

COVID-19 Resources as of June 29, 2020

GRANT APPLICATION OPENING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES!

The application process for Main Street and Historically Disadvantaged grants is set to open Tuesday, June 30. Eligible businesses will receive grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000 depending on where they fall in the criteria. For more information from the Department of Community and Economic Development [fact sheet](#).

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY, A BUSINESS MUST:

- Be physically located, certified to do business, and generate at least 51% of their revenues in Pennsylvania;
- Have annual revenue of \$1 million or less prior to the impact of COVID-19; and
- Have 25 or fewer full-time equivalent employees prior to February 15, 2020

[Click here to learn more about the application process.](#)

WHAT: Drive-Up Food Distribution

WHEN: Tuesday, June 30 (10 a.m. – noon)

WHERE: Across from PPG Paints Arena; 1001 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

WHAT: Farmers to Families Food Box

WHEN: Monday, July 6 (3pm-5pm)

WHERE: Westmoreland Fairgrounds, 123 Blue Ribbon Lane, Greensburg, PA 15601

WHAT: Farmers to Families Food Box

WHEN: Monday, July 20 (10am- noon)

WHERE: Westmoreland Fairgrounds, 123 Blue Ribbon Lane, Greensburg, PA 15601

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency's (PHFA) financial assistance program that will be available for homeowners & renters starting on June 29 (this is the date applications will be available – applications can be submitted starting July 6).

- Renters eligible to receive 100% of their monthly rent up to \$750 a month until November 30.
- To be eligible, renters must document at least 30% reduction in annual income since March 1
- Homeowners can receive up to \$1000 a month until November 30.
- Homeowners are eligible if they suffered at least a 30% reduction in annual income due to cut in work hours or wages since March 1.

Housing Assistance for Pennsylvania Renters & Homeowners: to access applications, go to <https://www.phfa.org/> starting June 29. Applications can be submitted starting July 6.

Applications for both rent and mortgage assistance will be easily accessible from PHFA's homepage starting June 29. At that time, people will be able to click in a red banner on the website to access the applications and other helpful background information. The red banner is already live on the site advising people of the date applications will be available.

The agency's call center is available weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to assist the public and help with questions about the programs. The toll-free number is 1-855-U-Are-Home (827-3466). Callers should listen for the prompt mentioning CARES assistance for renters and homeowners. The county organizations to which CARES applications are submitted will also have webpages offering useful information.

The CARES funding for renters and homeowners must be completely distributed by Nov. 30, 2020, although it is expected the assistance will be exhausted before the deadline because of the tremendous need by people hurt financially by the pandemic.

Free, remote tax support is available to eligible individuals and families Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evening through June 30. The 2019 tax filing deadline was extended to July 15. To qualify, taxpayers must

- Have made less than \$30,000 as an individual or less than \$55,000 for a family (more than one person) in 2019;
- Have access to and be able to use a smartphone, laptop or computer; and
- Have an email address and phone number.

Please share this information with any clients that may qualify. To schedule an appointment or learn more, email FreeTaxPrep@alleghenycounty.us.

Please remind families that the Comcast offer of **60 days free internet service** to low income households that are new to the Internet Essentials program ends on June 30. Please visit www.internetessentials.com for more information.

Global Links is having a **drive-up diaper distribution** day next Thursday, June 25 from 10am – 1pm outside PPG Paints Arena. Here is the link for more info: <https://www.globallinks.org/news/77>

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank will be hosting the following Drive-Up Food Distributions:

WHAT: Drive-Up Food Distribution

WHEN: Tuesday, June 23 (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

WHERE: Big Butler Fairgrounds; 1127 New Castle Road, Prospect, PA 16052

WHAT: Drive-Up Food Distribution

WHEN: Thursday, June 25 (10 a.m. – noon)

WHERE: Highmark Stadium; 510 W Station Square Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Pittsburgh Farmers Markets: 2020: Many accept SNAP/EBT/Food Stamps, WIC, Senior FMNP vouchers



