Swimming Facilities](#) - June 26, 2020

[Reopening Guidance for Swimming Facilities](#) - June 5, 2020

[Intimate Partner Violence Resource Sheet](#) - May 28, 2020

[Changes in Isolation Period for COVID positive cases](#) - May 6, 2020

- Minimum of 10-Day Isolation Period for all COVID-19 confirmed or probable cases
 - Includes both health care workers (HCWs) and non-health care workers

- 14-Day Quarantine Period remains unchanged for close contacts to COVID-19 cases.

[Graduation Ceremony Guidance](#) - May 2, 2020

[Face Coverings Dos and Don'ts](#) - April 20, 2020

[Enforcing Executive Orders](#) - April 17, 2020

- If you do not adhere to these Executive Orders, the Illinois Department of Public Health and Certified Local Health Departments have the authority...to order that a place be closed and made off limits to the public "to prevent the probable spread of a dangerously contagious or infectious disease . . . until such time as the condition can be corrected or the danger to the public health eliminated or reduced in such a manner that no substantial danger to the public's health any longer exists." 20 ILCS 2305/2(b). The process of issuing such an order is set forth in 20 ILCS 2305/3(c).
- Furthermore, police officers, sheriffs and all other officers in Illinois are authorized to enforce such orders.

[Guidance Relating to Non-Discrimination in Medical Treatment](#) - April 10, 2020

[Guidance for Crisis Management for Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers](#) - April 7, 2020

- Essential critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure to SARS-CoV-2, provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect the community.

[Public Health Department Recommends that the public wear face masks.](#) - April 6, 2020

[Flyer for grocery stores](#) - April 2, 2020

[Guidance for Large Companies](#) - March 24, 2020 (added March 25, 2020)

[Guidance for Faith-Based Communities and Houses of Worship](#) - March 20, 2020

[Interim Guidance for Work Exclusion for Healthcare Settings following COVID-19 diagnosis](#) - March 19, 2020

[Guidance for Risk Assessment for Employers and Supervisors](#) - March 18, 2020

- Supervisors do not need to inform IDPH of COVID-19 cases.
- Supervisors have a general duty of confidentiality regarding employee medical information. Public health officials will alert co-workers about potential exposure.

Law Enforcement Guidance

[Persons with Positive Tests for COVID-19 to Law Enforcement](#) - April 2, 2020

[Guidance to Local Health Departments on Disclosure of Information Regarding Persons with Positive Tests for COVID-19 to Law Enforcement](#) - April 1, 2020

Alternate Housing

[Letter to Counties](#) - April 13, 2020

[Interim Guidance](#) - April 13, 2020

Funeral Homes and Morgues

[Fatality Management](#) - April 17, 2020

[Guidance for Funeral Homes](#) - April 7, 2020

- Includes guidance for funerals of COVID-19 victims

[Guidance for Funeral Homes](#) - March 20, 2020

Food and Meat Processing Facilities

[Operational Guidance Update](#) - June 8, 2020

[Chinese](#) | [Polish](#) | [Hindi](#)

[COVID-19 and Food and Meat Processing Facilities Webinar](#) - May 7, 2020

[Guidance](#) - April 25, 2020

[Tool for Local Health Department in assessing facilities](#) - April 25, 2020

[Inspector Checklist](#) - April 25, 2020

[Stakeholder Situational Update](#) - June 17, 2020

[Stakeholder Situational Update](#) - May 27, 2020

[Stakeholder Situational Update](#) - May 20, 2020

[Stakeholder Situational Update](#) - May 6, 2020

[Situational Update](#) - April 29, 2020

[Situational Update](#) - April 22, 2020

[Executive Order 2020-26. Hospital Capacity](#) - April 21, 2020

[COVID-19 Case Definition Clarification and Guidance](#) - April 20, 2020

[Situational Update](#) - April 15, 2020

[Convalescent Plasma for the Treatment of COVID-19](#) - April 13, 2020

- COVID-19 convalescent plasma has not yet been demonstrated to provide clinical benefit in patients affected by this disease. It is not known if this treatment will or will not help those with COVID-19 or if it will have any harmful effects.
- More information about clinical trials and access in the document.

[Situational Update](#) - April 8, 2020

[Updated Guidance for Blood and Plasma Collection Facilities](#) - April 3, 2020

[Situational Update](#) Powerpoint - April 1, 2020

[Increase Reporting Request](#) - March 31, 2020

- Starting 4/1, all hospitals are asked to increase their reporting of daily bed availability and COVID/PUI ICU and Vent Patient data to twice daily -- 10am and 6pm.
- The PPE (all regions) and lab data (regions 1-10), will remain at once daily at 10am.

[Guidance for Treating Pregnant Women and Newborns](#) - March 31, 2020

[Guidance for Grocery Stores \(Updated\)](#) - March 31, 2020

[Guidance for Blood Banks and Blood Drives](#) - March 30, 2020

[Guidance for Grocery Stores](#) - March 30, 2020

[Situational Update Powerpoint](#) - March 25, 2020

[Guidance for special populations \(health conditions, identity groups\)](#) - March 26, 2020

[Guidance on syringe services and harm reduction operations](#) - March 25, 2020

[Guidance for safer drug use \(from harm reduction operations\)](#) - March 25, 2020

[Request for Information from Illinois Hospitals to Expand Reporting](#) - March 24, 2020

[Recommended Guidance for Preventing Spread of COVID-19 for Medically Fragile Children and People](#) - March 18, 2020 (added March 25, 2020)

[Letter to Hospitals regarding COVID-19 triage](#) - March 23, 2020

[COVID-19 Triage Flowchart for Healthcare Providers](#) - March 23, 2020

[Guidance for Child Care Centers](#) - March 18, 2020

- To prevent the spread of COVID-19 within child care centers.

