



**IMPORTANT:**

**Local Help is Available during the Covid-19 Social Distancing Initiative**

**RENT & UTILITIES-Housing Stabilization Program**

The Housing Stabilization Program (HSP) is a housing crisis intervention program that provides one-time or short term (up to 4 months) financial assistance to renters who are facing a temporary, non-reoccurring housing crisis. CALL 412-227-4163

**BUDDY PROGRAM-**

A City wide Buddy program is organized by Pittsburgh Cares. If you would like to sign up to be a “buddy” for someone, or are looking to find a “buddy”, email [info@pittsburghcares.org](mailto:info@pittsburghcares.org), or call 412-471-2114 x200 and someone will get back to you.

A “Buddy” program to match Lawrenceville, Bloomfield & Garfield volunteers with seniors and others at high risk for phone calls / check-ins, grocery/prescription runs, meal deliveries, etc.

To sign up for a buddy or be a buddy go to <https://tinyurl.com/CovidBuddy>

To sign up for a buddy’s help call: Bloomfield Garfield Corporation: 412-426-5329, Lawrenceville United: 412-802-7220, or Bloomfield Development Corporation: (412) 681-8800

**NEIGHBORS IN NEED FUND-** A fund to help individuals & families facing a hardship. Typical grants average \$0-\$500. Bloomfield Garfield Corporation: 412-426-5329 or email [nina@bloomfield-garfield.org](mailto:nina@bloomfield-garfield.org)

**APPLY ONLINE Garfield Neighbors in Need Crisis Fund Online Application:**

<https://tinyurl.com/GarfieldCrisisFund>

**GARFIELD FOOD RESOURCES:**

**Care Packages Delivered:** A volunteer service delivering packaged meals to those in need in Garfield. Garfield Jubilee: 412-849-6689

**Receive ‘Grab n Go’ Meal Bags on your doorstep** Monday – Friday between 2:30 – 4:00

Marilyn Chaney at Earthen Vessels Outreach Call: 412 – 214-0862 or email: [earthenvessels98@gmail.com](mailto:earthenvessels98@gmail.com)

Local non-profit located on the corner of Friendship Ave. and S. Pacific Ave delivering daily lunches door to door. Must contact to fill out distribution form.

**GARFIELD Greater Pittsburgh Community Foodbank Distribution Site-3rd weekend (Sat) April at 9am**

Morningside Church of God in Christ-5173 Dearborn St, Pittsburgh PA 15224

Residents of GARFIELD (15224, 15206) can be issued food boxes at this church location and must bring proof of residence and source of financial income to register.

**GARFIELD Greater Pittsburgh Community Foodbank Distribution Site - Friday April 3rd at 11am**

Valley View Presbyterian Church- [601 N Aiken Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206](https://www.google.com/maps/place/601+N+Aiken+Ave,+Pittsburgh,+PA+15206)

Stay in your car and volunteers will place boxes in their cars. If you cannot drive then they will deliver to your doorstep. Must call ahead [412-708-6158](tel:412-708-6158) Please include your Name and address if need delivery, and how many live in home. No documents needed.

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### **ACCESS TO INFO & UPDATES:**

- In order to best serve residents with questions and concerns about COVID-19, Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) has partnered with United Way 211 to offer a 24/7 hotline. Please call 888-856-2774 to speak with a representative.
- We are working hard to ensure that you have the best and most current information. Stay up to date by signing up for Allegheny Alerts ([www.alleghenycounty.us/alerts](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/alerts)) and subscribing to COVID-19, follow the Health Department on Facebook (@AlleghenyCountyHealth) and Twitter (@HealthAllegheny), and visit [www.alleghenycounty.us/coronavirus](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/coronavirus).
- FOR ANY GENERAL ASSISTANCE: United Way helpline (help connecting to all kinds of resources), call 2-1-1 or text your zip code to 898-211 or visit PA211sw.org

