

Kansans are experiencing hardships as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. The Kansas Department of Labor wants to make sure you know your rights and resources available. These are a few state-level resources. Please check with your local options for community resources that can help.



The State of Kansas' new and comprehensive COVID-19 online resource center is now live. Visit covid.ks.gov for the latest news, information and resources related to unemployment and other assistance, business, agriculture, COVID-19 data and more.



FOOD ASSISTANCE

WIC is a nutrition program that provides nutrition and health education, healthy food and other services to qualifying women that are either pregnant or have a child between the ages of 0 and 5. Apply through your county's health department. Your local department can be found here: http://www.kansaswic.org/families/WIC_county_map.html

School Lunches: Free meals for children ages 1-18 are being served at numerous school locations throughout Kansas. Check with your local school district for meal distribution sites in your area. No application is necessary, and anyone can pick up meals for their children. Simply arrive at the meal distribution site and pick up your meals.

SNAP food assistance (formerly known as food stamps) provides qualifying low-income households with benefits to buy food. Paper applications are also available outside each DCF service center across the state. Completed applications can be left in drop boxes outside each service center. Apply online at:

<http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/ees/pages/food/foodassistance.aspx>

Harvester's SNAP outreach program helps people apply by phone. Call: (877) 653-9522 or visit: www.harvesters.org/Get-Help/Snap

TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) provides free foods to low-income households throughout Kansas. TEFAP food is shipped throughout the year to participating organizations for distribution. To find your county's distributing organization and food distribution site please visit:

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/ees/Documents/Food_Distribution_Programs/TEFAP%20Distribution%20Sites%20by%20County.pdf

CSFP (Commodity Supplemental Food Program) distributes monthly food packages to persons 60 years or older with income less than 130% of the Federal Poverty Level. To apply to receive a food package through one of the regional administering organizations please visit:

<http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/ees/Pages/USDA-Commodity-Programs/CSFP/CSFP-FAQs.aspx>

Nutrition Services for Older Adults: Free meals for seniors are available for persons 60 years or older through the Older Americans Act. For information on how to access these meals in your area please call the Aging and Disability Resource Center at: (855) 200-2372. You can also visit the ElderCare Locator online at:

<https://eldercare.acl.gov/Public/Index.aspx>

Meals on Wheels provides meal delivery for seniors, apply at: www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org

Harvesters Community Food Network

Counties: SN, JO, DG, WY, FR, MI, JF, JA, PT, RL, CY, WS, MS, NM, OS, WB

Email: customercare@harvesters.org or call (877) 353-6639

Second Harvest Community Food Bank

Counties: LV, AT, BR, DP

Visit: www.shcfb.org or call (816) 364-3663

The Kansas Food Bank

Counties: All other counties

Email: info@kansasfoodbank.org or call (316) 265-3663



MEDICAL CARE

KanCare provides health coverage for qualifying families and children, pregnant women, as well as elderly and persons with disabilities.

For more information visit: www.kancare.ks.gov

Find additional information here: https://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/Medicaid/eligibility_guidelines.html



CASH ASSISTANCE

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Cash Assistance The amount of cash benefit provided depends upon the family's income and the county where the family lives. For more information please visit:

<http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/ees/Pages/Cash/TANF.aspx>



HOUSING RELATED ASSISTANCE

Kansas Housing Corporation helps Kansans access safe, affordable housing. Find information on emergency housing and tenant based rental assistance here: www.kshousingcorp.org

Section 8 Voucher Assistance Programs assist very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing apply at: www.hud.gov

Kansas LIEAP helps eligible households pay a portion of their home energy costs by providing a one-time per year benefit:

<http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/ees/pages/energy/energyassistance.aspx>

Kansas Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) can help with utilities/shutoffs: www.curb.kansas.gov



OTHER SUPPORTS

Kansas Appleseed Rights and Resources Webinars: www.kansasappleseed.org

Kansas Legal Services provides direct legal assistance for things like evictions , wage issues, etc. For more information visit: www.kansaslegalservices.org

Hero Relief Program provides child care subsidies to eligible health care workers, first responders and other essential workers. For more information visit:

<http://www.dcf.ks.gov/Newsroom/Pages/HeroReliefProgram.aspx>



UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

To apply for unemployment benefits please visit: www.GetKansasBenefits.gov

Contact Center Numbers

Kansas City (913) 596-3500

Topeka (785) 575-1460

Wichita (316) 383-9947

Toll-Free (800) 292-6333



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GOVERNOR KELLY'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS FOR COVID-19

03.17.20 Executive Order No. 20-05. Temporarily prohibiting utility and internet disconnects.

03.18.20 Executive Order No. 20-06. Temporarily prohibiting evictions and foreclosures.

03.24.20 Executive Order No. 20-10. Rescinding E.O. 20-06 and temporarily prohibiting certain foreclosures and evictions.

03.24.20 Executive Order No. 20-12. Driver's license and vehicle registration and regulation during public health emergency.

03.24.20 Executive Order No. 20-13. Allowing certain deferred tax deadlines and payments during the COVID-19 pandemic.

03.31.20 Executive Order 20-17. Temporary relief from certain unemployment insurance requirements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.