



COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Montana

GENERAL INFORMATION

A list of Field Offices of Public Assistance can be found at <https://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/OfficeofPublicAssistance.aspx> or by calling the Montana Public Assistance Hotline at 888-706-1535.

NATIONAL SUICIDE HOTLINE

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a 24/7, toll-free hotline available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. Call 800-273-8255 for support or go to <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/>.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE

The National Domestic Violence Hotline can be reached at 800-799-7233. You can chat online with an advocate at www.thehotline.org or text LOVEIS to 22522.

FARMER CRISIS HOTLINE

Farmers who are facing challenges during the pandemic can contact Farm Aid at 800-FARM-AID. More resources can be found at the National Farmers Union's Farm Crisis Center at <https://farmcrisis.nfu.org/>.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Federal legislation has made unemployment benefits available to workers who may not have qualified before. To learn more and to apply, visit <https://montanaworks.gov/>.



SNAP

For more information on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in Montana and to apply, visit <https://apply.mt.gov/>. This site also includes applications for other types of assistance, such as cash assistance and health care assistance. Applicants can also call the state public assistance helpline at 888-706-1535.



UTILITIES ASSISTANCE

For information on the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) in Montana and to download the application, visit <https://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/energyassistance>. To apply, contact the local LIHEAP eligibility office or tribal LIHEAP office. A list is available on the site and by calling 833-317-1080. After April 30, the state program may provide only assistance for weatherization.



RENT AND EVICTIONS

Federal law has placed a moratorium on evictions from certain properties, including those backed by federal mortgages through Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. To learn more, visit https://larsen.house.gov/uploadedfiles/covid_toolkit_3.30.20.pdf.

This, however, does not apply to most private residences. For rental assistance and housing help, visit: <https://www.hud.gov/states/montana>.



NUTRITION FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN

Information about WIC, including how to apply, can be found at <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/wic> or by calling 800-433-4298. Federal law has waived the requirement for applicants to appear in person. Check with your local office to verify the application process.



CHILD CARE

Information about child care assistance, including information specific to child care during COVID-19, can be found at <https://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/childcare>.



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