The Ultimate Guide
to Pittsburgh Farmers

Driver at zTrip Taxi: Out of Work? Need to make money fast? Come drive for zTrip. You could be driving and making money in a week. Set your own hours; we cover vehicle maintenance; vehicle provided; real support to help you make great \$\$\$\$. Worried about Covid-19? We professionally sanitize our vehicles twice per week. www.ztrip.com

Access to childcare, day programs and summer camp is essential for families with young children or other dependents. The [Allegheny Child Care Tool](#), which launched last week, allows you to search for available childcare spots in your area in real time, using information such as age and address. New providers are being added all the time, so don't despair if you don't find something at first. The Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC) can also help you find childcare and summer camps and – if you're eligible – apply for the childcare subsidy. Contact the ELRC at 412.350.3577 or email elrc5@alleghenycounty.us for assistance.



LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO PREVENT COVID-19 AND SUMMER LEARNING LOSS

FREE TUTORING SESSIONS

- FOR ANY STUDENT IN GRADES K-12 ATTENDING SCHOOL IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY
- LIVE REMOTE INTERACTIONS
- GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL TUTORING SESSIONS AVAILABLE
- WILL ASSIST STUDENTS/FAMILIES IN GETTING NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR SUCCESS
- **NO BARRIERS!**

CURRENTLY SERVING STUDENTS IN THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS:

GATEWAY	PPS
PLUM	PENN HILLS
WEST MIFFLIN	WOODLAND HILLS
DUQUESNE	CLAIRTON
NORTH HILLS	STEEL VALLEY
WILKINSBURG	CARLYNTON
	ELIZABETH

 **gwen's girls**

TO REGISTER:  gwengirls.org  412-904-4239

COVID-19



FREE FOOD GIVE-AWAY

Each box contains 30lbs of
fresh fruits & vegetables

#BeTheChurch

Every Wednesday
til June 24th

Starts at 5pm

1293 Mt. Nebo Rd.



Triumph Church is working with the Pittsburgh based company, Monteverde's Inc and the American Heart Association, to get boxes of fresh produce to members of the community beginning this Thursday, May 20th. The FREE produce boxes are made possible the USDA Farmers to Families program.

1293 Mt. Nebo Road, Pittsburgh 15237

All Are Welcome!

Pittsburgh and surrounding:

Families in need: Paragon Fresh Vegetable Distribution

Paragon Foods will distribute a mixed bag of fresh vegetables every Thursday for the next six months for beginning this Thursday, May 21.

Pick-up is available in school parking lots at the following schools between 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

♥ Millions (UPrep): 3117 Centre Avenue - 15219

♥ Carmalt: 1550 Breining Street - 15226

♥ Perry: 3875 Perrysville Avenue - 15214

♥ Faison: 7430 Tioga Street – 15208

♥ The Gifted Center: 1400 Crucible Street – 15205

Bags of fresh free food will be placed in each individual's car/truck trunk.

Paragon Foods will arrive at each site at 9:00 AM. Families can begin lining up at 10:00 AM. The mixed bags of vegetables may include potatoes, onions, sweet potatoes, carrots. The mixed bag of fruit may include apples, pears, oranges, blueberries, strawberries, and tomatoes. Each site will be able to serve approximately 300 families on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Emergency Basic Needs – COVID-19 Fund Application, individuals who have been affected by COVID-19, residing in Allegheny, Butler, Fayette, Westmoreland, and some zip codes in Armstrong, may be eligible for assistance through the COVID-19 Assistance Fund. Please fill out the application in its entirety. (There are approximately 20 or more questions to complete. The last question will be asking you to give permission to share your information with our agency partners.) Please note: If you live in the City of Pittsburgh, you must apply for all available resources before you will be considered for the COVID-19 Assistance Fund. <http://pa211sw.org/assistance-fund/>

The Emergency Assistance Program provides a one-time payment to eligible families affected by the COVID-19 crisis. <http://bit.ly/eapPA>