[Management of Acute Respiratory Symptoms/Nebulizers](#) - March 20, 2020

- All patients presenting acute respiratory symptoms, especially respiratory failure, should be considered to be infected with COVID-19.
- Nebulized medications should be avoided in all patients at this time due to risk to others.

Department of Natural Resources

[Illinois Historic Field Trip Grants](#) - July 15, 2020

- Application closes on September 30

[IDNR to Reopen Select Sites for Limited Activities May 1](#) - April 24, 2020

[State Park Partial Re-Opening Q&A](#) - April 24, 2020

- Campgrounds, visitor centers, shelter, and playgrounds remain closed
- Visitors must practice social distancing, only visit alone or with members of your household, stay local, cover any cough or sneeze, and stay home if sick
- Hunting remains suspended

Department of Revenue (DoR)

[Taxpayer Resources during COVID-19 outbreak](#)

Can taxpayers base their 2020 estimated payments on their 2018 liability?

Since taxpayers may not know their prior year's tax liability if they do not file by the original due date, the Department of Revenue is providing for an additional option upon which taxpayers can base their 2020 estimated tax payments based upon either:

1. 100 percent of their estimated liability for the year 2020,
2. 100 percent of their actual liability for year 2019, or
3. 100 percent of their actual liability for year 2018.

For more information, [click here](#).

For more information on estimated payments, [see this document](#). As a reminder, estimated payments are due at their normal schedule. (Q1 on April 15, and Q2 on June 15.)

[Rescheduling your tax payment online](#)

If you scheduled your tax payment electronically for April 15, it will not automatically change to July 15. You need to go online to change it. Find instructions here. (4/6/2020)

[E-Numbers Renewal Extended for 2020](#) - May 5, 2020

[Notice of Penalty and Interest Relief for International Fuel Tax Agreement](#) - April 21, 2020

[Extension of the Expiration Date of Certain Illinois Sales Tax Exemption \("E"\) Numbers](#) - March 30, 2020

- Due to staffing shortages, the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) is unable to process most renewal applications for Illinois Sales Tax exemption ("E") numbers at this time. To allow time to process outstanding renewal applications, the Board of Appeals at IDOR has issued an order extending the E-number expiration date by 90 days for impacted organizations and individuals.

[Income Tax Filing and Payment Extension](#) - March 25, 2020

The filing deadline for Illinois income tax returns has been extended from April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020. Penalties will only start accruing on July 16, 2020.

DOR encourages people to file as soon as possible so they can receive any refund they are owed.

Sales Tax Delay Fact Sheet - Gov. Pritzker directed the Department of Revenue to defer sales tax payments for more than 24,000 small- and medium-sized bars and restaurants — accounting for nearly 80% of all such entities statewide. In order to qualify, the eating and drinking establishment needed to incur less than \$75,000 in sales tax liabilities last year. Penalties and interest will be automatically waived; however, qualified taxpayers must still file their sales tax return even if they are unable to make a payment. Any taxpayers taking advantage of this relief will be required to pay their sales tax liabilities due in March, April and May in four installments starting on May 20 and extending through August 20. For more information, please view IDOR's informational bulletin available at tax.illinois.gov.

Department of Transportation (IDOT)

Highway maintainers are not actively working on the roadways and in some facilities, there are 12-13 of them working in one building. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) employee stated that they are doing "prep" work to keep busy. Is there any possibility that these workers can be put on call, or rotate them on a swing shift?

Highway maintenance workers are working in a limited congregate setting. IDOT is reinforcing regulations and guidelines for district offices and workers.

Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)

Regional Coordinators for Cook County:

Jimmy Thompson, Regional Coordinator

Wendell Brewer, Planning & Training Specialist

9511 West Harrison Street

Des Plaines, Illinois 60016-1563

Phone: 847/294-4717 Fax: 847/294-4715

IEMA has set up the following email address to funnel all leads or connections on PPE or other goods: Covid.procurement@illinois.gov

Please use that address moving forward to ensure nothing gets lost and all offers are reviewed consistently.

Alternate Housing - April 13, 2020

[Letter to Counties](#)

[Interim Guidance](#)

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)

Emissions Testing Restarting - May 29, 2020

[Press Release](#)

[FAQs](#)

Illinois Arts Council

Non-profit arts and cultural groups of any size can apply for grants of \$3,000 to \$60,000, based on their financial need. Artists and groups seeking grants can apply online at artsforillinois.org, a site which will also feature free content from artists across the state; including performers, singers, poets, painters, writers, dance companies, theater troupes, and museums.

Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA)

[Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding](#) - July 14, 2020

Applications due July 24

Illinois Housing Development Authority

[Frequently Asked Questions](#) - April 11, 2020

Illinois State Police

[FOID Renewal Notice](#) - April 9, 2020

[Talking Points](#)

People whose FOID Cards are expired but still valid as a result of the new rules, may be able to purchase guns. That will be entirely up to the gun shop owner. As far as the state is concerned, that person's license is valid but the gun shop owner can refuse to sell a gun to someone who has an expired license, even though the license is technically still valid under new rules.

Illinois National Guard (ILNG)

[Illinois National Guard Response Update](#) - June 29, 2020

[Illinois National Guard Response Update](#) - June 15, 2020

[Illinois National Guard Response Update](#) - June 8, 2020

[Illinois National Guard Response Update](#) - June 4, 2020

[Illinois National Guard COVID-19 Response Update](#) - May 28, 2020

[Illinois National Guard COVID-19 Response Update](#) - May 6, 2020

[Illinois National Guard COVID-19 Response Update](#) - April 30, 2020

[Illinois National Guard COVID-19 Response](#) - April 22, 2020

[Illinois National Guard Breakdown of Resources for COVID-19 Response](#) - April 16, 2020

- Testing facilities and other missions, like Stateville Prison

[Illinois National Guard Breakdown of Resources for COVID-19 Response](#) - April 9, 2020

Illinois Board of Higher Education (ISHE)

[Guidance Regarding Illinois Articulation Initiative Courses with Online Labs and Speeches](#) - April 9, 2020

- Guidance for the acceptability of transferable courses in the Spring of 2020 is extended to Summer of 2020

Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC)

[Updated FAQ](#) - June 2, 2020

[Guidance on Temporary Delivery of Alcoholic Liquor](#) - June 2, 2020

[Updated FAQ](#) - May 29, 2020

[Question and Answer](#) - May 11, 2020

[Question and Answer](#) - May 1, 2020

[Guidance on Retailer to Distributor Wine and Spirits Returns](#) - April 30, 2020

[Meetings Postponed until the end of Disaster Proclamation](#) - April 10, 2020

[Enforcement Reminder, "To-go" Sales and Delivery of Premixed Cocktails](#) - March 29, 2020

- This bulletin is a reminder that, for reasons stated herein, the Commission has not authorized the sale of premixed cocktails in non-original containers for off-premises consumption.

