



Mendocino County Advocacy & Collaboration Team



What We Know Now 4/6/20 Edition 3

[County of Mendocino Novel Coronavirus Information and Resources Webpage](#)

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

Financial Resources

3/30/20 Federal Assistance

The [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#) authorizes a variety of programs related to the coronavirus such as paid sick leave, expanded unemployment benefits, free virus testing, nutrition benefits and other programs. More information is detailed throughout this document.

The [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#) aims to help small businesses, the self-employed, employees and others who are struggling financially. More information is detailed throughout this document.

3/30/20 CARES Act Cash Payments

Most individuals 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 will receive a phased down payment. The individual or couple must have filed taxes in 2018 or 2019 (except those that receive Social Security) in order to receive this payment. The deadline to file your 2019 income tax forms has been extended to July 15, 2020.

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 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](#)

4/6/20 Relief for Small Businesses

The Small Business Administration (SBA) can provide low interest loans to small businesses. The CARES Act has authorized the SBA to provide additional resources to small businesses impacted. They are now providing a [Paycheck Protection Program](#), [EIDL Loan Advance](#), [SBA Express Bridge Loans](#), and [SBA Debt Relief](#). Many of these new programs are not traditional loans, and the debt may not have to be paid back.

4/6/20 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. The application will be through California's Employment Development Department (EDD). The EDD is working with state partners to setup this new program. The application for Pandemic Unemployment should be available soon.

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 school is closed due to COVID-19.

3/24/20 CalWORKs and Cash Aid

Special financial assistance, called "diversion payments" may be available to some families through CalWORKs to address a specific crisis or item of need. Current CalWORKs recipients should contact their worker if they need additional support. New applicants can apply for CalWORKs by calling: Fort Bragg 1-877-327-1677 or Ukiah 1-877-327-1711

Food Resources

4/6/20 Food Resource Lists

A list of food resources, such as food banks and free meals and has been created and is being updated regularly. The list can be found on the NCO website and [here](#). A list of grocery stores providing service during the pandemic can be found at the Mendocino County Coronavirus website and [here](#).

3/31/20 CalFresh

CalFresh provides nutrition assistance to low-income individuals and families. Those that are not currently enrolled in CalFresh, but have lost income because of this pandemic, may be newly eligible for CalFresh. Applications can be completed online through [GetCalFresh.org](#).

CalFresh Emergency Allotment: Some households currently enrolled in CalFresh may see an increase in their CalFresh benefits. The emergency allotments will be automatically loaded onto their benefits card sometime in April.

4/6/20 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. Cards will be sent to families soon. [Pandemic EBT Fact Sheet](#)

4/6/20 School Meals

Schools are continuing to provide meals to all children. Meals are not available during spring break, but families were given the opportunity to receive a weeks worth of meals before spring break. Schools meals will continue to be available after spring break. Check your school district website for more information.

Health Care & Insurance Resources

3/24/20 Medi-Cal

Medi-Cal provides full-scope health insurance to low-income Californians. Applications can be completed online at [CoveredCa.com](#).

3/24/20 Covered California

Covered California provides full-scope health insurance to Californians. The cost is a sliding scale based upon income. Covered California has just [announced](#) that they will extend their open enrollment period through the end of June! Applications can be completed online at [CoveredCa.com](#)

3/24/20 COVID-19 Testing

Legislation has been enacted to ensure that COVID-19 testing is available at no cost. If insured, there will be no co-pay or deductible for the test. If uninsured, the test will be covered by a government program.

Behavioral Health

3/30/20 Behavioral Health

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 (707) 472-2311

The Warm Line is a telephone-based non-crisis support 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 8:00 am to 5:00 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.

3/30/20 Stress Management

The ACEs Aware website has information and resources related to stress management.
[COVID-19 Stress Management website](#)

Housing

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

4/6/20 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](#)

3/24/20 Public Charge

On March 13, USCIS announced that COVID-19 testing, prevention, or treatment would NOT be used against immigrants in a public charge test. [What Immigrant Communities Need to Know](#)