Low Income Heating & Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

- Pennsylvania has received funds to re-open the LIHEAP program starting **May 18, 2020** running through August 31, 2020 or until funds have been expended
- Will offer a supplemental payment for families that already received a crisis payment during the 2019-2020 season of LIHEAP
- Maximum benefit of \$800 per household
- Pennsylvania residents qualify if one of the following apply:
 - o Were notified that their utility service will be shut off in the next 60 days
 - o Have had their main or secondary energy source completely shut off
 - o Are in danger of being without fuel within the next 15 days or less
 - o Owe funds to a service provider that would terminate services if not for the Public Utility Commission's temporary moratorium on termination

PA Emergency Assistance Program

- Provides a one-time cash benefit to families who have experienced a significant income reduction or complete job loss due to COVID-19
 - Funds will be accepted through June 12, 2020 or until funds are expended
 - Apply on COMPASS website or contact County Assistance Office (CAO)
- <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/COMPASS.Web/AFS/EmergencyCashAssistance>

Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT)

- Families whose children qualify for free and reduced-price school meals can receive P-EBT. If a student is already registered for free and reduced school meals or attends a school where all children are eligible for the national school lunch program, no action should be needed.
- Families who receive SNAP and already have an EBT card will receive the funds on their card.
- Families who do not have an EBT card will receive one in the mail

- If a family has experienced job loss or change in income due to the pandemic can still apply for the National School Lunch Program on the COMPASS website and they will receive a pro-rated amount of funds per student in the household:

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/compass.web/Public/CMPHome>

- If a family has had change of address or must clarify custody arrangements, they should report changes to the school. If you receive benefits through the Department of Human Services, you should report the change to the statewide customer service center as well at 1-877-395-8930.

Food Bank

- Formally announced Doorstep Delivery program, which brings eligible households a 25-pound box of shelf-stable food right to the recipient's door.

- Individuals in need of food assistance should call 412-460-3663 ext. 655 from 8am – 4:30pm Monday – Friday to find out if they are eligible for the doorstep delivery service

Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) in Pennsylvania:

Pennsylvania's P-EBT will provide households \$370.50 for each child (with some exceptions), which would cover the time schools have been closed due to the pandemic.

Q and A about this new benefit to help families whose children are missing school meals Updated May 7, 2020



PandemicEBT
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Duquesne Light Company will be discontinuing shutoff activities for all customers and waiving the late fees until at least June 1, 2020. DLC has a variety of payment assistance programs available to those who may be struggling to pay their electric bill, including:

- **Payment Arrangements:** Available if you need help spreading your balance out over monthly installments.
- **Hardship Fund Grants:** Grants of up to \$500 administered through Dollar Energy Fund to help customers maintain or restore electric service.
- **Customer Assistance Program (CAP):** Assistance for customers needing long-term support, providing eligible customers with ongoing, affordable monthly payments.

We expanded eligibility and added an extra \$750,000 to the Hardship Fund, meaning you may now qualify for a grant, even if you previously did not.

Learn more about our assistance programs and how you can apply [here](#).

www.imperfectfoods.com Limited time: During COVID-19 free delivery for low-income seniors (65+years) who qualify for a reduced cost box program.

HealthWell Opens Insurance Premium Payment Fund for Workers Who Have Been Furloughed or Laid Off as a Result of the COVID-19 Crisis

Partial Year Premium Assistance Grants Now Available

April 28, 2020 — The HealthWell Foundation®, an independent non-profit that provides a financial lifeline for inadequately insured Americans, has opened a new fund to assist individuals who have been laid off or furloughed as a result of the COVID-19 public health crisis. Through this unique fund, HealthWell will provide up to \$6,000 in financial assistance for 3 months following grant approval to eligible households which had annual incomes up to 500 percent of the federal poverty level prior to being laid off or furloughed.

To qualify for a grant, the policyholder or covered member of the policy must have a diagnosis of cancer or chronic illness and must be in active treatment where disruption of therapy could cause serious, potentially life-threatening, consequences for the patient.