[Guidance on State Licenses Expiring](#) - March 19, 2020

- All licenses expiring on March 31, 2020, April 30, 2020, and May 31, 2020 are extended until July 31, 2020.

[Guidance on Product Returns](#) - March 19, 2020

- The Illinois Liquor Control Commission is authorizing the return of Beer sold and delivered to a retailer on or before March 23, 2020 only. No returns shall be authorized (other than through normal legal channels) for retailer Beer purchases made after March 23, 2020.

[Guidance Regarding On-Premise Only Retailers Selling for Off-Premise](#) - March 19, 2020

- The Illinois Liquor Control Commission will accept the decision of a local liquor control commission to authorize an On-Premises Only Retailer to sell alcoholic liquor for consumption off the licensed premises. State retail licenses that authorize on-premises only sales will be authorized to sell alcoholic liquor for off-premises consumption if such sales are authorized by the local liquor control commission.

[Delinquency List Guidance and Hardship Relief](#) - March 19, 2020

- If a retail licensee has not paid a wine or liquor distributor within 30 days, the licensee is reported to ILCC and is placed on the Delinquency List. When on the Delinquency List, other distributors are not allowed to sell to them.
- If there is a bona fide dispute, the licensee is removed from the list. ILCC has amended their bona fide dispute process to include cases of hardship for COVID-19.

Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC)

[ICC Issues Warning About What Not to Flush](#) - March 25, 2020

[Order Ceasing Disconnections and Late Payment Fees](#) - March 18, 2020

- Illinois electric, natural gas, water and wastewater utilities to cease disconnections and the threat of disconnections during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency.
- The order also calls on the utilities to suspend late payment fees until May 1, or the crisis has passed, and to implement flexible utility credit and collection procedures to ensure

customers remain connected to essential utility services when the emergency status ends.

- Each Illinois gas, electric distribution, water, and sewer utility will be required to file proposed revised credit and collections procedures in this proceeding for the Commission's consideration and approval.

Veterans Affairs (VA)

Our veteran service offices are temporarily closed.

PRIVATE/NON-PROFIT

Food Pantries

Greater Chicago Food Depository

Find the nearest food pantry to you: <https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/find-food/>
[SNAP Benefits Outreach Team](#) - 773-843-5416

Chicago Mutual Aid COVID-19 Support Request -

Brave Space Alliance will be operating a crisis food pantry for queer and trans folks on the south side of Chicago during the pandemic. If you would like food or other supplies dropped off at your front door, please use this form. We are prioritizing folks who are sick, disabled, quarantined without pay, elderly, undocumented Black, Brown, or Indigenous.

Meals on Wheels Contact Information:

For seniors: 312-744-4016

For individuals with disabilities: 312-744-6673

ALL assessments will be made via phone/online.

The Salvation Army

- The Salvation Army's Metropolitan Division Emergency Disaster Services (EDS) will be providing mobile feeding services.
- The Salvation Army's 19 Chicagoland food pantries remain open to provide curbside service and will continue to serve as a resource for anyone who needs assistance.
- For more information on emergency assistance, please call (773) 725-1100 or visit salarmychicago.org/coronavirus.

Archdiocese of Chicago/Catholic Charities

- Catholic Charities will continue to serve residents at their Food Pantries and Evening Meal Programs. Locations and phone numbers can be found here: <http://www.catholiccharities.net/Home/Search.aspx?search=emergency+services>. To access other services please call 312-655-7700.

Niles Township Food Pantry

- Those in need of supplementary food will be able to pick up at our
 - Pop-up Pantry site at 8300 Lehigh Ave, Morton Grove, IL 60053
 - Assembled boxes of groceries will be available from **11 a.m to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays**
 - These boxes contain a week's worth of groceries
 - Township Building, Back Door Entrance.
 - Assembled boxes of groceries will be distributed from **5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays**
 - Groceries in these boxes have included peanut butter; trail mix; canned chicken; tomato soup; canned vegetables; canned beans or vegetarian chili; spaghetti

sauce; pasta; dried fruit; dried beans; brown rice; juice; water; crackers; and cereal bars.

Pet Assistance

Rescue Chicago is offering assistance with basic pet supplies. [Fill out this Google Form for assistance.](#)

Felines & Canines is offering pet food assistance. Contact Abby for assistance:

Abby@FelinesCanines.org

773-465-4132 (Monday-Friday, 12:30-6pm)

[Pet supply assistance](#) – The Illinois Department of Agriculture has put together a list of pet food pantries.

[Pet care when hospitalized](#) – Best Friends Animal Society says some people who are hospitalized may need foster care or other pet care arrangements.

Nonprofits/Religious

[Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund](#)

Please provide your information in the [linked Google Form](#) and the Response Fund Team will provide updates as they become available. The Fund's Steering Committee will be working to identify organizations for its first round of funding soon.

A Better Chicago's Emergency Relief Grant

A Better Chicago is now accepting grant applications for projects and initiatives providing assistance to low-income youth and families experiencing significant hardship due to COVID-19.

