

State and Government Resources during COVID

In this message you will find state and government resources that may be available to you or someone you know. Each resource includes a website link that will provide more detailed information and/or additional resources. Links to websites are in bold type and highlighted in yellow. *Please note, there is an application deadline of December 6, for the Immigrant Relief Fund.*

Washington State and Government Benefits are in the following order:

1. Washington State Coronavirus Response
 - a. Washington State Food Assistance
 - b. Washington State Mental and Emotional Well-being
 - c. Washington State Drive-in WiFi Hotspots
2. Government Benefits (Benefits.gov)
 - a. Lost Wages Program
 - b. Immigrant Relief Fund
 - Application
 - Application assistance
 - c. Housing During a Pandemic
 - d. Assistance During a Pandemic
 - e. Disaster Unemployment Assistance

WASHINGTON STATE CORONA VIRUS RESPONSE:

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov>

WASHINGTON STATE CORONA VIRUS RESPONSE - FOOD ASSISTANCE:

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/information-for/you-and-your-family/food-assistance>

WASHINGTON STATE CORONA VIRUS RESPONSE - MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL BEING:

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/information-for/you-and-your-family/mental-and-emotional-well-being>

WASHINGTON STATE DRIVE-IN WIFI HOTSPOTS LOCATION FINDER:

In response to the impacts of COVID-19, Drive-In WiFi Hotspots provide free temporary, emergency internet access for Washingtonians who do not have broadband service to their homes. Access is available to all residents with specific emphasis on remote learning for students. Additionally, this service can be used for job searches, telehealth, telework, unemployment filing, and census participation.

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/washington-state-drive-in-wifi-hotspots-location-finder/>

BENEFITS.GOV:

<https://www.benefits.gov>

LOST WAGES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

Lost Wages Assistance is a federal program that adds \$300 for each week the program remains federally funded. Requirements to receive LWA payments are:

1. Federal funds are still available.
2. You must have been unemployed or working fewer hours due to disruptions caused by COVID-19.
3. We already paid you unemployment benefits for the approved weeks of the program.

<https://esd.wa.gov/unemployment/lwa>

IMMIGRANT RELIEF FUND:

COVID-19 financial relief, by and for immigrants. If you're an immigrant experiencing hard times because of COVID-19, and you aren't eligible for federal financial relief or unemployment insurance, this fund is for you.

<https://www.immigrantreliefwa.org>

- Apply before **DECEMBER 6th** for the Washington COVID-19 Immigrant Relief Fund and receive a \$1,000 one-time direct payment (up to \$3,000 per household).

APPLY HERE: <https://scholarfund.smapply.io/prog/wirf/>

APPLICATION HELP:

1-844-724-3737 <https://www.immigrantreliefwa.org/application-help>

WHERE TO FIND HOUSING DURING A PANDEMIC:

The COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic has brought hardships to citizens with mortgage or rent payments, along with citizens that are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) manages federal programs designed to help Americans with their housing needs. HUD provides resources to increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination.

https://www.benefits.gov/news/article/402?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Editors%20Picks%20Selection%20ES%20Issue

ASSISTANCE DURING A PANDEMIC:

Unemployment Resources; Healthcare Coverage; Resources for Businesses in Need; Resources for Families in Need

https://www.benefits.gov/news/article/393?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Editors%20Picks%20Selection%20ES%20Issue

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE LOST WAGES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

How can Disaster Unemployment Assistance help you?

<https://www.benefits.gov/news/article/400>