To determine eligibility and apply for financial assistance, visit HealthWell's [COVID-19 Insurance Premium Payment Assistance Fund page](#). To learn how you can support this or other HealthWell programs, visit [HealthWellFoundation.org](#).

About the HealthWell Foundation

A nationally recognized, independent non-profit organization founded in 2003, the HealthWell Foundation has served as a safety net across over 70 disease areas for more than 500,000 underinsured patients. Since its inception, HealthWell has provided over \$1.6 billion in grant support to access life-changing medical treatments patients otherwise would not be able to afford. HealthWell provides financial assistance to adults and children facing medical hardship resulting from gaps in their insurance that cause out-of-pocket medical expenses to escalate rapidly. HealthWell assists with the treatment-related cost-sharing obligations of these patients. For more information, visit [www.HealthWellFoundation.org](#).

Income Resources

- [IRS link to update payment information to receive economic stimulus payments](#) → https://secure-web.cisco.com/1lfj9lixC7L5TyMnj_I7X90ogcz0YGlVAT3NaO1JWkmzZpm6wtG5wHqWVx94gVwUGRIELGxE464axtSSxxyXsoizYXs1aWwtvwTiu1626Vdl_371P4q42SciBWYjX0iHH8meiQMUC26ZHevAgX0jIDNa8lPghh2-Z_Z0m1UOLsMcJwNxmOwhS_HyMBC3xT204Jlhkvsty52hbAHVaGls4dXbMN7r3ggZbC3l8b_372iC8a-3y2mQyC18yCcvKCoEiZmM7WgXJ0DG9pEDCKnfR_eXqUPIHWj_mdO5kiWqidqfJnmZS8LkB28l87XAqURot3DLtOQm11g8Ym9qYWnlaQ/https%3A%2F%2Fwww.irs.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2Fnon-filers-enter-payment-info-here

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Centers and Shelters

- Alle-Kiski Area Hope Center (Tarentum) – 24 Hour Hotline: (724) 224-1266 | 24-Hour Toll-Free Hotline: (888) 299-4673; Shelter Intake and Crisis Counseling 24 hours
- Bethlehem Haven of Pgh – (412) 391-1348
- Center for Victims – 1-866-644-2882
- Crisis Center North – 24 Hour CCN Hotline: (412) 364-5556 | 24-Hour Toll-Free Hotline: (866) 782-0911; Safe Home Intake and Crisis Counseling 24 hours
- National Domestic Violence Hotline – For any victims and survivors who need support, 24/7. Call 1-800-799-7233 or 1-800-787-3224 for TTY, or if you're unable to speak safely, you can log onto thehotline.org or text LOVEIS to 22522.
- Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh – 24 Hour Hotline: (877) 338-8255 | 24-Hour Toll-Free Hotline: (877) 338-8255 Shelter Intake and Crisis Counseling 24 hours
- Womansplace – Administrative Office: (412) 664-7146 | 24-Hour Toll-Free Hotline: (866) 202-5573 Shelter Intake and Crisis Counseling 24 hours
- Womanspace East – (412) 765-2661

IPV Resources

- Outreach to those who abuse: (412) 687-8017 x340
- RUSafe App - a free interactive app for iOS and Android devices that assesses the potential for domestic violence and harm in a dangerous relationship.
- [Sanctuary for Families - COVID-19 Safety Planning](#)

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry launched a job portal, focusing on life-sustaining businesses that are hiring during the covid-19 pandemic. Visit Pacareerlink.pa.gov and select "PA covid-19 Jobs—Hiring Immediately." <https://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov>

SNAP--families are going to receive an extra SNAP payment this month. Families will get another payment this month if they meet the following criteria:

- Received SNAP in March or in the first half of April AND
- Are not already getting the maximum SNAP amount for their household size (i.e. \$509 for a household of 3 people)
- If families already receive maximum monthly benefit for their household size, they will NOT receive another payment

More info from Just Harvest here: <https://www.justharvest.org/pa-food-stamp-recipient-may-get-a-second-payment-this-month/>

Additionally, PA is working on plans for P-EBT (Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer/Pandemic SNAP), which gives families a benefit equivalent to the value of school meals they would have received while schools are closed. Families with students eligible for free and reduced priced

meals will receive this. More to come on that. Note that this will not replace meals available to families during school closures.

