



COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESOURCES

AN EASY GUIDE FOR CONGREGATIONS

STAY UP-TO-DATE ON PROGRAM CHANGES AT [VIRGINIA.GOV/CORONAVIRUS](https://virginia.gov/coronavirus)

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Apply online at vawc.virginia.gov or over the phone at **866-832-2363**. Eligibility has been expanded to include workers affected by COVID-19, such as a reduction in hours, self-quarantine mandate or caretakers of ill family members. The benefit waiting period has been waived and the requirement to submit two job applications weekly has been suspended.



HEALTH INSURANCE

Apply online at commonhelp.virginia.gov or over the phone at **855-635-4370**. All Medicaid co-pays have been waived and regular prescriptions increased to 90-day supply. Apply simultaneously for cash, food, heating/cooling bills and child care assistance. Visit coverva.org for more information.



FREE MEALS & GROCERIES

Text "**FOOD**" or "**COMIDA**" to **877-877** to find free feeding locations for children. The Federation of Virginia Food Banks operates seven regional hubs that support direct distribution to local food pantries. Visit vafoodbanks.org/covid-19-response for a map of locations and current availabilities.



CHILD CARE

Search online for a facility near you at childcareva.com or call **866-543-7852**. The Child Care Subsidy Program provides financial assistance to pay a portion of child care costs. Apply online at commonhelp.virginia.gov.



EVICTION & UTILITIES

The Supreme Court of Virginia declared a judicial emergency on March 16th that suspends all non-essential, non-emergency court proceedings through April 6, 2020, which includes new evictions. Also on March 16th, the State Corporation Commission ordered utilities to suspend service disconnections for 60 days. It is unlawful for landlords to change locks or cut off utilities without a court order. For legal help, call the Virginia Poverty Law Center hotline **1-833-NoEvict (663-8428)**.



COMMUNICATIONS

Many internet and phone companies are waiving late fees, suspending terminations, offering free international calls, expanding data usage limits, and even free service. Check with local service providers.



SEARCH FOR OTHER SERVICES LIKE CLOTHING AND RENT ASSISTANCE AT
[211VIRGINIA.ORG](https://211virginia.org) OR CALL 2-1-1

*Congregations are encouraged to add their free community supports to the online 211 portal,
a service of the Virginia Department of Social Services*