



COVID-related Services and Resources Available to You

HUD is providing several resources in this document for your awareness only. HUD has not evaluated and does not endorse these websites.

- **HUD's Information Resource Center (IRC):** for general information about HUD programs email HUD-PIHRC@ArdentInc.com or call 1.800.955.2232
- **National Domestic Violence Hotline:** <https://www.thehotline.org> or 1 (800) 799-7233 or TTY 1 (800) 787-3224 – is a confidential hotline for anyone experiencing domestic violence, looking for information, or questioning unhealthy aspects of their relationship. If you can't speak safely on the phone, text LOVEIS to 1 (866) 331-9474 or visit the website to start an online chat.
- **211:** Dial 211 or visit 211.org and search by zip code. This is a hotline that can connect you to emergency assistance, such as rental and utility assistance, and other supportive services in your community. All calls are confidential, can be made anonymously, and callers can request translation services for 180 languages.
- **Unemployment Insurance:** www.usa.gov/unemployment – Find out if you are eligible for unemployment benefits and how to apply in your state. New federal laws provide unemployment benefits for self-employed and gig workers, add an **additional \$300 to weekly benefits** and extends the number of weeks benefits are available. Plus, states are allowed to provide new unemployment benefits related to COVID-19, such as when a person leaves employment due to a risk of exposure or infection or to care for a family member; an employer temporarily stops operations due to COVID-19, which means employees can't go to work; or a person is quarantined but expects to return to work after the quarantine is over.
- **Economic Impact Payments (Stimulus Payments):** <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment> Find out if you are eligible for the new Economic Impact Payments of up to **\$1,400** and how to claim your payment. If you did not already receive past rounds of stimulus payments (the first and second rounds were issued in 2020 and January 2021), this site also contains information on how you can check eligibility and claim those payments.
- **Free Tax Preparation and New Child Tax Credits:** <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-qualifying-taxpayers> – Get free help filing your taxes, provided by trained volunteers, or e-file for free online. If you do not normally file a tax return and have children, you should consider filing this year so you can qualify for the new child tax credit. A new federal law has increased child tax credits to up to \$3,000 for each child age 6 or over and \$3,600 for each child under age 6. **Monthly payments may be sent as early as this summer, but families must file a tax return in order to receive the funds.** Deadline to file for 2020 is May 17, 2021
- **The Disaster Distress Helpline:** 1 (800) 985-5990 (call or text) – is a national hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any disaster, including COVID-19.
- **Community Action Agency:** <https://communityactionpartnership.com/find-a-cap/> – Contact your local Community Action Agency to find out what services they might offer, such as emergency payment assistance for rent or utilities.
- **Help with Bills:** www.usa.gov/help-with-bills Learn about government programs to help pay for phone service, energy bills and other expenses.
- **Benefits Eligibility:** www.benefits.gov - Find out what government benefits you might be eligible for, such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), food assistance, and healthcare.
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Information:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/> – Learn about the COVID-19 Vaccine, including how effective it is, whether it is safe, and how you can get one.
- **Education Resources:** <https://bealearninghero.org/parentstrong-2/> – Find education resources and support for parents who are helping their children learn at home or just want additional educational resources for their children.