Safety Planning—COVID19, A guide for Survivors of Domestic Violence

<https://sanctuaryforfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Safety-Planning-EN.pdf>

Grants to help working people who may be over income for other programs:

www.modestneeds.org

www.rerf.us for restaurant workers

Pharmaceuticals

As a response to COVID-19, Lilly is making all of their **insulin products** available to patients for a \$35 cost, this is for commercially insured patients or uninsured patients. Patients will need to call the Lilly Diabetes Solution Center and a card will be emailed to them within 24 hours (regular mail is also an option). The solution center is also able to connect patients to free insulin that Lilly has donated to non-profits if they meet income criteria – this is an option for Medicare patients. There is also a way to get the free insulin directly through Lilly if there is an urgent need.

Here is the link with all that info: https://investor.lilly.com/news-releases/news-release-details/new-35-co-pay-now-available-through-lilly-insulin-value-program?fbclid=IwAR3y1juDFp6aA40AnitiNM4raYoW-j100gj_2F16ZSLz2e_mZJkZqen6-yg

- Lilly and Novo Nordisk have waived spend down amounts at this time.
- Glaxo Smith Kline is not waiving spend down amounts at this time.
- Express scripts is allowing early refills and encouraging patients to enroll in mail order for 90 day fills.

Southwestern Pennsylvania Partnership for Aging—please see the link below for up to date changes

<https://www.swppa.org/policy/coronavirus-covid-19-resources/>

Sheetz is offering **free kids meals** one per kid daily beginning on 4/2 at participating locations:

<https://www.sheetz.com/news/kidzmeals>

The RubyRide/Food Bank initiative is currently only for Clairton residents. Residents can call 412-945-3398 to schedule a delivery. Deliveries are on Tuesdays/Thursdays. They are working to expand to other areas.

Looking for **hand sanitizer**? <https://www.bbcello.com/> A distillery that has transitioned to producing hand sanitizer during COVID-19 crisis.

For folks **looking for a job**--The PA Dept. of Labor & Industry is hiring for the Unemployment Compensation call center.

Apply at: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/pabureau?keywords=unemployment>

Allegheny County

The Hill District Consensus Group and Confluence Catering are preparing **Grab & Go Hot Dinners** to sites in the Hill District and Wilkinsburg.

- Community Forge, 1256 Franklin Ave, Pgh, PA 15221, meals distributed Monday-Friday 3-7pm.
- Neighborhood Resilience Project, 2038 Bedford Ave, Pgh, PA 15219, meals distributed Tuesdays & Thursdays 3-5pm, Saturdays 11am-1pm.
- Call the Wellness Collective's Community Delivery Hotline at 412-568-3579 for delivery.
- For more information or to volunteer, email neashia@hdcg.org

Please see the attached flyer for information about **Military Share**, a program of Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, is designed to provide nutritious foods for veterans and



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military families.

Perry Hilltop Citizens Council & Fineview Citizens Council: These resident groups are coordinating neighborhood deliveries **to Fineview & Perry Hilltop neighbors primarily**, open to serving others nearby in Northview, Marshall Shadeland, Observatory Hill. Neighbors are willing to help arrange no-contact deliveries, i.e. someone can afford groceries but can't get to the store or needs a one-time support of a few small items. Available on a case-by-case basis. Call Carla Arnold at **412-215-0958**.

Carnegie Libraries: Physical locations are closed, but families can sign up for a library card online to access e-resources including ebooks, audiobooks, movies, and more. For families learning at home, the Library has access to resources like tutor.com and databases to assist with online learning. For help accessing any of these resources, obtaining a library card or questions about library accounts, staff are monitoring the library information line at 412-622-3114 and info@carnegielibrary.org

Here is a WIC update on their services as of 4/7:

- WIC is continuing to complete appointments for established patients by phone.