Funds will support the urgent needs of young people and their families, with a specific focus on Black and Latinx youth due to the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on these communities and the systemic inequities that exist in Chicago. Grants may be requested from nonprofit organizations for the following needs:

- Providing direct financial support (e.g. stipends to students who have lost work)
- Providing essential goods and services (e.g. groceries)
- Rapidly innovating to continue delivering high-quality programming (e.g. virtual instruction)

Grant amount and duration will vary based on need, potential impact, and available funds. We anticipate making grants ranging from \$20K-\$100K over three to six months. We are currently providing funding for organizations serving youth and families in Cook County, DuPage County, Kane County, Lake County, McHenry County, and Will County.

To be considered for an Emergency Relief Fund grant, please submit an application focused on **the specific project or initiative for which you are seeking relief funding**. Our goal is to

provide critical support as efficiently and effectively as possible. With that in mind, please consider the following options and select the most convenient way to apply:

- Complete [this Google Form](#)
- Respond to the application questions by sending an email to ERF@abetterchicago.org with:
 - Written responses in email body or an attachment
 - Video or voice recording
 - Relevant proposals or materials developed for other funders

If you have any questions regarding applying for relief funding, please email ERF@abetterchicago.org or call Marshana Roberts at 312.674.7088.

Application launched: April 6, 2020

Application deadline: Rolling

Decision Period: Rolling

[AIDS Foundation of Chicago \(AFC\)](#)

Emergency assistance

- With federal and city funds, AFC is providing support for rent, utility, food, transportation and other urgent needs (like minutes for cell phones so clients can call their doctor or case manager). Current funding is for people living with HIV, with a smaller pool for people who are taking PrEP (a once-daily HIV prevention pill). We are monitoring carefully to make sure we can keep up with demand and process payments quickly, but we are seeing emerging needs, which we highlight in the “needs and gaps” section of this communication.
- In the past two weeks, AFC staff delivered 50 “support kits” to clients in their homes, which included groceries, toiletries and cleaning supplies.
- AFC is reviewing options for purchasing cell phone minutes for clients, potentially purchasing Trac phones to distribute as well as advocating to Lifeline, the government phone service provider, to provide unlimited minutes, text and data during this crisis.
- Behavioral health programming that occurs in the home for people with significant substance use and mental health challenges is continuing, but with the addition of a screening call ahead of time and physical distancing during the meeting. Isolation is a trigger for many clients, and they have been extremely grateful for the contact during this frightening time.
- AFC’s Care team is assisting clients with filing for unemployment, SNAP, and health care benefits.

Housing (AFC and CHH)

- AFC and the Center for Housing and Health (CHH) are working to provide services in participant’s homes. They are screening participants to make sure no one in the home is sick and staying six feet from clients. Staff members continue to work with a number of people who are not housed and many who are not even in shelter. As a temporary

solution, AFC and the CHH have rented hotel rooms for clients who are currently experiencing homelessness.

- AFC and CHH continue to pay rent for more than 1,000 clients and sent out \$750k in rent checks this month.

The ARK Chicago as of 3/24/2020 (12:00 pm):

Health and Medical Clinic: If you are experiencing potential symptoms of the Coronavirus, such as fever, cough, or difficulty breathing – please do not come to The ARK. It is also very important that you please stay more than 6 feet away from other people. We are available to treat existing clients for minor emergencies by appointment only. For more information, please contact The ARK at 773-973-1000.

Prescriptions: We continue to fill prescriptions for existing clients but are limiting access to the facilities. To arrange for your refill pick-up or delivery, please contact The ARK at 773-973-1000.

Dental Care: We are available to treat existing clients for dental emergencies only.

Food Pantry: We continue to assist new and existing clients with their food pantry needs. For the safety of our clients, staff, and volunteers, we are pre-packing standard pantry items and handing these to clients outside of the facilities. We apologize that this will mean limited choices, temporarily, but please understand that safety must come first, and we are also serving a sudden and significant spike in the number of pantry clients.

Social Services: We continue to assist new and existing clients with rent and utility financial assistance, applying for government benefits, and providing community referrals. For the safety of our clients, staff and volunteers, we are providing these services by phone in the interim.

Employment Services: We continue to provide employment services to both new and existing clients, while helping them apply for unemployment benefits. For the safety of our clients, staff and volunteers, we are providing these services by phone in the interim.

For more information, please contact The ARK at 773-973-1000.

[Coronavirus and Your Finances](#) - Agudath Israel of Illinois

Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

[Community Resources](#) page including Know Your Rights and Rapid Response Resources

[ICIRR's Comprehensive Guide for Immigrants](#)

Chicago Coalition for the Homeless

- [Update](#) on immediate needs - March 20, 2020

[Chicago Citywide Literacy Coalition COVID-19 Resources](#)

Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline:

- Call or text 877-863-6338 (available 24/7) for confidential help and information. Additional information is available at [The Network Advocating Against Domestic Violence](#) and [The National Domestic Violence Hotline](#).

Muslim Community Center in Morton Grove:

Food/Grocery deliveries to seniors and people with disabilities.

They have 30 volunteers and they are able to help anyone within the Skokie, Morton Grove, Niles, Lincolnwood area. Even if they're outside that area, they still may be able to help.

Call Sarah Kadis at 708-859-1483

Spread the word about the program and volunteers. Demand should be getting higher soon.

Illinois Emergency Medical Response Team

- [March 20](#) - identifying sites to place Temporary Medical Treatment Stations.

North Shore Senior Center

These exercise routines are developed by the [National Institute on Aging](#) as part of their [Go4Life program](#) and the [Silver Sneakers program](#). To view the video, simply click on the name of the class below.

