

CORONAVIRUS RESOURCE

Economic Crisis Guide

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If you are missing paychecks because of the COVID-19 crisis, there is help available.

Laid off from work? Fewer hours on the job?

It can be confusing to apply for unemployment benefits. Get the help and income you need. Apply online at [Michigan.gov/UIA](https://www.michigan.gov/UIA) or call 1-866-500-0017.

Having trouble affording food or finding meals for your students?

You can get help with extra money for food by signing up for SNAP benefits. To apply, go to <https://newmibridges.michigan.gov>.

Our food banks and food pantries are working overtime to get you the food you need. Go to www.foodgatherers.org for a map and hours of all locations open right now.

For your school age kids, we have a detailed list of every school district's hours and food packages on our [Meals for Students One Pager](#).

Having trouble paying your electric or gas bills?

Call now for payment plan options if you are struggling. Consumers and DTE Energy have stopped shutoffs for senior citizens and other eligible households until April 5th.

Consumers Energy: 800-477-5050

DTE Energy: 800-477-4747

Worried you can't make a rent or mortgage payment?

Governor Whitmer has stopped evictions for non-payment of rent through April 17. It is important to communicate with your landlord or bank during this time. If you are having trouble making payments:

- Ask your landlord for alternate payment options immediately.
- If you have a housing subsidy, notify the agency that assists you to make a change.
- Contact your bank or mortgage company to delay and adjust payments.

Concerned about paying your taxes?

The Federal government has pushed the filing deadline to July 15. All taxpayers and business owners will now have additional time to make payments without interest or penalties.

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If your property is in tax foreclosure, the Governor has extended the deadline to reclaim your property until May 29, 2020 or until 30 days after the lifting of the State of Emergency.

Unsure how to pay to be tested for COVID-19?

The Michigan Medicaid Program and most insurers will not charge any copays or cost-sharing for testing related to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

To get tested, **CALL YOUR DOCTOR FIRST** or the state's coronavirus hotline at 888-535-6136. **Do not go directly to the doctor's office or emergency room.**

Do you or a loved one need mental health support?

Crisis Connections: 1-866-427-4747— This 24/7 number provides immediate support and resources for people in emotional crisis and can do it in 155 languages.

Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990 — This 24/7 service provides crisis counseling for people going through both natural and human-caused disasters. It's free, multi-lingual and confidential. You can also text TalkWithUs to 66746.

Help with Everything in 3 quick Digits- Call 2-1-1

Dial 2-1-1 to get help finding everything you need from free food and diapers to rental assistance. These folks are trained to connect you to whatever it is you need NOW. You can also go to www.mi211.org.