- If you have your WIC appointment by phone (established patients), you will most likely be sent a new pre-loaded eWIC card in the mail with the next 3 months-worth of benefits so that you do not need to travel to an office to have your card loaded. Cards will only be sent via mail after the WIC appointment has been completed by phone. There are some situations where patients will not be able to have a card sent by mail and will need to go to a WIC office to have their pre-existing eWIC card loaded. These situations include:
 - If there is a change in formula
 - Families who are not new to WIC and already have a WIC enrollee but are adding another enrollee
 - Any family who has active benefits and requires a change in the benefits that they are receiving
- WIC is completing new enrollments. Currently these are by phone but eventually will be via a video platform. They are working on getting through the list of pending enrollments. Families will have to be patient while they work through applications that were received.
 - After completing the intake appointment by phone, all families new to WIC will receive an eWIC card in the mail which is preloaded with 3 months worth of benefits.
 - All families adding another child who were previously open with WIC will be given a window of time to visit a WIC office to have their card loaded.
- **Bellevue** has a **meal distribution** for anyone in 3 mile radius of Bellevue area, request can be put through here www.bonafidebellevue.com/live/farmers-market/bellevue-farmers-market-meal-distribution/

Pittsburgh Financial Empowerment Center is Open for Free One-on-One Financial Counseling by Phone or Video

The Pittsburgh Financial Empowerment Center, a joint service of the City of Pittsburgh and Neighborhood Allies operated by Advantage Credit Counseling, is now operating virtually. This free service is available to area residents over age 18 by video and/or phone.

The COVID-19 pandemic has interrupted businesses' and residents' ability to earn and people are making tough decisions about how to use limited resources. The Financial Empowerment

Center provides free counseling to help residents plan during this period of financial uncertainty.

Our team of four certified professional counselors are available for free one-on-one sessions to help people focus on their specific situations with a tailored individual approach. Counselors have extensive training navigating financial systems to help clients reduce debt, build credit, build savings and have access to safe, affordable banking products to manage student loans, consumer debt and long-term financial goal setting.

To schedule a session:

- Call the FEC intake line at 1-800-298-0237
- Email us at fecinfo@advantageccs.org
- Further information about the FEC can be found <https://pittsburghpa.gov/mayor/FEC>

- **Neighbors in Need (NIN)**—crisis grants to people living in the 15224, 15206, 15201 and 15232 zip codes that have been left jobless by the COVID-19 crisis. The grants typically range from \$150 to \$350, depending on family size and circumstances. The intent is provide funds to help buy food, medicines or toiletries for those in need until the stimulus program kicks into gear. The NIN grants are not for delinquent rent or utility shutoffs. If you are a family or individual who needs help during these challenging times, please feel free to email at tdicksonpgh@gmail.com. Please note this is a small fund in which they are trying to help as many neighbors as possible.
- Here is a map of all of the free food distribution sites in Allegheny County. It continues to be updated and changed in real time.
<https://alcogis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=abaca148492b47a7ad0d5a71f5d2c5e8>
- **North Hills Community Outreach** remains closed.
Food Pantries
April 28, 11am-1pm – Allison Park
All others are on hold until further notice.
If you need of emergency food, please call 412-487-6316 or email help@nhco.org

- **Meals on Wheels**— participant will have to call the site that prepares their meals
- **Senior Centers**—take-out meals are being provided rather than eating as a group
- **MATP**—no changes
- Pittsburgh Support Programs & Resources during the COVID-19 Outbreak
<https://downtownpittsburgh.com/support-programs-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/>
- **Port Authority** is offering reimbursement to riders who had purchased monthly or weekly passes and then were ordered to stay home because of the COVID-19 virus.

Riders can call the authority at 412-442-2000, visit the website at www.portauthority.org or go to the Downtown Service Center on Smithfield Street.

