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ECONOMIC RESOURCES:

Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation: You may be eligible for unemployment if your employer has closed due to COVID-19, your hours have been reduced, you have been told not to work, or have been told to isolate or self-quarantine. Important to note, is that under the federal economic stimulus law, state unemployment benefits are increased by up to \$600/month for 4 months through July 31st, and unemployment is now available for up to 39 weeks. Self-employed, independent contractors and freelancers also may be eligible.

For more information or to apply, visit: <https://www.uc.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Direct Cash Payments: Under the federal economic stimulus law, you will receive a direct payment of \$1,200 if you earn \$75,000 or less, or \$2,400 if you and your spouse make up to \$150,000. Each dependent child increases the amount by an additional \$500. The amount decreases for individuals with incomes above \$75,000, and payments cut off for those above \$99,000. Payments are expected to be direct deposited by the end of April; but if mailed, receipt will take longer.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program: Low-income homeowners (\$35,000 or less) or renters (\$15,000 or less) may be eligible for a property tax or rent rebate of between \$250-\$650 for property taxes/rent paid in 2019. For more information, please visit: <https://www.revenue.pa.gov/GeneralTaxInformation/PropertyTaxRentRebateProgram/Pages/default.aspx> or call 1-888-222-9190

Federal and State Income Tax Filing Deadlines: Extended to July 15th

Federal Student Loans: You will not have to pay your federal student loans (loans held by the U.S. Department of Education) for 6 months through September 30th, and interest will not accrue. This provision does not apply to private student loans, so please check with your lender.

FOOD RESOURCES:

SNAP Benefits/Food Stamps: You may be eligible for SNAP benefits (food stamps) to help buy food and groceries, due to a job loss/loss of income from the coronavirus pandemic. However, there are income limits, based on family size-- the chart is on the right side of the link below. You can apply online: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/SNAP.aspx> Now you can also use SNAP to purchase groceries at some online retailers.

Mary's Cupboard Food Pantry: Offers food/groceries to those in need; open Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-Noon; **Catholic Social Services Diaper Pantry:** Open Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Please call 215-945-2550 for more information and to make an appointment first.

HEALTH RESOURCES:

Bucks County Health Department: Can be reached with coronavirus questions or concerns @ 215-345-3318. **Mental Health/Substance Abuse Issues:** Anyone with substance abuse or mental health concerns during the coronavirus crisis, should call the county's new behavioral health number @ 215-399-5681

Medicare Telehealth Resources: Free telehealth services available to Medicare (aged 65 plus) recipients during the coronavirus pandemic. <https://medicaretelehealthhotline.org/>