- [20-Minute Exercise Routine by Go4Life](#)
- [6 Upper Body Strength Exercises by Go4Life](#)
- [7 Strength, Balance, and Flexibility Exercises for Older Adults by Go4Life](#)
- [60-Minute Exercise Routine by Go4Life](#)
- [7-Minute Yoga Routine for Older Adults by Silver Sneakers](#)
- [10-Minute Total Body Cardio by Silver Sneakers](#)

Federal Government

Internal Revenue Service

[Latest information from the IRS about Coronavirus.](#)

[Deadline extensions](#) - April 9, 2020

In addition to the extension for individual taxpayers moving from April 15 to July 15, trusts, estates, corporations, and other non-corporate tax filers now qualify for the extra time.

Individuals and businesses can also apply for a tax filing extension from July 15 to October 15. If an individual or business applies for an extension, they must estimate their tax liability and pay on July 15.

Estimated tax payments due between April 1 and July 15 are now extended to July 15.

[Language of extensions.](#)

[Tax Extensions by Type](#)

Stimulus checks

Stimulus checks will be coming to people with social security numbers in the coming weeks. A \$1200 check will be made to any individual who made \$75,000 or less in 2018, was not the dependent of another taxpayer, and has a work eligible social security number. A \$2400 check will be sent to any couple filing jointly if they made under \$150,000. Reduced checks, on a sliding scale, will go out to individuals who earn up to \$99,000 and married couples who earn up to \$198,000. For every child dependent under 17 years old, taxpayers will receive an additional \$500.

People on Social Security are eligible to receive the coronavirus relief payment as long as their total income does not exceed the limit. Low-income Americans on Social Security do not need to file a tax return.

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<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here>

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

[Cyber Actors Take Advantage of COVID-19 Pandemic and Use of Virtual Environments](#) - April 1, 2020

Federal Housing Finance Agency

Home-owners can receive relief from their mortgage payments by asking for forbearance from Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac for up to 12 months. This also applies if your rental unit is financed by Fannie or Freddie. Contact your mortgage servicer or Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac to receive assistance. This is not automatic.

[If your landlord is receiving a three-month mortgage forbearance](#), they are not allowed to pursue an eviction per their agreement with Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac.

Labor

[Letter about unemployment insurance](#) - April 6, 2020

Health and Human Services

Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services

[Expanding COVID-19 Healthcare Capacity, State and Territory Tracker](#) - April 8, 2020

[Non-Emergent, Elective Medical Services, and Treatment Recommendations](#) - April 8, 2020

[Guidance for Processing Attestation Statements from Ambulatory Surgical Centers \(ASCs\)](#)

[Temporarily Enrolling as Hospitals](#) - April 3, 2020

[Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 in dialysis facilities](#) - March 30, 2020

[Guidance for Infection Control in Hospitals, Psychiatric Hospitals, and Critical Access Hospitals](#) -

March 30, 2020

[Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act \(EMTALA\) Requirements and Implications](#)

[Related to Coronavirus Disease 2019](#) - March 30, 2020

[Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) in Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities \(ICF/IIDs\) and Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities \(PRTFs\)](#) - March 30, 2020

[Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) in Outpatient Settings](#) - March 30, 2020

Federal Legislation

[Executive Summary of Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act \(Supplementals 1 & 2\)](#)

[Greater Chicago Food Depository - Families First Coronavirus Response Act Summary](#)
[Paid Leave Fact Sheet](#)

Families First Coronavirus Response Act

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act requires most companies and nonprofits under 500 employees to provide extended family and medical leave benefits and up to two weeks of paid sick leave to their employees for COVID-19 related reasons. Generally,

- Two weeks of paid sick leave is available to all employees until December 31, 2020. For employees that are unable to work because they are quarantined or experiencing COVID symptoms and seeking medical diagnosis, they should receive their regular rate of pay. For employees who are unable to work because they are caring for an individual subject to quarantine or a child whose school or childcare is closed, they should receive 2/3 of regular pay.
- Extends Family and Medical Leave benefits, adding up to 10 weeks of paid leave, to employees of companies with fewer than 500 workers if caring for a child whose school or day care has closed. The pay is at two-thirds the employee's regular rate of pay. This FMLA extension is available until December 31, 2020.
- Employers will pay up-front but will receive tax credits to recover the costs. Companies under 50 employees may apply for an exemption to provide leave due to school closings or childcare unavailability if it jeopardizes the viability of the business.

[Cheat sheet from Central Management Service](#)

[One-pager from Central Management Service](#)

CARES Act

[Toolkit from Speaker Pelosi's Office](#)

[Small Business Owner's Guide to the CARES Act](#)

[Information for self-employed and independent contractors](#)

[Greater Chicago Food Depository Provision Summary](#)

[CARES Act Summary](#) and [FAQ](#) from City of Chicago
[Summary of Chicago expected funding](#) (April 9, 2020)

- Provides \$2.2 trillion in funding to support the US economy and combat COVID-19
- Stimulus checks of \$1200 will be sent to qualifying individuals and \$2400 will be sent to qualifying couples filing jointly.
- Illinois is expected to receive about \$4.914 billion in relief aid as a part of the \$150 billion aid package to support state and local governments.
 - [Illinois Specific Funding Breakdown](#)
- \$349 billion of forgivable loans to small businesses to keep employees on the payroll. These loans are open to most businesses under 500 employees, non-profits, the self-employed, startups, and cooperatives.
 - This is called the Paycheck Protection Program. See below.
- \$30 billion was appropriated for elementary schools, secondary schools, colleges and universities; and \$25 for mass transit systems.
 - Schools districts do not need to apply for this funding. Be on the lookout for guidance to apply with ISBE.
- The bill will expand unemployment eligibility to include private contractors and freelancers, along with an additional \$600 per week of unemployment benefits. This will be implemented through state unemployment programs.

Stimulus Checks

[Calculator from the Tax Foundation.](#)

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[See more FAQs here.](#)

[See this document for the latest timeline of check disbursements.](#)

Unemployment

Components of the CARES Act that expands Unemployment Insurance

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)

FPUC provides an additional \$600 per week for individuals receiving regular unemployment benefits, PUA, PEUC, or extended benefits if they are triggered under Illinois law, beginning March 29, 2020 and concluding the week ending July 25.