### **HEALTH INFORMATION- What we know:**

- The new Coronavirus, or COVID-19\*, was identified in December 2019
- It produces flu-like symptoms--fever, cough, shortness of breath, but is more contagious.
- In about 15% of cases, it can lead to severe respiratory illness, such as pneumonia
- There is no vaccine and no antiviral treatment at this time.
- The virus is fatal in about 2% of reported cases--more than the seasonal flu.
- If you are experiencing symptoms or believe you may be at risk for COVID-19, please call your doctor's office or 24/7 Nurse line first before going to be seen by a Doctor.
- You can also contact one of the following sources with questions:
  - Allegheny County Health Department at (412) 687-2243
  - PA State Department of Health at 1-877-724-3258.
- For answers on Coronavirus, the flu, or any health-related questions, call your doctor.
- Call 24/7 Nurse Line for help in understanding your condition
  - In the Pittsburgh area call (412) NURSE-4-U
- If you don't have a doctor, find a doctor now, call (412) DOCTORS or (814) SAMEDAY
- If you are in a medical emergency, call 911 immediately.
- All Medicaid, Medicare, and CHIP recipients will have testing and treatment covered.'
- UPMC, Highmark, and Aetna will waive applicable deductibles, copayments, or other cost-sharing for COVID-19 testing when ordered by a member's treating medical provider.
- Uninsured: Metro Health Clinic (sliding scale); iHealth Clinic in East Liberty (\$35 flat fee)
- Allegheny Health Network advises, if you don't have a car and think they may need to be tested for COVID-19: "They can call the state or county health department or their physician to help locate additional collection sites or testing locations." 888-856-2774 is the Allegheny County Health Department's 24/7 line to call if you have questions, concerns, or are experiencing symptoms. 1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258) is the number for the PA Health Department but it just says it's for "questions".

### **Pharmacy delivery services:**

- *Wilson's Pharmacy* (412.621.6471) offers free delivery typically 4:30-7 p.m. Call ahead.
- *Shop N Save Pharmacy* (412.784.8600) offers free delivery during regular hours (9a-7p weekdays, 9a-2p weekends). Call ahead. Can order over-the-counter medications that are out of stock and include that for delivery with day's notice.

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- The *Rite Aids* in *Lawrenceville* (412.682.6970) and *Bloomfield* (412.621.9987) offer delivery of prescriptions on weekdays in the later afternoon. Call ahead. There may be \$3 delivery fee. Possibly will include over-the-counter meds with prescription.

**Food donations:**

- *Meals on Wheels*: 412.350.5460 or 412.350.4234
- Garfield Jubilee- delivering care packages to Garfield residents: 412-894-6689
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- *Lawrenceville Healthy Active Living (Senior) Center*: 100 pre-packaged meals given out 11a-1p on M/W/F to seniors who are registered with the program.
- *Pittsburgh Community Services Inc*: 412.904.4700.
- **Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank** - (412) 460-3663

**Food Donations Cont:**

- **East End Cooperative Ministry community lunch** - EECM's daily community lunch from 12:15-1:15 pm will not be served in their dining room but rather as take-out only. Clients can pick up take-out bagged hot lunches and other food items at Entrance G of EECM's building.
- **412 Food Rescue**- Food donation inquiries: (412) 277-3831
  - Local distribution sites:
    - Garfield Jubilee: 412-894-6689
    - Fridays: Lawrenceville United. Call (412) 802-7220 before noon.
    - Lawrenceville Family Care Connection: (412) 784-8683
    - IW Abel: (412) 687-7120
- **Just Harvest**- Over-the-phone COMPASS applications: (412) 431-8960
- **Food Pantries**
  - St. Mary’s Lyceum (Lawrenceville): 412.682.3877 - M & Tu 11a-12:30p
  - East End Cooperative Ministries: 412-345-7149.- M-F
  - Valley View Presbyterian Church Must call ahead 412-708-6158 **Friday April 3rd at 11am**
  - Morningside Church of God in Christ **3rd weekend (Sat) April at 9am**

**Utilities/Internet/Phone: Contact each provider**

- AT&T: offering free public access at its hotspots for 60 days, no late fees, and unlimited data to customers for at least 60 days
- Sprint:is offering expanded roaming access to the T-Mobile network, free international calling, no late fees, and unlimited data for 60 days
- Verizon: ensures of no disconnects or late fees until 05/13/2020. Contact them before that date.
- Charter Communications: two free months of Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access to households with students effective March 16th. Installation fees waived for new student households. Call (844) 488-8395 to enroll. Waiving late fees and not terminating accounts for 60 days
- T-Mobile: is giving unlimited smartphone data (excluding roaming) to all current customers. Also an additional 20GB of mobile hotspot, free international calling for all current customers to Level 3 impacted countries (Iran, S Korea, China, and various European countries).

