

HELPFUL RESOURCES REGARDING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR COVID-19

[Price-gouging is illegal in California](#). If you or someone you know needs to file a complaint against an individual or business,

- [Add your claim by clicking here](#)
- For more information www.co.monterey.ca.us/Home/Components/News/News/6105/9444

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If your hours have been reduced or your employer has shut down operations due to Coronavirus and/or you are working fewer hours or not working because your child's school is closed, and you need to care for them.

- File an Unemployment Insurance claim here: [EDD Unemployment Insurance claim](#).

If you're unable to work due to having or being exposed to COVID-19 (certified by a medical professional), you can file a Disability Insurance (DI) claim. DI provides short-term benefit payments to eligible workers who have a full or partial loss of wages due to a non-work-related illness, injury, or pregnancy.

- Visit www.edd.ca.gov/Disability/How_to_File_a_DI_Claim_in_SDI_Online.htm/

If you or a family member are sick, there may be paid sick leave or other paid leave that is available. Additionally, employees at worksites with 25 or more employees may also be provided up to 40 hours of leave per year for specific school-related emergencies, such as the closure of a child's school or day care by civil authorities (see Labor Code section 230.8). Whether that leave is paid or unpaid depends on the employer's paid leave, vacation or other paid time off policies.

- Discuss your options with your employer, and read more about Paid Sick Leave eligibility here: [DIR Paid Sick Leave eligibility](#).

If you're unable to work because you're caring for a sick or quarantined family member with Coronavirus.

- File a Paid Family Leave claim here: [EDD Paid Family Leave claim](#).

If you are an employer and/or worker affected by anticipated or scheduled layoffs, business closures, and natural or other disasters assistance is available from Monterey County Workforce Development Rapid Response (layoff assistance or aversion). Services include on-site sessions where employees learn about unemployment benefits, job search techniques, training opportunities, and reemployment.

- For More info: www.montereycountywdb.org/business-services/rapid-response/

If your business has suffered substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus, you can apply for a low-interest federal disaster loan. US Small Business Administration loans are now available for

Monterey County may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact.

- For more information <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>
- Call **1-800-659-2955** or
- Email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Access a local food bank. California Association of Food Banks and its food bank network will continue to work to ensure that our most vulnerable communities have consistent and safe access to nutritious food.

- Locate a food bank by entering your zip code: www.cafoodbanks.org/find-food-bank
- More Info: <http://www.cafoodbanks.org/COVID-19>

If Seniors need services (pick up medicine/food)

- Call California's department of Aging at 1-800-510-2020 and ask for the "Worker of the Day" and they can provide services M-F, 8 AM - 5PM.

Get an extension on filing your tax return and making payments: Tax filing and payment deadlines that occur on March 15, 2020 through June 15, 2020 are extended to June 15, 2020. Taxpayers affected by COVID-19 are granted an extension to file California tax returns and make certain payments until June 15, 2020. The Franchise Tax Board will also waive any interest and late filing/payment penalties that would otherwise apply. If you're claiming the COVID-19 relief, write COVID-19 in black ink at the top of your tax return. If you're e-filing, follow the software instructions to enter disaster information.

- More info: [Franchise Tax Board news release](#).

If your driver license or vehicle registration is expiring soon, and you don't want to risk coronavirus exposure or transmission, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is offering announced a 60-day extension for renewals of driver licenses and vehicle registrations with expiration dates beginning March 16, 2020.

- More information can be found here: [DMV 60-day extension](#)

The Labor and Workforce Development Agency has more information about potential benefits, including informative chart displaying and explaining these benefits: [LWD Coronavirus Resources](#).

NON-GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR COVID-19

Nonprofit organizations may qualify for relief funds of \$5,000 to \$30,000 from The Community Foundation for Monterey County (CFMC) and Monterey Peninsula Foundation established the COVID-19 Relief Fund to help those affected by the impact of the Coronavirus in Monterey County. The COVID-19 Relief Fund will address the immediate and longer-term needs of our region's most vulnerable residents who will be impacted by the Coronavirus.

- For more information: <https://www.cfmco.org/nonprofits/grants/covid-19-relief-grants/>

Get fee waivers and waived penalties for Citibank customers. Starting March 9, 2020 and effective for an initial 30 days, Citibank Retail Bank customers can get fee waivers on monthly service fees and waived penalties for early Certificate of Deposit withdrawal. Citibank Retail Bank Small Business customers can get fee waivers on monthly service fees and remote deposit capture and waived penalties for early Certificate of Deposit withdrawal. Call the phone number on the back of your card to inquire about account assistance. If you currently work with a Banker or Financial Advisor, you can contact them during their regular business hours. Assistance is available 24/7 via the phone number on the back of your card.

