

Financial Resources

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Auto Loans

Worried about making your auto loan payments? Your lender may have options that can help.

- <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/blog/worried-about-making-your-auto-loan-payments-your-lender-may-have-options-to-help/>

Cellular

Lifeline is a federal program that provides you with a free wireless or landline plan.

- <https://www.assurancewireless.com/lifeline-services/states/washington-lifeline-free-government-phone-service>

T-Mobile Connect for the next two months, Metro is offering a \$15 plan – that’s half the price of the current most affordable plan. For 60 days after customers activate, it’s just \$15 per month for unlimited talk and text plus 2GB of high-speed smartphone data.

- <https://www.t-mobile.com/news/t-mobile-update-on-covid-19-response>

Centro Latino

- Emergency Financial Assistance

Centro Latino continues to offer our Emergency Financial Assistance for any domestic violence or sexual abuse victim, who reside within South King, Pierce and North Thurston counties. Centro Latino has funding of up to \$3,000 per client for relocation services or a max of \$2000 for other allowable expenses.

Centro Latino funding will be used for a variety of emergency needs but not limited to the following:

- Safety and Security- Services that can ensure safety, such as locksmith services to change or install locks, replacement of doors or windows.
- Housing and Relocation- Funding can also be used to assist clients with move in assistance such as, deposit, up to 3 months’ rent (capped at \$3,000 per client), utilities, eviction charges that are preventing client’s relocation.
- Emergent Needs- Funding allows gift card allocation to clients who are fleeing or have been a victim of a crime. Gift cards are limited to gas cards. Walmart Cards that can be used for food, diapers, formula, medicine, clothes or shoes or any other supply that can be considered an emergent need. **Goodwill cards for emergency items such as clothes, blankets, towels or household items needed during the relocation process into a new home.**

- Census + Food Bank Location Site; Every Wednesday from 9-4:30 or until supplies lasts.

Centro Latino will be providing quality and essential food items to our Latino and Indigenous communities of Pierce County. Additionally, on every box there will be educational material about the importance of Census completion as well as information about the resources of housing assistance, IRS extension deadline, COVID-19, USCIS information, Suspension of Real ID Act and any other useful information. No appointment is necessary but Centro Latino is having individuals fill out the following

google form;
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeszcmt_QJCVhR8PqpnjOM3ELYrUo2cETUrVjxQPquOCXb9iw/viewform?fbclid=IwAR1Bw76Z4kHNjrEvWeiH5mOOpOdAxYGpoooJROqC1mqDvKBFTYqapiyh2ck

- Schools supplies for Tacoma School District Students

Centro Latino will be providing a print format of the supplemental packages that Tacoma Public Schools Districts has made available for all Pre-K to 12th grade students. These are not meant to be educational resources or a substitute for classroom instruction but will help students practice their skills and learn independently during the closure.

Child Care

- Childcare Resources
 - Available to Pierce & King County Residents
 - Call 206-329-5842 or email subsidy@childcare.org

ChildCare Aware of WA

<https://childcareawarewa.org/>

253 Parents Get Resourceful Facebook Page

<https://www.tacomalearns.org/programs/253-parents-get-resourceful-facebook-group>

Project Child Success

<https://projectchildsuccess.org/actions/families/>

iReady Family Center

<https://i-readycentral.com/familycenter/>

Family Call Center

<https://www.tacomalearns.org/programs/child-care-family-call-center>

Special Minds Support for Students with Special Needs

<https://specialminded.com/services/wa-cv19-support-calls/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=9d83e3d1-7135-46ec-95f8-f9a5edc721e3>

Consumer Loans:

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Federal)

https://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/blog/protect-yourself-financially-from-impact-of-coronavirus/#anchor_paying-bills

[BankRate List of Banks Offering Help During COVID-19](#)

<https://www.bankrate.com/banking/coronavirus-list-of-banks-offering-help-to-customers-financial-hardship/>

Financial Institutions Remain Open

While the COVID-19 outbreak has closed many businesses, your local banks and credit unions remain committed to providing access to banking services.

- You can likely meet most, if not all, of your banking obligations without leaving your home as online, mobile and phone banking services are available. Many services are likely available 24/7 on your financial institution's website or mobile app including: balance inquiries, transfers, loan payments, mobile check deposits, and transaction inquiries.
- While many financial institutions have restricted access to their lobbies, you can access Drive-Thru teller services, Interactive Teller Machines (ITMs) or Automated Teller Machines (ATMs).
- For branch services that require access to the banking facility, like safety deposit box retrieval, many financial institutions are providing these services on an appointment basis.

- Before you head to your financial institution, visit their website or call to find information about hours, customer/member assistance, and current operations. You'll also see other precautions your financial institution is taking to keep you and their employees as safe as possible.
- Please keep in mind, there is no need to take out large amounts of cash to add to your existing emergency funds. Washington's financial institutions have access to ample amounts of cash to accommodate residents' continued daily needs.

Food Assistance

[Tacoma Mutual Aid Collective](#)

If you are sick, quarantined, immunocompromised, or elderly and would like food or other supplies dropped off on your porch. The approximate budget per family is \$50.