FPUC has been fully implemented and disbursement has begun.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)

PEUC provides up to 13 additional weeks of federally funded unemployment benefits for individuals who have exhausted regular unemployment benefits.

IDES received USDOL guidelines on April 10 and expects the program can be implemented through the current IDES computer system the week of April 20, 2020.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)

PUA provides up to 39 weeks of federally funded unemployment benefits to individuals not typically eligible for unemployment benefits, including independent contractors and sole-proprietors who have become unemployed as a direct result of COVID-19.

The PUA program has been established for individuals who are unemployed for reasons attributable to COVID-19 and not covered by the state's regular unemployment insurance program. To establish eligibility under the new program, the claimant will have to demonstrate he/she is not eligible under the regular program. Applying for and being denied benefits under the regular program can help establish eligibility under the new temporary program.

IDES plans on this program being fully implemented the week of May 11th.

SBA's Paycheck Protection Program -- See fact sheet here

*****Currently, the Paycheck Protection Program has run out of funding.**

If you've applied, stay in contact with your bank and keep your papers in order until it's replenished.

If you haven't applied yet, get all of your documentation ready for when the SBA is ready to receive your application from your local bank.***

- **Eligibility:** Small businesses up to 500 employees, non-profits, independent contractors and self-employed. Churches are eligible but only to cover payroll of an associated business like a thrift store. 501(c)6s are not eligible. Affiliation rules are waived for franchises.
- **Loan Size:** Maximum loan is \$10 million.
- If you were in business between 2/15/19-6/30/19, your maximum loan is 250% of your average monthly payroll costs during that period. If you employ seasonal workers, you can opt to choose March 1 instead of Feb 15.
- If you were not in business between 2/15/19-6/30/19, your maximum loan is 250% of your average monthly payroll costs between January 1, 2020 and February 29, 2020.
- **Term and interest:** Maximum term is 10 years with a maximum interest rate of 4% with zero loan fees, zero payment fee. At least 75% of your loan must be used for payroll.
- **Forgivability:** Forgiveness of up to 8 weeks of payroll based on employee retention and salary levels. The amount of the loan forgiven at the end of the year will be determined by how many employees were retained on the company's payroll, up to 100% for full

retention. The forgiveness amount is the sum of: payroll costs, payment of interest on any covered mortgage obligations, any payment on any covered rent obligations, and any covered utility payment. Payroll excludes compensation over \$100,000.

- **How are loans made:** The SBA's network for 7(a) lenders will be used to process these loans. [Find a lender here.](#)
- **Does this work with other SBA loans:** Borrowers may apply for PPP loans and other SBA financial assistance including EIDLs.
- **How to apply:** SBA 7(a) lenders can begin to process loans on Friday, April 3. Here is a [sample application](#).
 - Starting April 3, 2020, **small businesses and sole proprietorships** can apply for and receive loans to cover their payroll and other certain expenses through existing SBA lenders.
 - Starting April 10, 2020, **independent contractors and self-employed individuals** can apply for and receive loans to cover their payroll and other certain expenses through existing SBA lenders.
 - Other regulated lenders will be available to make these loans as soon as they are approved and enrolled in the program.
- [Small Business Majority's Powerpoint on the PPP and EIDL loan programs.](#)

Small Business Debt Relief Program

What this program does: Small businesses with non-disaster SBA loans can receive immediate assistance. Under this program, the SBA will cover all loan payments, including principle, interest, and fees, for six months. This will also be available to new borrowers who take out loans within six months of March 27, 2020.

Eligible Debt: 7(a) loans not made under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), 504 loans, and microloans. Disaster loans are not eligible.

Borrowers under this program can also take out PPP debt.

7(a) loans: These are affordable loans of up to \$5 million for borrowers who lack credit elsewhere and need short-term or long-term working capital, or financing for various needs.

504 loans: Provide up to \$5.5 million to approved small businesses with long-term, fixed-rate financing used to acquire fixed assets for expansion or modernization. This is best for real estate, buildings, and machinery.

Microloans: Loans up to \$50,000 for small businesses and certain non-profit childcare centers to start up and expand. The average microloan is \$13,000. These loans are delivered through mission-based lenders who are also able to provide business counseling services.

Economic Injury Disaster Loans

What this program does: Provides emergency economic assistance to cover a temporary loss of revenue due to a disaster.

Eligibility: Small businesses, independent contractors, cooperatives, private non-profits, tribal small businesses, and any effective ruling letter from the IRS, granting tax exemption under sections 501(c), (d), or (e), or the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, **or** if you can provide satisfactory evidence from the State that the non-revenue producing organization or entity is a nonprofit one organized or doing business under State law.

Loan amount and interest: Low-interest loans of up to \$2 million with interest and principal deferment available for up to 4 years for expenses that could have been met had the disaster not occurred, including payroll and other operating expenses.

Application Process: The SBA has just recently rolled out a new, streamlined application process that is [available here](#). Note that if your business needs short term assistance, and you applied before this week, you may need to re-submit your application (see below). If you have already applied for funds through EIDL and do not need the \$10,000 advance, your application should continue to be processed without additional steps. You may check on the status of your application by calling 800-659-2955.

Emergency Economic Injury Grants (advance on EIDL loans)

General Information: Businesses that need an infusion of capital in the short term and who have applied for a loan through the EIDL program can also apply for an Emergency Economic Injury Grant, which will provide an advance of \$10,000 from the requested EIDL amount. This process can be started from the EIDL application, [available here](#).

Importantly, if you already submitted an EIDL application prior to the launch of this program (SBA says if you applied before Monday) you will have to resubmit an application using the streamlined process at the link above.

Aid to Midsize Businesses

The CARES Act requires a special program through the U.S. Treasury and Federal Reserve specifically targeted at midsize businesses and nonprofits between 500-10,000 employees to provide loans, loan guarantees, and other investments. These loans will not be forgiven. The Federal Reserve created the [Main Street Lending Programs](#) on April 9th to provide \$600 billion to these entities. While program terms have been released by the Federal Reserve, the U.S. Treasury and Federal Reserve are still finalizing the program and more information will become available.

