



# Mendocino County Advocacy & Collaboration Team



## Resources What We Know Now 4/13/20 Edition 4

[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. 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**

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 will 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. [IRS Coronavirus website](#)

#### **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.

**4/13/20 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). The application will be available through California's Employment Development Department (EDD) soon. The EDD is working with state partners to set up this new program. To get the latest information on this program, check the [EDD PUA page](#).

**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**

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

**Food Resources**

**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](#).

**4/13/20 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](#).

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](#).

**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**

**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 provides full-scope health insurance to low-income Californians. Covered California provides full-scope health insurance at a sliding scale 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 for Medi-Cal and Covered California at [CoveredCa.com](#).

**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 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 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](mailto: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**

**4/13/20 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](#)

**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](#)