COVID-19 Resources

Childcare
- Families who need help finding or paying for care can contact Brighter Futures Indiana staff at 1-800-299-1627 and a referral specialist can support them in their search.
- Every community has a Child Care Resource and Referral Agency (CCR&R) who can connect parents with local childcare options and provide referrals for support.
- To find your local CCR&R you can call 1-800-299-1627 or go to https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/5712.htm
- When locating care it is important to ensure that families are choosing licensed and regulated care for their children. To check if the environment is licensed or regulated you can go to https://www.in.gov/fssa/childcarefinder or call 1-800-299-1627.

Food assistance
- Find food pantries next to your home https://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/5768.htm
- Find your local food bank https://www.gleaners.org/find-help/

HIP
- Participants in the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) and the Children’s Health Insurance Program are not required to make premium payments.
- The Family and Social Services Administration will seek a federal waiver to extend renewals for existing Medicaid and HIP recipients.
- Telehealth services for mental health, substance use disorder and prescribing for Medicaid covered services will be expanded.
- Apply for HIP https://fssabenefits.in.gov/bp/#/

Housing
- No residential eviction proceedings or foreclosure actions may be initiated during the public health emergency. This does not relieve the individual of obligations to pay rent or mortgage payments.
- If you have been subject to unlawful eviction or foreclosure proceedings, contact the Indiana Attorney General’s Office here https://indianaattorneygeneral.secure.force.com/ConsumerComplaintForm
- All public housing authorities are requested to extend deadlines for housing assistance recipients and required documentation to show eligibility for housing programs.
- The Indiana Department of Financial Institutions and Indiana Community Housing Development Authority are required to work with financial institutions to identify tools to help promote housing stability. They have a resource guide here: https://www.in.gov/ihcda/4464.htm

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)
- An additional 13 weeks of state UI benefits, will become available after someone exhausts all their regular state UI benefits.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)
- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) provides emergency unemployment assistance to self-employed workers, including independent contractors, freelancers, workers seeking part-time work, and workers who do not have a long-enough work history to qualify for state UI
benefits. Workers are not eligible for PUA if they can either telework with pay or are receiving paid sick days or paid leave.

- It also assist workers who have exhausted their state UI benefits
- PUA will have a minimum benefit that is equal to one-half the state’s average weekly UI benefit (about $190 per week).
- Up to 39 weeks of PUA are available to workers who are immediately eligible to receive PUA. The program will expire on December 31, 2020, unless otherwise extended.
- The PUA program will run from January 27, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
- Workers will be eligible for retroactive benefits and can access benefits for a maximum of 39 weeks, including any weeks for which the person received regular UI. But eligibility will sunset on December 31, 2020 absent any extensions.
- This a good resource to use https://withladder.com/unemployment/

**Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUC)**

- PUC is a flat amount to those on UI, including those who are receiving a partial unemployment benefit check.
- All regular UI and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance claimants will receive their usual calculated benefit plus an additional $600 per week in compensation.
- PUC also goes to those receiving the new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program.

**Small Business aid**

- The state’s application to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) was approved on Wednesday. This program provides targeted, low-interest loans of up to $2 million to help small businesses and nonprofits overcome the temporary loss of revenue as a result of coronavirus. See more at SBA.gov/Disaster.
  
  To apply for COVID-19 ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN APPLICATION https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/

**SNAP**

- Indiana SNAP recipients will begin receiving maximum benefit amounts next week
- The federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act gives states the option to provide SNAP households with the maximum SNAP allotment, which is based on household size. SNAP households which are not currently receiving the maximum allotment will receive additional benefits which bring their allotment amount to the maximum. Households already receiving the maximum benefit will not receive additional benefits. Maximum amounts per household size are as follows:

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• Each additional person Add $146
• Indiana SNAP recipients receive their benefits via electronic benefit transfer according to a schedule based on the first letter of their last name. Each month, distribution starts on the 5th and concludes on the 23rd.
• Apply for SNAP benefits https://fssabenefits.in.gov/bp/#/

TANF
• Job search requirements are waived for those applying for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) benefits.
• Apply for TANF https://fssabenefits.in.gov/bp/#/

Taxes
• The state of Indiana will align with the federal government to **delay state income tax payments from April 15 to July 15**. The U.S. Treasury extended the deadline to pay federal income tax by 90 days.
• Penalties will be waived for 60 days for property tax paid after May 11.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits
• Indiana’s unemployment insurance will cover for workers affected by COVID-19.
• The maximum length of benefits is 39 weeks
• Indiana has waived the one week waiting period requirement to receive unemployment benefits
• Apply for unemployment https://www.in.gov/dwd/3474.htm
• DWD is still working to implement the recent enacted CARES Act
• The CARES Act has boosts Indiana eligibility for unemployment insurance and compensation. There are three programs (PUC, PEUC and PUA).

Utilities
• Providers of essential utility services such as gas and electric, broadband, telecom, water and wastewater services are **prohibited from discontinuing service** to any customer during the public health emergency. (To reconnect services please contact your provider)

Veterans
• Requirements have been relaxed for veterans to qualify for awards from the Military Family Relief Fund.
• Awards in excess of $2,500 may be approved by the IDVA director during the public health emergency.
• Apply for the MFRF https://www.in.gov/dva/2329.htm