- More info: [Citibank online announcement](#)

Get free internet service for two months with Comcast. New families who connect to Comcast's Internet Essentials program will get free internet service for two months. The Internet Essentials program is normally available to qualified low-income households in Comcast's service area for \$9.95/month. You can cancel at any time (no contract and no term) if you don't want to continue the program after the first two months. After you sign up, Comcast will mail you a free self-install kit with a cable modem and a Wi-Fi router.

- Call 1-855-846-8376 (English); 1-855-765-6995 (Spanish)
- Visit: www.internetessentials.com/
- Read the [Comcast press release](#)

Get cash assistance for service workers. One Fair Wage is offering cash assistance restaurant workers, delivery drivers, and other tipped workers and service workers who are seeing their income decline or aren't able to work because of quarantines or other health concerns.

- Submit request online: <https://ofwemergencyfund.org/help>

Get free storage space for college students. U-Haul is offering 30 days of free storage space, usage of U-Box portable moving, and storage containers for college students impacted by unforeseen schedule changes at their universities. Offer valid for new customers with college IDs.

- Visit link to find a participating location: <https://www.uhaul.com/Storage/>

Get free internet access for households with students. Free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription and at any service level up to 100 Mbps. Installation fees are waived.

- Call to enroll: 844-488-8395
- More info: <https://corporate.charter.com/newsroom/charter-to-offer-free-access-to-spectrum-broadband-and-wifi-for-60-days-for-new-K12-and-college-student-households-and-more>

Get financial assistance for individuals and their families in the alcohol industry through the USBG National Charity Foundation. Eligible if worked for at least one year directly serving or in the production, promotion or distribution of alcoholic beverages, or the spouse or child of someone in the industry

- Apply with online [form](https://www.usbgfoundation.org/beap-application): <https://www.usbgfoundation.org/beap-application>
- More info: <https://www.usbgfoundation.org/covid-19-response/>

Access free fitness videos. The YMCA recorded and posted their instructor-led fitness classes online that can be accessed via tablet or computer.

- [Your Virtual YMCA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOGt_IpceP_xQhhCMCrut_A/videos) www.youtube.com/channel/UCOGt_IpceP_xQhhCMCrut_A/videos

Get free video communications for students and staff. All K-12 schools can request a free basic account for online video communications with no time limits using their school's email address.

- [Sign up here: https://zoom.us/docs/ent/school-verification.html?zcid=1231&_ga=2.228851412.995105639.1583699918-735451631.1546545079](https://zoom.us/docs/ent/school-verification.html?zcid=1231&_ga=2.228851412.995105639.1583699918-735451631.1546545079)

SOCIAL SERVICE & HEALTH ASSISTANCE FOR COVID-19

Childcare Support may be provided by the central coast YMCA for essential workers.

- Visit <https://www.centralcoastymca.org/> for more information.

For more information on COVID-19

- Visit (county) www.mtyhd.org/covid19 (state) www.covid19.ca.gov
- Call 2-1-1 or
- Text "MCCOVID19" to 888777

If you feel sick and are concerned about COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus), please call your doctor or other healthcare provider before arriving at the office. You can also call Montage Health Virtual Care Option, which is free for all community members experiencing mild respiratory symptoms

- Call [831-622-8001](tel:831-622-8001)
- More information: www.montagehealth.org/montage-health/services/evisit/#.XnLX7GhKjIU

To receive emotional support. The Mental Health Association of San Francisco (MHASF) is offering free emotional support assistance for all Californians Call or message a free peer-run warm line for non-emergency emotional and mental health support. The line can also help connect you to local emergency, mental health, or social services. All calls are confidential.

- Call the warm line at 1-855-845-7415
- [Visit the link](http://www.mentalhealthsf.org/peer-run-warmline/) to start the webchat to receive emotional support: www.mentalhealthsf.org/peer-run-warmline/
- More information on mental health: : www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/health/behavioral-health/covid-19-resources-for-coping-with-mental-health-recursos-para-manejar-la-salud-mental/

For further information regarding social services and assistance, please visit the Monterey County Department of Social Service's website: <http://mcdss.co.monterey.ca.us/>