

Community Resources and Information for employee assistance and small businesses affected by COVID-19

Assistance for Displaced Employees

211 BROWARD

Call 2-1-1 to connect to a 24-hour comprehensive helpline providing resources for financial assistance, food, etc., in our community: <http://211-broward.org/>

FEDERAL STIMULUS RELIEF

Federal Stimulus Relief is on the way for workers adversely affected economically by COVID-19 at: <https://home.treasury.gov/>

REEMPLOYMENT (UNEMPLOYMENT) ASSISTANCE

Reemployment is available for those who lost their job, were sent home without pay, workers staying home to take care of their families, or those who had to be hospitalized or quarantined. You can apply for reemployment assistance at: floridajobs.org

MORTGAGE RELIEF

Many mortgage lenders are willing to postpone mortgage payments during this crisis without negative credit penalties. Foreclosures and evictions have been suspended for two months. Fannie Mae and Freddy Mac are allowing borrowers to suspend mortgage payments for up to 12 months if you can prove financial hardship. Call your mortgage lender for specific details. Qualifications may be different from lender to lender.

TAX FILING EXTENSION

Federal Tax Filing Extension. The IRS has extended the filing deadline from April 15 to July 15. More Information at: <http://www.irs.gov/coronavirus>.

FOOD PROGRAMS

- **SNAP** is a food assistance program offered through the state. To apply: myflorida.com/accessflorida.
- **FarmShare** collects fruits and vegetable from Florida farmers for distribution. Visit <https://www.farmshare.org/agencies>
- **Summer BreakSpot** distributes free breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks to kids and teens. For a location near you visit <https://summerbreakspot.freshfromflorida.com>
- **Seniors** ages 60 + who are currently not the recipient of any meal programs and are experiencing a food shortage may call the Area Agency on Aging of Broward's Elder Helpline at (954)745-9779

• **BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Schools will continue to support students and their families by offering its grab-and-go meal service throughout locations in Broward County (listed below). **The meals will be provided Monday through Friday, from March 30 until April 15: • Breakfast: 8 – 10 a.m. • Lunch: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Elementary Schools: Mary M. Bethune, Challenger, Coconut Palm, Charles Drew, Flamingo, Stephen Foster, James Hunt, Lake Forest, Lloyd Estates, Thurgood Marshall, Meadowbrook, Norcrest, Oakridge, Orange Brook, Parkside, Annabel C. Perry PK-8, Pines Lakes, Pinewood, Quiet Waters, Royal Palm, Sawgrass, Village, Walker

Middle Schools: Coral Springs, Driftwood, Glades, Lyons Creek, Rickards, Sawgrass Springs, Seminole, Sunrise, Westpine

High Schools: Boyd Anderson, Coconut Creek, Coral Springs, Deerfield Beach, Dillard, Blanche Ely, Charles W. Flanagan, Hallandale, McArthur, Miramar, Nova, Plantation, South Broward, Stranahan, J.P. Taravella.

For information: <https://www.browardschools.com/coronavirus>

- **Broward Community Feeding Initiative App** to find food distribution locations in Broward County: <https://fheed.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d11334234f7b4d6da572f326d8dad7d>

UTILITIES & OTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICES

- **Florida Power and Light** has agreed to suspend electricity disconnection for failure to pay until the end of March. Late fees of \$5 and a 1.5% penalty still apply.
- **Comcast** has suspended service disconnections and late fees for internet customers who contact the company and explain their economic hardship due to COVID-19. The company is also offering free wi-fi hotspots and waived data caps on usage. Comcast is also offering Internet Essential services free for the next two months to low-income families who qualify. Go to <https://www.xfinity.com/prepare>
- **AT&T** won't terminate your wireless phone service, home phone or broadband service for residential or small business customers who can't pay their bill due to the coronavirus for 60 days. Late payments are being waived as well. If your child is enrolled in the National School Lunch Program or Head Start, AT&T is offering two months of free service if ordered before April 30. Details at: www.att.com

CREDIT AND BANK CARDS

- **Citi** is waiving monthly service fees and waiving penalties for early CD withdrawals. Forbearance programs and credit line increases are also available
- **PNC** has emergency hardship loans at low rates. It's also waiving or refunding fees associated with certain loans, credit cards, mortgages, and other lending products.
- **Truist (SunTrust/BB&T)** is providing payment relief assistance on loans, personal credit cards, and business loans. ATM fees are waived, and the company is offering 5% cash back for grocery and pharmacy charges through April 15th.
- **Wells Fargo** has options to assist people with their mortgage. Small business owners can qualify for fee waivers, deferral payments, and other assistance.
- **Chase** is allowing those financially impacted by the coronavirus to get fees waived and extended payments on mortgages, credit cards, and auto loans.
- **Bank of America** is offering payment relief on a case by case basis.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Please visit the United Way of Broward County's website:

<https://www.unitedwaybroward.org/coronavirusupdate>

STUDENT LOANS

Coronavirus and Forbearance Info for Students, Borrowers, and Parents:

<https://studentaid.gov/announcements-events/coronavirus>

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS (FDVA)

Veterans who are concerned they may have symptoms of Coronavirus are encouraged to contact the VISN 8 Clinical Contact Center at 1-877-741-3400 (toll free). Clinical staff provide 24/7 virtual care and support, including nurse advice and triage. The service is available at no cost to veterans enrolled for care in the VA Sunshine Healthcare Network (VISN 8).

Assistance for Small Businesses

Please visit the Broward County Office of Economic and Small Business Development's website for Information: www.Broward.org/EconDev/Pages/COVID19Resources.aspx

The resources listed were compiled and will be disseminated through a partnership of various Broward County Agencies and the United Way of Broward County (April 1, 2020).