- <http://centerforethicsandpolicy.com/PGHTipJar.html> Help support service industry workers
- **Allegheny Valley Association of Churches** is closed until further notice. If someone needs assistance they can call 724-226-0606, and they will do their best to help. Their Food Bank will be open on Wednesday as usual (1:30-5:30pm), but it will be outside of the building. Tax appointments through AVAC are being rescheduled.
- **Project Destiny (Northside residents only)** afterschool and daycare centers—closed
 - **Updates as follows**
 - We are conducting check-ins by phone with all families enrolled in our programs
 - We are prioritizing urgent needs such as food insecurity, difficulties obtaining medication and household necessities, and connecting folks to emergency resources for domestic conflicts and mental health crisis
 - We are accepting referrals and urgent calls to help Northsiders at the Project Destiny administrative offices at 412-231-1258 and dispatching them to our teams, as well as dropping off what supplies we are able to our neighbors, *without contact*
 - We are taking proactive measures by phone and email to continue to address issues identified prior to the Covid-19 crisis, such as filling out forms for assistance for housing, utilities, unemployment, and other needs
 - We are in operation currently from 9 AM to 4PM Monday through Friday, and plan to continue to do so off-site even if quarantine measures escalate

Grief Support

- Jefferson Hospital has a grief group that is scheduled to start in July. For current needs contact Sister Lisa Balcerek's at 412-469-5187.
- St. Elizabeth Church in Pleasant Hills, monthly bereavement group currently on hold. Contact person: Karen, Social Concerns director, recommends the following website: www.mygriefangels.org

Armstrong County

- Meals on Wheels— participant will have to call the site that prepares their meals
- Senior Centers—closed, call 724-548-3290 and request home delivered meals if center was the senior's food source
- MATP—still running but limiting transportation for “critical care patients” such as dialysis.
- Kittanning Pet Shelter is offering free pet food.

Beaver County

- **Food bank--Faith Restorations Inc.**, 186 Wagner Road, Monaca, Pa 15061 724-709-8666. They are providing curbside service on Tuesdays from 6pm-8pm, Thursdays 11am to 1pm. Mondays is for Veteran's only from 11am – 1pm. They are supported by the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank.
- Meals on Wheels— participant will have to call the site that prepares their meals
- Senior Centers—closed
- MATP—still operating
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Butler County

- Meals on Wheels—delivering a box of food once a week rather than a daily hot meal
- Senior Centers—will be closed as of Tuesday 3/17/20, active participants can pick up a grab and go lunch and a 5 pack of meals, the county is reaching out to all active participants. Grab and go lunches and meals are not open to the public.
- MATP—still running
- St. Killian food bank will be closed until 4/13
- Helping Butler County, Facebook page assists residents with grocery/medication delivery for at risks populations

Westmoreland County

- Meals on Wheels—participant will have to call the site that prepares their meals
- Senior Centers—closed as of 3/17/20 until further notice. Center participants will be afforded the opportunity to 'pick-up' meals at the center they frequent with a car door delivery. Home-delivered meals from the centers will continue but may be on a restricted delivery schedule. Center staff will provide on-going telephone outreach to both center and home-delivered meals participants to conduct 'well checks' and to prevent social isolation.
- **Food Banks**--First United Methodist Church in Vandergrift, 3rd Tuesday of every month from 9:30-11:30am. Call 724-568-5575 to pre-register
- -Vandergrift Presbyterian Church, April 30th and May 28th, 10-11:30am. Call 724-568-2917 to pre-register

Food

The **Healthy Food Centers** (AGH and WPH) are still running normal hours. They are not doing full consultations but if you call ahead and tell them what you need, they will pack up the food for pick up. They also are allowing other friends or family members to pick up food for families who are quarantined at home or cannot get to their location for some reason.

ALDI will offer free grocery deliver on the first three orders of \$35 or more, use code SHOPALDI20 at checkout. But person needs a computer or smart phone to place the order.