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- Cricket Wireless: Waiving Reactivation Fees, have BridgePay available, which lets you split your current bill into two payments

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- General Information about the Comcast Services during Covid-19
  - Comcast Internet Essentials: Two Free months of internet for low income families (new clients only)
  - Comcast Wi-Fi hotspots are Free to everyone for 60 days
  - Comcast internet users have unlimited data for 60 days
  - Comcast will not disconnect service or assess late fees for 60 days.
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- Dollar Energy Fund: by phone at 800-683-7036 and online at [www.dollarenergy.org](http://www.dollarenergy.org)
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- Comcast is offering 2 months free to new Internet Essential customers (more info at <https://www.internetessentials.com/> or call 855-846-8376).

**Childcare- Circles - Greater Pittsburgh**

If you need a babysitter in order to go to work, please contact Tammy Thompson via email: [tthompson@Circlespgh.org](mailto:tthompson@Circlespgh.org).

Please provide the following: 1. Number of children you need care for 2. Age of child/children 3. The hours that you need care for them 4. Name of Employer 5. Community you live in

**Older adults**

- [SeniorLine of Allegheny County](#) - (412) 350-5460
- Meals On Wheels of Greater Pittsburgh - (412) 350-5460 or (412) 350-4234 (after hours)]
- [Vintage Senior Services](#) - (412) 361-5003

**VOTING: Absentee and Mail-in Ballots:**

<https://www.votespa.com/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Mail-and-Absentee-Ballot.aspx>

**MENTAL HEALTH & PEER SUPPORT:**

- A Peer Support and Advocacy Network is available from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. 1-866-661-9726 | Crisis Services available 24/7 call 1-888-796-8226
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration website. The agency's Disaster Distress Hotline is 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746. People with deafness or hearing loss can use their preferred relay service to call 1-800-985-5990

**Small business and service industry support**

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- [URA small business resources](#)
- [USBG Emergency Fund](#)
- [Children of Restaurant Employees \(CORE\)](#)
- [Kiva Loan](#)

### **Small business and service industry support Cont.**

- [Greater Pittsburgh Restaurant Workers Mutual Aid](#)
  - [Pittsburgh Virtual Tip Jar](#)
- The Steel Valley Authority urges business owners affected by COVID-19 to contact them at 1-866-SVA-8832 or by [email sewn@steelvalley.org](mailto:sewn@steelvalley.org)
- Unemployment may be available to your employees if you are forced to shut your business per the governor's order. [Applications can be completed online](#), and the first check can arrive within 4 weeks of an accepted application. [WESA has coverage of how unemployment could be used during this time.](#)
- There is also a listing of [financial resources for all local residents from the Pittsburgh Financial Empowerment Center](#) here.
- [URA has many resources available](#), and loan officers are working through this quarantine remotely - so just call or email whether your an existing borrower needing some help or a potential new borrower.
- [SBA Disaster Loans](#) now available as of 3/19
- [Honeycomb Credit](#) is offering discounted community-sourced loans for businesses impacted by COVID-19. Qualifying businesses can borrow \$10,000 - \$50,000 with an introductory 6-month interest-only period and no prepayment penalty. Email: [info@honeycombcredit.com](mailto:info@honeycombcredit.com)
- City of Pittsburgh Residents: URA is offering to its existing small business borrowers Emergency Extended Credit to help ease potential cash flow difficulties over the next several weeks. Details: <https://www.ura.org/pages/covid-19>  
Up to an additional \$15,000; 0% interest rate, no fees; 3-year term, 6 months no payments, 2 ½-year full amortization; Available to existing URA small business borrowers ONLY

### **General Links**

- [Allegheny Conference COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [City of Pittsburgh COVID-19 Updates](#)
- [Allegheny County Coronavirus Page](#)
- [CDC Coronavirus Page and Guidance for Community Organizations](#)
- [PA Department of Health Coronavirus Page](#)
- [How to get tested for COVID-19 in PA](#)

### **Freelance/artists**

- [Shared Resources on financial/legal rights](#)
- [Pittsburgh Artists Emergency Fund](#)

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## Policy

- [Allegheny County halts evictions](#)
- [Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission \(PUC\) enacts moratorium on utility shutoffs](#)
- [Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency \(PHFA\) Announces Coronavirus Response](#)
- **Gov. Tom Wolf has requested that the U.S. Small Business Administration implement a disaster declaration to provide assistance to small business and non-profits in the form of loans. The application process is to-be-announced.**
- [PA Supreme Court Halts all Non-Essential Functions Including Evictions](#)
- [City of Pittsburgh Moves to Level 2 Emergency Operations](#)
- [Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and HUD Suspend all Foreclosures and Evictions](#)
- [Congress passes 2nd coronavirus package](#)
- [Federal Reserve COVID-19 Response](#)
- [National Updates and Resources for Housing/Homelessness Advocates](#)

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