



COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESOURCES

West Virginia

GENERAL INFORMATION

More information about public assistance and the state's response to COVID-19 can be found at <https://dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/Pages/communities.aspx>.

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 25222.

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://workforcewv.org/unemployment/claimants>.



SNAP

For more information on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in West Virginia and to apply, visit [https://dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/Services/familyassistance/Pages/Supplemental-Nutritional-Assistance-Program-\(Former-Food-Stamp-Program\).aspx](https://dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/Services/familyassistance/Pages/Supplemental-Nutritional-Assistance-Program-(Former-Food-Stamp-Program).aspx). There is a separate application for persons applying only for SNAP benefits.



UTILITIES ASSISTANCE

For information on West Virginia's Low Income Energy Assistance Program, visit <https://dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/Services/familyassistance/Pages/Utility-Assistance.aspx>. The program is available only in the winter, but some residents may qualify for a reduction in gas/electric bills.



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/west_virginia.



NUTRITION FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN

Information about WIC, including how to apply, can be found at <https://dhhr.wv.gov/WIC/apply/Pages/default.aspx>. The application can be started at <https://wvhousehold.wvdhhr.org/>. 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 can be found at <https://www.wvdhhr.org/choices/for-families/index.html>.



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