The U.S. Treasury and Federal Reserve have latitude to develop these programs, such as setting additional terms for eligible borrowers and required collateral. There are restrictions and criteria in place on businesses as enacted by the CARES Act.

Who is eligible?

Nonprofits and mid-sized businesses between 500 and 10,000 employees, or with revenues up to \$2.5 billion, that are created or organized in the U.S. or under the laws of the U.S. with significant operations in and majority of its employees based in the U.S. Businesses must be in good financial standing.

How will this work?

The U.S. Treasury provided capital to the Federal Reserve to implement the Main Street Lending Programs that will provide financing to eligible lenders, which are U.S. insured depository institutions, U.S. bank holding companies and U.S. savings and loan holding companies. Eligible borrowers will apply through eligible lenders.

Known loan terms:

The loans are 4-year loans and amortization of principal and interest is deferred for one year. The loans can be from \$1 million to \$150 million and are determined depending on the situation of each applicant. More information can be found in the term sheets linked in the More Information Section.

What are the known conditions?

Borrowers must commit from using the proceeds of these loans to repay other loan balances and must refrain from repaying other debt of equal or lower priority, with the exception of mandatory principal payments. Borrowers must also attest that financing is required due to COVID-19 and that the proceeds will reasonably allow borrowers to maintain payroll and retain employees during the term of the loan.

Borrowers must also meet the requirements set forth by the CARES Act: retaining at least 90% of current workforce until September 30, 2020, at full compensation and benefits; cannot engage in stock buybacks, unless contractually obligated, or pay dividends while the loan is outstanding; no outsourcing or offshoring for two years after completing repayment; and must remain neutral in any union organization effort and not breach a collective bargaining agreement for two years after repayment.

Where can I find more information?

The Federal Reserve issued the terms of the Main Street Lending Programs on April 9th and is continuing to finalize the program. [Interested borrowers should reference the term sheets at the bottom of the page for specifics.](#) Funding for loans to midsize businesses and nonprofits will be made available to banks and other lenders, as described above. Interested borrowers could also reach out to their bank for more information as it becomes available.

Aid to Larger Businesses

The U.S. Treasury and Federal Reserve announced the Federal Reserve will begin purchasing up to \$750 billion in corporate loans and bonds from large businesses through its Primary and Secondary Market Corporate Credit Facilities.

Who is eligible?

Interested participants must be a U.S. business, organized under state or federal law, and have significant operations and a majority of their employees in the U.S. Interested participants must also have at least an investment grade rating on March 22nd.

How will this work?

Funding from the U.S. Treasury allows the Federal Reserve to create a program, called a facility, to make loans to investment grade corporations and buy corporate bonds to help companies function through the COVID-19 crisis. The Federal Reserve will finance a special purpose vehicle (SPV) to make loans and purchase bonds from these facilities to companies. The loans and bonds will have a maturity of up to 4 years. The program will cease on September 30, 2020, unless it is extended by the Federal Reserve.

What are the known conditions and restrictions?

Businesses must be created or organized in the U.S. or under the laws of the U.S. with significant operations in and majority of its employees based in the U.S. and an investment grade as of March 22, 2020. Additional criteria is explained in the term sheets from the Federal Reserve linked in the More Information Section.

Where can I get more information?

Interested entities should reference the term sheets listed at the bottom of the page for Term AssetBacked Securities Loan Facility, Primary Market Corporate Credit Facility and Secondary Market Corporate Credit Facility. More guidance from the Federal Reserve should become available soon.

CARES Act 2

The next stimulus package builds on the CARES Act and will replenish funding for various programs

- The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) will receive a \$310 billion replenishment with:
 - \$30 billion reserved for community-based lenders, small banks and credit unions
 - \$30 billion for mid-sized banks and credit unions
- Emergency Injury Disaster Loans will receive another \$50 billion for \$350 billion in total lending
- \$75 billion for hospitals
- \$25 billion for testing.
 - The Administration has agreed to a national strategic testing policy that will focus on increasing domestic testing capacity including testing supplies.

Local Government

Chicago

Protecting Chicago Framework

[May 26th Update](#)

City of Chicago Coronavirus Response Hotline: (312) 746-7425 (SICK)

Mon-Fri 8am-4pm

Call them for instructions especially for those who are uninsured www.chicago.gov/coronavirus

[City of Chicago Reopening Framework](#)

[Resources for Health Care Workers and First Responders](#)

[Paid Sick Leave Ordinance FAQs and Know Your Rights](#)

Flyers

[How to Protect Yourself](#)

[Ways to prevent the spread if you are sick](#)

[What you can do if you are high risk](#)

[Chicago Together Flyer](#) (volunteer opportunities)

[Good neighbor, well-being call script](#)

Liquor Sales Cease at 9pm - April 8, 2020

[Press Release](#)

[Order](#)

Free Child Care: The City of Chicago partnered with SitterCity to provide first responders and essential workers with free childcare: <https://family.sittercity.com/chicagoresponds/>.

Rental Assistance:

City of Chicago residents can find information [about rental assistance here](#), or call 311 and ask to be connected with a community center near you to help you fill out an application.