Hot Meal Sites

Rainier View Christian Church Parkland Campus, 12305 Spanaway Loop S, Tacoma WA 98444--- Sack Dinners distributed Mondays 5-6pm

St Francis House, 322-7th St SE, Puyallup, WA 98372---Sack dinners distributed Mon-Fri 4-5pm

Beacon Senior Activity Center, 415 S 13th St, Tacoma, WA 98405---Take out hot lunches for Seniors 60+ (\$3 donation appreciated). New recipients please sign up ahead of time, as meals are prepared according to number of enrolled lunch attendees.

LightHouse Senior Activity Center, 5016-'A' St, Tacoma, WA 98408---Take out hot lunches for Seniors 60+ (\$3 donation appreciated). New recipients please sign up ahead of time, as meals are prepared according to number of enrolled lunch attendees.

Good Neighbor Fund

Good Neighbor Fund

As we cope with the uncertainty and financial hardships of the next few months, we will be accepting applications to serve our neighbors in need with monetary and volunteer support.

We are calling this the Good Neighbor Fund because you must be nominated by a neighbor; you cannot self-nominate. All gifts will be paid to a third party (landlord, utility company, childcare provider, etc.), not directly to the nominee. We will also accept non-monetary needs that require volunteer coordination such as shopping for shut-ins, or yard-care for the ill.

Nominees must live in Edgewood, Milton, or Fife. Nominators can live outside this area

For now, we will be accepting applications until April 24.

Health Insurance

WA State Office of the Insurance Commissioner

<https://www.insurance.wa.gov/coronavirus>

Working Connections Child Care Family Co-Pays Waived April, May, June 2020

<https://www.facebook.com/wachildcarecenters/photos/a.127718614598678/526174404753095/?type=3&theater>

Kaiser Permanente Open Enrollment

https://wa.kaiserpermanente.org/individual-family/?utm_campaign=20_if_cov_9627099016_102694731081&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_content=425525763825&utm_term=obamacare&gclid=Cj0KCQjwpfHzBRCiARIsAHHzYzoweNbB_3dG-wWGBmLy8VX1d2yv-c7bPL8ly2-rhZBeNFH83M-koFQaApQqEALw_wcB

Immigrant and Undocumented Family Resources

Undocumented Families

IRS Tax Filing Extension, USCIS Information, Suspension of Real ID Act

<https://www.clatino.org/>

Resources

Financial assistance in the following categories; housing, food, auto payments, utilities, and childcare

For more information contact Centro Latino Executive Director, Dr. Bernal Baca at bbaca@clatino.org or 509.961.7840. You can also contact Deputy Director, Yazmin Aguilar at yaguilar@clatino.org 509.792.4539.

One America-COVID-19 Resources for Immigrants

<https://weareoneamerica.org/2020/03/23/covid-19-coronavirus-resources-for-immigrants-recursos-para-inmigrantes/>

COVID-19 Relief for Undocumented Individuals

<https://www.scholarshipjunkies.org/relief?fbclid=IwAR16KZPxYUZSAPoPUgAUEEFZOARG7LYr39TDJCCcB4BxmknGSEHwf7znnrw>

Internet

Many internet providers have announced that they are waiving late payment fees, increasing caps on internet speeds, and will not disconnect customers for not paying their monthly bill on time. Contact your provider for more information.

Comcast Internet Essentials: Low-cost home internet package for qualifying low-income individuals and households, is now available for free for the first two months and \$9.95 a month

thereafter. Must apply by April 30, 2020. There is no contract, no credit check and no other fees. <https://www.xfinity.com/prepare>

Xfinity WiFi Free For Everyone: Xfinity WiFi hotspots across the country will be available to anyone who needs them for free – including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers. For a map of Xfinity WiFi hotspots, visit www.xfinity.com/wifi. Once at a hotspot, consumers should select the “xfinitywifi” network name in the list of available hotspots and then launch a browser

Access from AT&T. No contract, no deposit or installation fees. provides wireline Home Internet to limited income households who participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or receive Supplemental Security Income benefits in California. Cost is between \$5 - \$10 a month. Visit <https://m.att.com/shopmobile/internet/access/> for more info.

Medical Prescription Assistance

Are you or someone you know in need of medical prescription assistance?

- <https://www.needymeds.org/>
- <https://www.goodrx.com/>

Housing, Rent and Eviction

If you are unable to make your full rent payment, contact your landlord immediately and try to work out an agreement. The Department of Housing and Urban Development offers counseling from organizations that can help you make the right decisions and point you towards the right resources.

On 03/18/2020, Governor Jay Inslee enacted a statewide moratorium on evictions of residential tenants for 30 days.

Additional Resources:

- [Governor Jay Inslee Announces Temporary Moratorium on Residential Evictions](#)
Governor Jay Inslee has announced a temporary moratorium on evictions.

