

COVID-19 Helpful Resources for Residents

Pahousingsearch.com – a free service to list and find affordable homes and apartments throughout PA. Go onto www.pahousingsearch.com and enter in your county and rental specifications

Quick Start Housing Resources

PHFA and the Self-Determination Housing Project's Regional Housing Coordinators have compiled information about specific social service and housing resource agencies throughout the Commonwealth. This information is designed to help you identify where to start inquiries about local service and housing related resources. The Agency does not represent that the information contains all agencies and related organizations in the service areas. Scroll to the bottom of the page and enter your county. <https://www.phfa.org/mhp/serviceprovider/>

PA Law Help

Should you have questions that are best answered by an attorney regarding your rights under the federal CARES Act, you may qualify for free legal assistance. Please explore the resources available through the website www.PALawHELP.org. This website provides a guide to legal information and free civil legal services available in Pennsylvania.

2•1•1 Get Connected. Get Help

211 is a free, comprehensive source of local social service resources. In Pennsylvania, visit: <https://www.uwp.org/211gethelp/> to search for resources by zip code. For COVID-19 specific resources, visit: <https://www.uwp.org/pacovid/>.

Aunt Bertha – The Social Care Network

Aunt Bertha is a free-to-use online platform that makes it easy for anyone in the US to find and apply for free or reduced cost social services. There is a downloadable app for smart phones or visit: www.auntbertha.com

National Employment Law Project

NELP dissects the unemployment insurance provision of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
<https://www.nelp.org/publication/unemployment-insurance-provisions-coronavirus-aid-relief-economic-security-cares-act/>

PA Compass

COMPASS is an online tool for Pennsylvanians to apply for health and human service programs such as cash assistance (TANF), food assistance (SNAP/WIC), health care, child care, etc.
<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/>

A Mental Health Support & Referral Helpline

This resource is for Pennsylvanians struggling with anxiety, mental health challenges or other difficult emotions due to the COVID-19 crisis. The toll-free helpline will continue to operate 24/7 throughout this public health crisis at 855-284-2494 (TTY: 724-631-5600).

PA Dept of Agriculture

How to access emergency food assistance:

<https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/FoodForThought/Pages/Article.aspx?post=71>

Feeding Pennsylvania and Hunger-Free Pennsylvania

Information for where people can get food assistance locally in their communities:

<https://www.feedingpa.org/> and <https://www.hungerfreepa.org/>

Department of Human Services – Child Care

The state Department of Human Services has a list of open child care facilities if families working in essential jobs need to contact a new provider. It is being updated regularly: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Coronavirus-Child-Care.aspx>

PA Department of Education – Free meals for children

PA Department of Education guidance on COVID-19, including where to access free meals for children: <https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx>

Department of Labor – Employment opportunities

If you're looking for a job, the state Department of Labor and Industry has launched a portal offering COVID-19 employment opportunities:

<https://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov/jponline/JobSeeker/COVID19Employment>

- For workers impacted by COVID-19, including workers compensation information: <https://www.dli.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
- To apply for unemployment benefits: <http://www.uc.pa.gov>

Public Utility Commission (PUC)

PUC has issued an *Public Utility Service Termination Moratorium Proclamation of Disaster Emergency- COVID-19*, advising that all electric, natural gas, water, wastewater, telecommunications, and steam utilities (subject to the Commission's jurisdiction) may not terminate service during the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, unless to ameliorate a safety emergency, or unless otherwise determined by the Commission. The Proclamation can be found on PUC's website is at http://www.puc.pa.gov/about_puc/covid_19.aspx.

COVID-19 Financial Education Resources - PA

PA Department of Banking and Securities (DOBS)

The DOBS provides information on accessing your financial institution during the Coronavirus pandemic. <https://www.dobs.pa.gov/Businesses/COVID-19%20Information%20and%20Guidance/Pages/For-Consumers.aspx>

PHFA Housing Counseling Network

PHFA has a network of non-profit housing counseling agencies across the commonwealth offering remote counseling.

https://www.phfa.org/forms/counseling_agencies/chci_agencies/chci_state.pdf

PA Insurance Department

The department provides information on COVID-19 health and other insurance concerns.

<https://www.insurance.pa.gov/coronavirus/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

COVID-19 Financial Education Resources - National**Annualcreditreport.com**

The three main credit reporting bureaus Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion are offering free weekly credit reports through April 2021 in response to COVID-19.

<https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action>

Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education (AFCPE)

The AFCPE has partnered with the Yellow Ribbon Network to offer free virtual financial counseling and coaching by certified counselors and coaches.

<https://www.yellowribbonnetwork.org/afcpecovid19>

Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

The FTC offers Coronavirus advice for consumers.

<https://www.ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams-consumer-advice>

National Endowment for Financial Education

My Life Events and Transition Plan course offers strategies, checklists, and resources to help in times of crisis and transition.

https://www.smartaboutmoney.org/Courses/My-Life-Events-and-Transitions-Plan?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=SAM_Newsletter&utm_content=March_2020

National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC)

The NFCC offers a Coronavirus financial toolkit to help create an emergency budget, using the economic impact payment wisely, stocking up wisely, and more.

<https://www.nfcc.org/resources/coronavirus-financial-toolkit/>

US Department of the Treasury

Personal Finance and Consumer Protection-Steps for Quicker Financial Relief offers suggestions on meeting your basic needs, scams, and managing your money in uncertain times.

<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/consumer-policy/personal-finance-and-consumer-protection-steps-for-quicker-financial-relief>