Giant Eagle will deliver groceries, you order online. 1st delivery is free, \$9.95 for same day delivery, \$5.95 for next day delivery.

Prescriptions

CVS is currently providing free Rx delivery.

Transportation

Ruby Rides will suspend all services until 4/1/20.

North Hills Community Outreach--Free Rides for Seniors has been suspended.

Unemployment--If you are employed in Pennsylvania and are unable to work because of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), you may be eligible for Unemployment or Workers' Compensation benefits.

<https://www.uc.pa.gov/Pages/covid19.aspx>

Relief Funds for Restaurant Workers

RWCF announces the establishment of the Restaurant Workers COVID-19 Crisis Relief Fund

<https://www.restaurantworkerscf.org/news/2020/3/15/restaurant-workers-community-foundation-announces-the-formation-of-restaurant-workers-covid19-crisis-relief-fund>

The **One Fair Wage Campaign** has started a relief fund for restaurant and gig workers affected by the crisis in states where it has active campaigns (CA, CO, DC, FL, IL, MD, MA, MI, NJ, NY, PA)

<https://onefairwage.com/>

Bartender Emergency Assistance Program

<https://www.usbgfoundation.org/beap>

The Hebrew Free Loan Association of Pittsburgh offers interest-free loans on a nonsectarian basis to residents of Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Washington, Westmoreland, and Armstrong Counties who may not qualify for assistance through other institutions.

<http://hflapgh.org/coronavirusloan/>

HealthWell will provide up to \$250.00 in financial assistance for a 12-month grant period to eligible patients who have annual household incomes up to 500 percent of the federal poverty level. Grants awarded through the fund will provide reimbursement assistance for delivered food and medication and transportation costs to manage COVID-19, while maintaining social distancing protocols, including drive-thru testing, delivery of test kits and future treatments.

<https://www.healthwellfoundation.org/fund/covid-19-fund/> Phone: (800) 675-8416

**Pittsburgh's Urban Redevelopment Authority board approved a new program — part of the Housing Opportunity Fund backed by Pittsburgh's deed transfer tax — to help households struggling to cover housing expenses due to the COVID-19 crisis. The board voted to allocate \$300,000 to the new program to be administered by the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, which would provide as much as \$3,000 each to such households, modeled on the existing Housing Stabilization Program. If you live in the City of Pittsburgh and your job has been affected by the coronavirus pandemic and you are unable to pay your mortgage or rent, Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh may be able to help. All clients must have a letter from their employer stating their job has been affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. All documents may be sent to our offices by emailing hintake@ulpg.org. Please call (412)227-4164 to see if you qualify.

**Unfortunately, they have already received their maximum of applications. If you are a homeowner you will be directed to Urban Redevelopment Authority 412-255-6600. If you are a renter you will be directed to 211.

<http://ulpg.org/programs/housing/rental-assistance/>

The Center for Housing Opportunities' (CHO) Housing Stabilization Program (HSP) is a housing crisis intervention program that provides one-time or short term (up to 4 months) financial assistance to households who are facing a temporary, non-reoccurring housing crisis.

https://www.ura.org/media/W1siZiIsIjIwMjAvMDIvMjIvOG1yenpyMndyYV9lU1BfMjAyMF9GSU5BTF92Mi5wZGYiXV0/HSP_2020_FINAL%20-v2.pdf

An Urban Redevelopment Authority affiliate, the Pittsburgh Economic Industrial Development Corporation, is administering, **within the city**, the state's new COVID Working Capital Assistance program, which can make interest-free loans for as much as \$100,000.

<https://www.ura.org/pages/covid-19-working-capital-access-program>

If you are NOT located in the City of Pittsburgh please reach out to one of the other CEDOs that service Allegheny County, they are listed below:

- Regional Industrial Development Corporation – Colleen Poremski at 412-471-3939 or email cporemski@ridc.org

- Southwester PA Commission – Steve Meredith at 412-391-5590 X325 or email smeredith@spcregion.org