Chicago Public Schools

[CPS Announces New Information on Upcoming School Year](#) - July 17, 2020

Day in the Life of a CPS Student at School ([Infographic](#))

Day in the Life of a CPS Student at Home ([Infographic](#))

CPS Preliminary Reopening Framework ([Booklet](#))

[CPS to Resume Meal Distribution Tomorrow](#) - June 1, 2020

[CPS Announces Partnerships with Local Television Stations to Provide Supplemental Educational Enrichment Programming](#) - May 4, 2020

[Getting Connected to the Internet Guide](#)

[Press release about remote learning](#) - March 30, 2020

[Guidance for parents about remote learning](#) - March 30, 2020

[Diverse Learning Services FAQ](#) - March 30, 2020

[Interim Guidance on Cleaning and Disinfecting CPS Primary and Secondary Schools](#) - March 26, 2020

Chicago Transit Authority

[Letter to Elected Officials and Community Leaders](#) - April 1, 2020

Chicago Housing Authority

[Common questions from Aldermen](#) - June 3, 2020

[How to apply for Public Housing and Project-Based Voucher Program](#) - April 9, 2020

[Flyers for CHA facilities](#) - April 9, 2020

[Conducting Business with the HCV Program during COVID-19](#) - April 9, 2020

[FamilyWorks Providers Contacts by Ward](#) - April 9, 2020

[CHA Property Management Contact Listing Internal and External](#)

[CHA Unit Occupancy and Vacancy Report](#) - April 9, 2020

Chicago Department of Family & Support Services (DFSS)

[DOH and DFSS Announce \\$33 million in Housing Assistance](#) - July 27, 2020

[Senior Services Division Delegate Webinar](#) - April 16, 2020

[Video](#)

Chicago Department of Public Health

[Newsletter](#) - May 31, 2020

[Newsletter](#) - May 23, 2020

[Newsletter](#) - May 21, 2020

[Mental Health Investments in Chicago](#) - May 19, 2020

[COVID-19 Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#) - May 6, 2020

[COVID-19 Guidance for Critical Infrastructure Workers](#) - May 6, 2020

[COVID-19 Guidance for Residential Buildings](#) - May 6, 2020

[Guidance on the Use of Face Coverings](#) - May 1, 2020

[Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#) - May 1, 2020

[Lakefront Closure Re-issued](#) - May 1, 2020

[Free Exercise of Religion Guidance](#) - May 1, 2020

[Testing Frequently Asked Questions](#) - April 15, 2020

[Homeless Response Brief](#) - April 13, 2020

[Guidance for Homeless Shelters](#) - April 13, 2020

[McCormick Place](#) and [Safe Haven](#) are Accepting Referrals - April 13 and 14

[Newsletter](#) - May 1, 2020

[Newsletter](#) - April 28, 2020

[Newsletter](#) - April 25, 2020

[Hospital Capacity Update](#) - April 24, 2020

[Newsletter](#) - April 21, 2020

[Newsletter](#) - April 14, 2020

[Newsletter](#) - April 11, 2020

[Newsletter](#) - April 9, 2020

[General Update](#) - April 6, 2020

April 5, 2020 - [Testing by Zipcode](#), [Cases by Zipcode](#), [Confirmed Case Rate by Zipcode](#)

[Maintaining Clinical Preventive Services](#) - April 6, 2020

[Guidance for Congregate Settings](#) - April 3, 2020

[Guidance for Multifamily Residential Buildings](#) - April 1, 2020

[Guidance for Congregate Settings](#) - March 27, 2020

[Guidance for Employers](#) - March 26, 2020

Community Newsletter - March 28, 2020

[Arabic](#), [English](#), [Polish](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#), [Traditional Chinese](#)

[Service Changes](#) - March 20, 2020

[Guidance for Homeless Shelters](#) - March 20, 2020

Office of Budget and Management

[Questions from Aldermen](#) - March 30, 2020

Cook County

Cook County Coronavirus Hotline: (708) 633-3319; ccdph.COVID19@cookcountyhhs.org
Monday-Friday 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Text "AlertCook" to 888-777 to stay informed.

[Cook County Delaying Home Rule Taxes](#) - March 26, 2020

- The filing date for home rule taxes has been extended to May 1, 2020 for the February and March 2020 tax periods with no penalties or interest. This includes: new motor vehicle taxes, use taxes (dealers), alcoholic beverage tax, amusement tax, tobacco tax, gasoline and diesel fuel tax, parking lot and garage operations tax, firearm and ammunition tax, hotel accommodations.
- Liquor Licenses expiring on April 30, 2020 will be extended to July 31, 2020. Late fees will not be assessed.
- Equipment registration fees and revision fees related to asbestos and demolition are waived through April 30.
- See the document for the full list of taxes, fines and fees.

[Cook County Public Health COVID-19 Reporting Data](#)

- This data does not include Chicago, Evanston, or Skokie because they have their own health departments.
- Latest data information from [Chicago](#), [Evanston](#), [Skokie](#)

[Cook County Courts General Administrative Order](#) - March 16, 2020

- Court proceedings rescheduled for 30 days from the original date unless the 30th day is a weekend, then the next following business day
- Court employees are encouraged to work from home for the 30 day period.
- Cook County sheriff may not execute eviction orders from March 14 to thirty days following.
- Judges are available for emergencies.
- Pre-trial proceedings (bail proceedings) will be conducted daily at all locations.
- See order for details.

Skokie/Lincolnwood/Morton Grove

Latest information from the [Skokie Health Department](#)

Skokie Human Services is processing Emergency Financial Assistance Applications for as long as funds last. Call 847-933-8208 to apply.

Niles/Glenview/Park Ridge

Niles Township

[How to make a facemask](#)

Niles Township Food Pantry

- [Update](#), March 23, 2020
- ~~[Update](#), March 15, 2020 — ask for volunteers and donations~~
- Those in need of supplementary food will be able to pick up at our
 - Pop-up Pantry site at 8300 Lehigh Ave, Morton Grove, IL 60053
 - Assembled boxes of groceries will be available from **11 a.m to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays**
 - These boxes contain a week's worth of groceries
 - Township Building, Back Door Entrance.
 - Assembled boxes of groceries will be distributed from **5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays**
 - Groceries in these boxes have included peanut butter; trail mix; canned chicken; tomato soup; canned vegetables; canned beans or vegetarian chili; spaghetti sauce; pasta; dried fruit; dried beans; brown rice; juice; water; crackers; and cereal bars.

FAQs Document