



Mendocino County Advocacy & Collaboration Team



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Mendocino County COVID-19 Call Center (707) 234-6052

Financial Resources

4/28/20 CARES Act Stimulus Payments

Many tax filers earning less than \$75,000 will receive a one-time cash payment of \$1,200 and an additional \$500 per child. Those earning over \$75,000 and up to \$99,000 may receive a phased-down payment. In order to receive this payment, the individual or couple must have filed taxes in 2018 or 2019 (except those that receive Social Security). The deadline to file 2019 income tax forms has been extended to July 15, 2020. Mixed immigration status households which include an ITIN filer may not receive any Stimulus Payment through the CARES Act. Adults who are claimed as a dependent will not receive any stimulus payment through the CARES Act. To find out more, go to the [IRS Economic Impact Payments page](#).

4/28/20 Pandemic Unemployment for Self-Employed Workers

The CARES Act creates an unemployment benefit for those that don't qualify for traditional unemployment benefits (like the self-employed), called Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA). As of **Tuesday, April 28th** PUA is available! To apply for PUA and find out more, go to the [EDD PUA page](#).

4/28/20 Small Business Administration

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has received additional funding to continue to provide Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL). These are low-interest or forgivable loans to small businesses who have been impacted by the Coronavirus. Currently banks can once again process EIDL applications that were in the queue. The hope is there will be new loans available soon. To find out more, go to the [SBA disaster assistance page](#).

4/6/20 Unemployment Insurance for Workers and Parents

The California Employment Development Department ([EDD](#)) is issuing additional unemployment benefits. Workers who are temporarily unemployed or have reduced hours due to COVID-19 can apply for unemployment. Parents who have to miss work to care for their children because of school closures can apply for unemployment. The 1-week unpaid waiting period has been waived. Benefit amounts have been increased by \$600 per week and the benefit period has been extended by 13 weeks.

4/6/20 Paid Sick Leave

Employees can take accrued paid sick leave if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and seeking medical advice, quarantined, or caring for a child because of school closures.

4/20/20 Emergency Paid Sick Leave

The [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#) authorizes the [Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act](#) which includes paid leave due to illness, quarantine or the closure of schools. Many businesses with fewer than 50 employees or more than 500 employees have received exemptions from some of these requirements. Workers at exempt businesses may be eligible for Paid Family Leave or Unemployment through EDD.

4/6/20 Paid Family Leave & Disability Insurance

The California Employment Development Department (EDD) provides Disability Insurance to workers who are unable to work because they have been exposed to COVID-19 or are sick with the virus. The EDD provides Paid Family Leave to workers who are unable to work because they are caring for an ill or quarantined family member. [EDD COVID-19 Resources](#)

3/24/20 CalWORKs and Cash Aid

Current CalWORKs recipients should contact their worker if they need additional support. New applicants can apply for CalWORKs by calling Social Services:
Fort Bragg 1-877-327-1677 or Ukiah 1-877-327-1711

4/28/20 Community Foundation COVID-19 Relief Fund

Three local non-profits have been designated to distribute the Community Foundation's COVID-19 Relief Funds. These funds are primarily intended for those who have not received relief funds from other sources. To apply for these funds contact your local agency listed below.

Mendocino Coast Children's Fund: North Coast (from Elk to Westport)

community@mccf.info or text: (707) 684-6644

Mendonoma Health Alliance: South Coast

(707) 412-3176 Ext.102 info@mendonomahealth.org www.mendonomahealth.org

North Coast Opportunities: Inland

(707) 621-8817 www.ncoinc.org

Food Resources

4/28/20 Pandemic EBT for Students

Pandemic EBT benefits will be issued to families with school-age children who qualify for free or reduced price school meals. Pandemic EBT will be issued on a new EBT card, separate from any other EBT card the family may have. Children do not need to be CalFresh-eligible to receive Pandemic EBT. This program will provide funds for families to purchase food. This program is not yet available. [Food Resources](#)

4/28/20 Restaurant Delivery Program for Older Californians

Governor Newsom announced the launch of a “Restaurants Deliver: Home Meals for Seniors” partnership with counties, cities, and Tribes. Local programs are still being developed. This program is not yet available. More information will be available soon.

4/28/20 CalFresh (formerly known as Food Stamps)

CalFresh provides nutrition assistance to low-income individuals and families. Those who have lost income because of this pandemic, may be newly eligible for CalFresh. You can find out if you may be eligible and apply at GetCalFresh.org. Just click on “apply now” and it will take you through a couple screening questions before you actually start the application.

4/28/20 CalFresh Online Delivery Program

Beginning April 28th, CalFresh recipients will be able to purchase food delivery online through Amazon and Walmart. There may be a delivery fee that will not be paid by CalFresh benefits.

