



# DCF COVID-19 Daily Update

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## GETTING HELP WITH NECESSITIES FOR FAMILIES

Many families need help meeting financial and other basic needs during this COVID-19 crisis, and there are a variety of different forms of assistance available. You may be working with families who would benefit from knowing the below contact information for finding the help they may need.

### Income Security

Public Assistance- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

These are cash benefits available online at: [www.ct.gov/access/isp/access/jsp/access/Home/jsp](http://www.ct.gov/access/isp/access/jsp/access/Home/jsp)

### Unemployment Insurance Benefits

If you lost your job you can file for unemployment benefits at [www.filectui.com](http://www.filectui.com)

### Health Insurance

You may qualify for HUSKY, the state's Medicaid health insurance by visiting

[www.connect.ct.gov/access/Home.jsp](http://www.connect.ct.gov/access/Home.jsp)

If you need health insurance due to the loss of a job or if you meet income guidelines, contact Access Health CT at **1-855-805-4325**.

### Utilities and Fuel Delivery

CT banned all utility shut offs during the crisis. Families facing shutoff or whose utilities were shutoff should call the Public Utility Authority (PURA) at **1-800-382-4586**.

### Energy Assistance/ Fuel Oil

The ban on utility shut offs does not apply to fuel oil. Operation Fuel is taking applications for help and can be reached out **860-243-2346** or at [info@operationfuel.org](mailto:info@operationfuel.org)

### Food Security

Applications for Food Stamps (SNAP) are available at [www.connect.ct.gov/access/uso/access/Home.jsp](http://www.connect.ct.gov/access/uso/access/Home.jsp) or by calling **211**.

### Housing Protections

Procedures for evicting tenants in Connecticut's housing court have been suspended until at least April 1. This means that people facing evictions may get some relief. If a person has an eviction pending, they can call the housing session where their home is located or Statewide Legal Services for more information at **800-453-3320**.

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