

COVID-19 RESOURCE LIST

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Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security (CARES) Act (H.R.748):

The CARES Act is the legislative package passed by Congress to combat the spread of the coronavirus and its negative effects on the American economy. The bill encompasses \$2 trillion in supplemental funding for hospitals and health care facilities, nutrition assistance, unemployment, small business loans, and dedicated tribal funding, and sends direct payments to eligible Americans. **When you will get your stimulus check and how much?**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/zackfriedman/2020/04/09/stimulus-check-dates/#6c87a236588c>

State Resources

- **State Senator Victoria Steele** Vsteele@azleg.gov 602-926-5683
- **FAQ's:** <https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/03/covid-19-frequently-asked-questions>
- **COVID-19 Hotline** – New statewide hotline to talk with a healthcare professional. You can call 2-1-1 8am - 8pm, 7-days a week or visit online at <https://211arizona.org/>
- **The Arizona Department of Health Services** - coronavirus information page – updated daily with the number of confirmed cases: <https://www.azdhs.gov/index.php>

Unemployment Insurance:

- **The CARES Act** waives the waiting time for approval, extends coverage for an additional 13 weeks, so Arizonans would be eligible for 39 total weeks.
- A new temporary unemployment insurance program will be available for gig workers, the self-employed, and independent contractors who normally do not qualify for unemployment benefits.
- For those receiving unemployment insurance between now and July 31, 2020 an extra \$600 in unemployment insurance benefits will be automatically available. An Arizonan who qualifies for the maximum unemployment insurance benefit of \$250 would be able to receive an unemployment insurance benefit of \$840/week (\$250 + \$600) until July 31, 2020.
- This \$600 benefit will be taxable (like all unemployment benefits), but it will be disregarded in determining Medicaid or CHIP eligibility.
- People will apply through the state, through the existing unemployment insurance process through the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES).
- **Determine eligibility:** <https://des.az.gov/content/ui-benefit-claims-determining-eligibility>
- **Apply:** <https://des.az.gov/services/employment/unemployment-individual/applying-unemployment-insurance-benefits>
- **Video on how to apply:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cB-MJ9q9jbU&feature=youtu.be>

Arizona Department of Economic Security

- **Community Resources** <https://des.az.gov/services/community-resources>
- **Arizona at Work Employment Resources – immediate job openings**
<https://arizonaatwork.com/newsroom/all/arizona-employers-immediate-openings>
- **SNAP** 800-352-8401
- **WIC** <https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/wic-how-apply>

Housing

- **Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Resources:** <https://www.hud.gov/coronavirus>
- **Renters** – eviction prevention assistance: <https://housing.az.gov/general-public/eviction-prevention-assistance>

Schools & Children

- **AZ Department of Education K-12 School Updates and Resources**
<https://www.azed.gov/communications/2020/03/10/guidance-to-schools-on-covid-19/>
- **First Things First, tips for talking to kids about Covid-19** <https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/first-things/tips-for-talking-with-young-children-about-coronavirus/>
- **For a list of schools serving school meals, by county visit here:**
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1whTQcN8jk2jtdHwQ3iDTSans8rbi0c1vi5esMBB6gto/edit#gid=0>

County Resources

- Pima County Website <https://webcms.pima.gov/>
- Pima County Health Department - daily updates https://webcms.pima.gov/government/health_department/

Businesses

- Small Business Administration and Disaster Loan Assistance <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>
 - Hotline: 1-800-659-2955
 - AZ Small Business Administration Lenders
<https://www.azcommerce.com/media/1544424/lender-master-record-2020.pdf?emci=c280c559-4175-ea11-a94c-00155d03b1e8&emdi=6e24f80a-6c75-ea11-a94c-00155d03b1e8&ceid=4073327>
- Tucson Metro Chamber of Commerce <https://tucsonchamber.org/>
- Tucson Hispanic Chamber <https://www.tucsonhispanicchamber.org/>
- IRS Tax Relief and Economic Impact Information <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus-tax-relief-and-economic-impact-payments>

Community Food Bank

The Gabrielle Giffords Resource Center hours are 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Tuesday – Friday Located at 3003 S. Country Club Rd., Tucson, AZ 85713. Call: 520-622-0525 re: about emergency food boxes and senior food boxes.

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