4/13/20 CalFresh Additional Benefits

Many CalFresh households will get extra benefits in April and May. The benefits will be automatically loaded onto their cards. More information is [here](#).

4/20/20 WIC

The Women Infants and Children (WIC) program provides nutritional benefits to low-income pregnant woman and households with children under 5 years old. Due to the Coronavirus, the WIC program has expanded the food that can be purchased, is not requiring in-person enrollment, and can now issue benefits remotely. To find out more, call the [Mendocino County WIC](#) office at 1-855-843-2949.

4/6/20 Food Resource Lists

North Coast Opportunities (NCO) has created a list of food banks and free meals. The list can be found on the [NCO website](#) and [here](#). A list of grocery stores providing curbside service and delivery can be found on the [Mendocino County Coronavirus website](#).

4/6/20 School Meals

Schools are continuing to provide meals to all children. Most districts are distributing a weeks worth of meals at a time. Meal distributions are happening at school sites and some are being delivered through school bus routes. Check your school district website for more information.

Health Care & Insurance Resources

4/13/20 Health Care Coverage for COVID-19

Treatment for emergency medical care related to COVID-19 will be covered by Medi-Cal, whether you are in the program, uninsured, or the treatment is not covered by your health insurance. The Medi-Cal program will cover this necessary care.

4/13/20 Medi-Cal & Covered California Health Insurance

Medi-Cal and Covered California provide full-scope health insurance to Californians. Medi-Cal is open for enrollment all year round. Covered California has extended their open enrollment period through the end of June! You can apply online at CoveredCa.com.

Housing

4/28/20 Housing Protections

Legal Services of Northern California has information on their [website about legal protections](#) related to rent increases and evictions.

4/28/20 Eviction & Foreclosure Protection

An emergency court rule has been adopted to stop most evictions and foreclosures. Tenants who are unable to pay rent due to the Coronavirus, must notify their landlord in writing within 7 days of nonpayment that they are unable to pay all or a portion of the rent. The tenant will still owe the unpaid rent, and will eventually be required to make up the missed payment. Foreclosure judgments have been suspended. This rule is in effect until 90 days after the Governor lifts the COVID-19 state of emergency. To protect yourself from eviction or foreclosure, seek legal advice. [Eviction & Foreclosure Summary](#)

3/24/20 CalWORKs Housing Programs

The CalWORKs program provides temporary and permanent housing assistance to families at risk of homelessness. Those impacted by COVID-19 may be eligible for additional [CalWORKs Homeless Assistance](#). For more information, call: Fort Bragg 1-877-327-1677 or Ukiah 1-877-327-1711

3/24/20 Special Housing Assistance to Families with Children

Limited funds are available to support low-income families at risk of eviction or in need of down-payment assistance. This program may also assist limited term motel/hotel vouchers. Email efas_outreach@mendocinocounty.org for more information.

3/24/20 Mortgage Relief

Homeowners who have lost income or their jobs because of the coronavirus outbreak may be eligible to have their mortgage payments reduced or suspended for up to 12 months. Homeowners should contact their mortgage lender to find out more.

Immigration

4/28/20 California Immigrant Guide

California has created a guide for immigrants with resources and information related to the pandemic. [COVID-19-Guidance for Immigrant Californians](#)

4/13/20 Immigrant Workers

Legal Aid At Work has compiled a resource list of funds to help immigrant workers who have lost income due to the Coronavirus. [Resource List](#)

4/6/20 Access to Health Care for Immigrants

The Protecting Immigrant Families (PIF) campaign has updated their website to include a general overview of public programs available to support individuals and families.

[New PIF Quick Reference](#)

Support

4/20/20 Child Care

Rural Communities Child Care can help essential workers find child care. Call (707) 467-3211.

4/20/20 Parenting

The [FIRST 5 Mendocino Facebook](#) page has more information for parents including virtual Triple Parenting classes (free).

3/30/20 Behavioral Health & Substance Use Disorder Treatment

The Mendocino County Behavioral Health Department has mental health and substance use disorders treatment resources on their website. [Behavioral Health Resources](#)

3/31/20 Mendocino County Crisis Hotline 1-855-838-0404

The Crisis Line is for someone who is experiencing a mental health crisis and needs help right away. The line is toll-free and open 24/7.

3/31/20 Mendocino County Warm Line 1-833-955-2510

The Warm Line is a non-crisis support line that provides emotional support and a compassionate ear for Mendocino County residents. It's a resource for individuals who are feeling stressed, isolated, overwhelmed, or need emotional support. The Warm Line is available Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.

4/6/20 Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

Project Sanctuary has a 24/7 helpline where you can reach an advocate and get help. Project Sanctuary Inland: (707) 463-4357 & Project Sanctuary Coast: (707) 964-4357
If there is immediate danger, call 911.