

**SNAP**

[COVID-19 SNAP \(Food Stamps\) Updates](#) (from Legal Aid Chicago): flyer providing an easy-to-read overview of the recent updates to the SNAP program including benefit increases, suspension of work requirements, availability of benefits to children unable to access free or reduced school meals, and how people can apply online or over the phone (4/24/20).

[Select SNAP Certification Periods Extended for 6 months due to COVID-19](#) (from IDHS): overview of extended approval periods, namely the additional 6 months for SNAP households whose benefits are due to expire March 2020, April 2020, and May 2020 (4/18/20).

[Pandemic EBT \(P-EBT\) SNAP for Eligible Children of Free/Reduce Price School Meals](#) (from IDHS): overview of the P-EBT program in Illinois including eligibility guidelines and how to apply. All children that would have received free or reduce priced meal if school where in session are eligible regardless of income or citizenship. Active SNAP households do not need to act and non-SNAP households an application is required to open a case (4/20/20).

**TANF**

[COVID-19 TANF \(Cash Assistance\) Updates](#) (from IDHS): overview of recent updates to Illinois' TANF program including suspension of in-person interviews, work requirements, and service plan development. Interviews can be conducted over the phone (4/18/20).

**Early Intervention and Special Education**

[FAQs for Special Education during Remote Learning](#) (from ISBE): this document provides guidance surrounding the process of continuing special education services during the COVID-19 pandemic and suspension of in-person instruction. Early Childhood Special Education Services are discussed on page 10 of this document: remote learning for special education students and transition from Early Intervention to Special Education (4/20/20).

[COVID-19 Early Intervention Teletherapy Update](#) (from IDHS Bureau of Early Intervention): guidelines for conducting teletherapy, conducting new intakes, and various exception policy-procedures during suspension of in-person service provision. Providers are encouraged to visit the [EI Provider Connections website](#) for further information, up-to-date information, trainings, and other guidance (4/5/20).

[State Superintendent Ayala's Message](#) (ISBE): links to several resources such as the special education FAQ, Pandemic EBT and extension of state grants (4/20/20).

**Child Care**

[Supporting Emergency Child Care During the COVID-19 Crisis: How Head Start and Early Head Start Programs Can Help](#) (from the Office of Head Start): guidance around how Head Start agencies can use their discretion to support emergency child care service provision during the COVID-19 pandemic through reallocation of their facilities, equipment, supplies, materials, and staff.

[Overview of the Federal Legislation Assisting Children, Families, and Child Care Providers](#) (from the First Five Years Fund): An overview of how three provisions of the CARES Act support existing early learning programs, small business and families. This resource also gives an overview of the federal appropriations relevant to early learning and care, small business funding and human services (4/2/20).

[IDHS Additional CCBDG Funding](#) (from IDHS Child Care Advisory Council): list of ways in which the IDHS has begun to disperse the over \$118 million in additional CCBDG funding from federal CARES Act. Updates include attendance exemptions, reductions in co-payments, extension of eligibility, and enhanced services to families of Priority Essential Workers (4/24/20).

[Comprehensive Health Guidance for Those Providing Child Care to Essential Workers During the COVID-19 State of Emergency](#) (GOECD, DCFS, IDHS, and ISBE): information to help programs providing emergency child care minimize the risks of spreading Coronavirus (4/20/20).

### **Home visiting**

[Illinois Guidance for Virtual Home Visits During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (from GOECD and IDHS): an overview intended to provide information on platforms and resources for programs engaging in virtual or remote home visits (4/22/20).

[Illinois Home Visiting Guidance for Addressing Intimate Partner Violence, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Concerns During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (GOECD and DHS): a general overview for home visitors providing guidance and support to families experiencing Intimate Partner Violence/Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault (IPV/DV/SA) a (4/22/20).

### **Unemployment**

[COVID-19 and Unemployment Benefits](#) (from the Illinois Department of Employment Security): an overview of the changes to the state's unemployment insurance program, such as expanded eligibility for those leaving work to address child care needs because of school closures (updated regularly).

### **Resources:**

- *for Individuals and Families*

[COVID-19 Resources for Individuals and Families in Illinois](#) (from the Shriver Center):information about aid to communities seeking support during the COVID-19 pandemic (4/2/20).

[COVID-19 Policy Resources](#) (from Heartland Alliance): fact sheets on recent policy changes and supports on a variety of topics: cash payments, unemployment, utilities & evictions, student loans, taxes & banking, reentry support, public benefits, debt collections, simple tax forms and Heartland policy recommendations (4/18/20).

[COVID-19 Resources for Illinois Families One-Pager](#) (from the Partners for Each and Every Child Illinois Coalition): a series of FAQs with corresponding answers as to where families can access help with issues such as finding meals, housing, legal services, child care, and healthcare. There is also a [summarized version](#) and a [comprehensive version](#) (updated regularly).

[City Bureau COVID Resource Finder](#): a search engine of over 1,300 different resources for Chicago and Cook County in a multitude of different languages. Searches can be done by issue area, location, and group (i.e. immigrants, families, etc.). Resources can also be offered over the phone by texting 'covid' to 312-436-2280 (updated regularly).

- *Immigrants/Public Charge*

[COVID Resources for Immigrant Families](#) (from the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights): a website dedicated to information for immigrant and undocumented families (updated regularly).

[COVID-19 and Public Charge Chart for Enrollment Assisters Assisting Immigrants](#) (from Protecting Illinois Families Illinois): list of COVID-19 related services, programs, and benefits and whether participation is a negative factor in public charge test. Also includes links to further resources and referrals for legal and other services. Website available in [Spanish](#) as well (updated regularly).

- ***General public***

[The Ounce's COVID-19 home page](#): information about the work of the Ounce to connect advocates, providers and parents across the nation, as well as links to help provide relief to the families reached by the Ounce's early childhood programs (updated regularly).

- **Programs and families**

[Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development COVID-19 page](#): a landing page for up-to-date COVID-19 information and general guidelines, resources and updates from state agencies, resources for Head Start/Early Head Start Programs, Emergency Child Care for Providers and Communities, and major cancellations or postponements due to COVID-19 (updated regularly)

## **Health**

[Find a Health Center](#) (from HRSA): a search engine to find a community health center to help access medical care and advice particularly for those who lack health insurance (updated regularly).

[Changes to Adult Presumptive Medicaid Eligibility](#) (from IDHS and HFS): presumptive eligibility is now available to adults in Illinois between the ages of 19 and 64 with income below 138% of the FPL to ensure access to healthcare during the COVID-19 pandemic (4/18/20).

## **Homelessness**

[COVID-19 Resources for Agencies serving people experiencing homelessness](#) (from All Chicago): landing page information regarding the impacts of COVID-19 on the populations of those experiencing homelessness. Access weekly webinars organized by All Chicago and DFSS Fridays at 1:00pm. Also includes information on the Chicago COVID-19 Homeless System Agency Emergency Fund which provides funding to homelessness service agencies across Chicago. Applications for the second round of funding are due by 5:00pm on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 (updated regularly).