

COVID-19 Resources

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The following information is compiled from the departments of: Administration, Corrections, Education, Employment and Economic Development, Health, Human Services, Labor and Industry, Management and Budget, Natural Resources, Public Safety (Driver & Vehicle Services, State Emergency Operations Center, Homeland Security), Revenue, Housing Finance Agency, and the Governor's office, the Courts, the Attorney General's office, the federal government (SBA and IRS), and others.

COVID-19 MN Hotlines

- Health questions (7 am to 7 pm): 651-201-3920 or 1-800-657-3903
- Business, school and child care questions (7 am to 7 pm): 651-297-1304 or 1-800-657-3504
- DHS hotline for child care providers with COVID-19-related questions: 1-888-234-1268

Resources

- Child Care
 - Parents/Guardians needing child care resources can call Child Care Aware of MN at 1-888- 291-9811 or go to www.parentaware.org to search on-line for child care options
 - Peacetime emergency child care [provider grants](#)
 - Six Minnesota Initiative Foundations have launched an [Emergency Child Care Grant Program](#) to provide support for Greater Minnesota licensed child care providers serving families of essential workers needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. "Think Small" has launched an effort to issue [grants to family child care programs](#) in the metro area.
 - Communications from state to child care providers on COVID-19 are [here](#) and [here](#)
- Courts
 - Information on temporary court operation procedures can be found [here](#)
- Discrimination and the MN Dept. of Human Rights
 - Information on mistreatment and discrimination due to COVID-19. To submit a complaint click [here](#) or call 651-539-1133.
 - MDHR and the Department of Labor have a workers protection PDF, which includes [info about employment discrimination with respect to COVID-19](#)
 - [Viruses don't discriminate and neither should we](#)
- Driver and Vehicle Services at the Department of Public Safety
 - [Frequently asked questions](#) about: driver's licenses, Real ID, vehicle registration tabs, road tests, etc.
- Environment & Natural Resources
 - Dept. of Natural Resources [update](#)
- Employers and Employees
 - [Information and resources](#) for employers, businesses and workers from Dept. of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)
 - A DEED [guide](#) for Minnesota small businesses to help make sense of the various financing options.
 - [Small business financing](#)
 - [Emergency Loan Program](#)
 - [Loan Guarantee Program](#)

- [Shared Work Program](#)
 - [Federal SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans](#)
 - [Federal SBA Paycheck Protection Program](#)
- [Guidance](#) from DEED on Governor Walz's "Stay at Home" order as it relates to the critical/essential worker designation.
- [Critical sector/essential worker classifications](#): These categories follow the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Guidelines with some Minnesota-specific additions
- Federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's (CISA): [Identification Of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During Covid-19 Response](#)
- What should I do if [I disagree](#) with my employer or employee about a Critical Sector worker exemption? If a dispute about whether an employee qualifies for a Critical Sector exemption remains unresolved after an employer and employee have attempted to work collaboratively to determine eligibility, employees can contact the State Emergency Operations Center hotline at the following numbers: 651-297-1304 or 800-657-3504 (toll free) or SAHviolations@state.mn.us The Minnesota Department of Public Safety will work with local law enforcement officials to ensure compliance with the Order. The Governor's focus is on education and voluntary compliance.
- [Frequently asked questions](#) by employers and employees answered by the Dept. of Labor and Industry (DLI)
- For questions about your [business interruption insurance](#)
- Governor
 - [Executive orders](#) issued by Governor Tim Walz
 - [Announcement](#) by Governor Walz of his "Stay at Home" [order](#)
 - [Frequently asked questions](#) about the Governor's "Stay at Home" [order](#)
 - Governor's COVID-19 [homepage](#)
- Health & Public Health Insurance
 - Dept. of Health's COVID-19 [homepage](#) containing a wealth of information
 - MN Department of Health's Situation Updates for COVID-19 are [here](#)
 - Apply for Medical Assistance/MNCare [here](#)
 - Information about MNSure [Emergency Special Enrollment Period](#)
 - MNSure's COVID-19 [page](#)
 - MN Department of Health COVID-19 [Response Funding for Health Care Providers](#)
- Human Services and Food Resources
 - Department of Human Services [COVID-19 Information](#)
 - SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)/MFIP (MN Family Investment Program) Resources
 - Apply Online at ApplyMN.dhs.mn.gov
 - Apply on paper using the [Combined Application Form \(PDF\)](#) for families and people under age 60; individuals and couples who are 60 or older should use the one-page [Senior SNAP Application \(PDF\)](#). Mail or bring the completed form to your [local county or tribal office \(PDF\)](#).
 - Other Food Resources
 - Need help getting food right away? See this [resource page](#) from Dept. of Human Services
- Housing
 - Need help finding or paying for housing? See this [resource page](#) from MN Housing
- How can I help?
 - [Suggestions](#) for how you can help from the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)

- Guidance on how to [donate or procure](#) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from MN Management and Budget
- If you are a business that has a service, equipment, or other capability that could be of value in fighting the COVID-19 virus, please fill out [this form](#)
- To offer assistance of some type email the specifics of your offer to: hsem.ppp@state.mn.us. This “*public private partnership*” email inbox is monitored by staff at Minnesota’s “*Department of Homeland Security, State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)*”.
- Personal Protective Equipment: face masks, goggles, shields, isolation/disposable gowns, gloves, N95 respirators
 - [Donate, procure or request PPE](#). Guidance on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from MN Management and Budget
 - [Request](#). Work through your [Regional Health Care Preparedness Coordinator \(RHPCs\) \(PDF\)](#)
 - Request. Work through your [county emergency manager](#)
- Prisons
 - COVID-19 [updates](#) for staff and inmates of the MN Department of Corrections
- Scams and Price Gouging
 - Attorney General’s Office [Information](#) on potential COVID-19 scams
 - If you believe you have been the victim of a COVID-19 scam, please contact (651) 296-3353 (Metro) or (800) 657-3787 (Greater Minnesota) or use this link to [File a Complaint](#)
- Schools
 - Children of health care or emergency workers – school districts are directed to provide care for your children age 12 and under. See list of emergency workers and full guidance to school districts [here](#).
 - For K-12 questions, monitor the Dept. of Education [COVID-19 Updates](#) page
 - For Higher Ed questions, see the [Coronavirus Updates](#) page by Office of Higher Ed
- Taxes
 - MN Department of Revenue [information](#) about income tax deadlines, property tax, business taxes, in-person services, free tax preparation services, tax or debt collection relief, and MN Dept. of Revenue contact information
 - Federal IRS [information](#) about tax deadlines, stimulus payments, etc.
- Travel Insurance and Other Commerce Department Regulated Industries
 - Commerce Department resource on [travel insurance and COVID-19](#)
 - Commerce Dept. Consumer Services Center: 651-539-1600 or [Complaints](#) and [other consumer information for individuals and the industries regulated by Commerce](#)
- Unemployment
 - If your employer has reduced your hours or shut down due to COVID-19, apply for [Unemployment Insurance](#)
 - [Federal SBA Paycheck Protection Program](#). This program is for forgivable loans to small businesses to pay their employees during the COVID-19 crisis and applies to, among others, independent contractors, gig workers, and self-employed individuals, who often don’t qualify for unemployment insurance.
 - Options for people not typically covered by UI click [here](#) and [here](#)
 - [Shared Work Program](#)—a DEED program to help employers avoid layoffs
 - Options for [community services and financial assistance](#)
- Worker Protections
 - For questions on sick leave, FMLA, discrimination, and more see [this resource](#) from the Dept. of Labor and Industry
 - [FAQs for Workers](#) from the Dept. of Employment and Economic Development

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