- [Housing Counseling from HUD](#)
Find a local housing counselor to help answer your questions.
- CLEAR- Northwest Justice Project Hotline <https://nwjustice.org/clear-hotline>
- Tacoma Pro Bono <https://www.tacomaprobono.org/>
- WA Tenants Union <https://tenantsunion.org/>
- Chi'Quata Elder, Landlord-Tenant Coordinator, City of Tacoma
https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/equity_and_human_rights/landlord-tenant_program
- Fair Housing Law
<https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=164611>
- Fannie Mae Federally-Backed Loans
<https://www.fanniemae.com/portal/covid-19.html>
- Pierce County Coalition for Developmental Disabilities
<https://www.pc2online.org/pc2-s-housing-program>
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD.gov)
<https://apps.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA#searchArea>
- Help and Assistance for Homeowners (WA State Department of Financial Institutions)
<https://dfi.wa.gov/homeownership>

Legal Resources

Brumley Law Firm COVID-19 Legal Resources

<https://www.brumleylawfirm.com/covid-19-legal-resources>

Scams: What to watch for

Federal Trade Commission

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/coronavirus-scams-what-ftc-doing>

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS:

Franklin Pierce:

<https://www.fpschools.org/exended-closure-resources-and-information/meal-site-map>

University Place:

https://www.upsd83.org/about_upsd/news_and_information/announcements/meals_for_students_-_during_school_closures

Puyallup:

<https://www.facebook.com/PuyallupSchools/photos/a.176974101542/10158212025861543/?type=3&theater>

Sumner: <https://www.sumnersd.org/coronavirus>

Fife: https://www.fifeschools.com/news/what_s_new/mealdelivery

Peninsula: <https://www.psd401.net/departments/nutrition-services>

Tacoma: <https://www.tacomaschools.org/news/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

Bethel (specific lunch plan TBA): <https://www.bethelsd.org/Page/5540>

Clover Park:

http://www.cloverpark.k12.wa.us/Dept/CommunityRelations/HomeStories/2019-20/District_Corona_Mar2020.aspx

FREE MEAL PICK UP SITES TACOMA/PIERCE COUNTY:

<https://www.tacomalearns.org/programs> **pages 1-15**

Senior Services

<http://www.seniorscene.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/WTT-Pierce-County-19-20-1.pdf>

Small Business

[City of Tacoma COVID-19 Financial Support & Resources for Small Businesses](#)

Please contact us directly at MakeItTacoma@cityoftacoma.org or 253-591-2012 with specific questions or information to share. We encourage you to distribute this information widely through your networks.

State Benefits

Worker Assistance

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/covid-19-resources/covid-19-resources-businesses-and-workers>

SNAP Benefits

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/food-cash-medical>

Unemployment Assistance/Employment Security Division

<https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/covid-19>

Storage for Students

30 days free storage for college students

<https://www.uhaul.com/Articles/About/20625/College-Students-U-Haul-Offers-30-Days-Free-Self-Storage-Amid-Coronavirus-Outbreak/>

Student Loans

- All borrowers with federally held student loans will automatically have their interest rates set to 0% for a period of at least 60 days. In addition, each of these borrowers will have the option to suspend their payments for at least two months to allow them greater flexibility during the national emergency. This will allow borrowers to temporarily stop their payments without worrying about accruing interest.
- Any borrower who has experienced a change in income can contact their loan servicer to discuss lowering their monthly payment.
- www.StudentAid.gov/coronavirus

Tips to Protect Yourself from the Financial Impacts of Coronavirus

- <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/blog/protect-yourself-financially-from-impact-of-coronavirus/>
- Crisis Planning for Small Businesses

Tax Help Resources

<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus>

<https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free>

<https://www.myfreetaxes.com/>

Link Here

Transportation

Need Free Rides?

- Contact United Way at 2-1-1 for limited free rides using Lyft.
- Pierce Transit rides are currently free but routes are reduced, check your schedule at <https://www.piercetransit.org/pierce-transit-routes/>

Utilities Assistance

Governor Jay Inslee has called on all public utilities in Washington state to ensure the health and safety of their employees and the public by suspending disconnection tariffs for nonpayment during this emergency; waiving late fees for customers who are out of work or offering customers payment plans; and expanding bill assistance programs for customers who are economically impacted by this emergency. Many utility companies are already doing this. For assistance, contact your utility company.

Utility COVID-19 response pages:

- [PSE](#)
- [Avista](#)
- [Cascade Natural](#)
- [Pacific Power](#)
- [Northwest Natural](#)
- [Washington Water](#)
- [City of Seattle](#)
- [Tacoma Public Utilities](#)

Additional Resources:

[Utilities and Transportation Commission](#)

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

Puget Sound Energy

<https://www.pse.com/>

Pierce County Energy Assistance Program

<https://piercecountywa.gov/1280/Energy-Assistance>

MDC Energy Assistance Program

<https://www.mdc-hope.org/housing/energy-assistance>

Peninsula Light Energy Assistance Program

<https://www.penlight.org/member-services/project-help/>

Tacoma Public Utilities Emergency Assistance Program

<https://www.mytpu.org/emergencyassistance/>