



## CITY OF DENVER UPDATES

### Temporary Rent and Utilities Assistance Program

- You can access up to 6 months of rent and utility payments. Please visit <https://www.denvergov.org/.../stay-in-.../rent-utility-help.html>

### Denver Public Schools

- Access to free meals for children ages 1-18 starts today. DPS will also provide meals to people older than 18 that are enrolled, a category that includes young adults with disabilities. DPS will offer free meals to children at 11 locations throughout the city, using a grab-and-go system, weekdays from Monday, March 16th through Friday, April 3rd. Vegetarian options will be available. DPS does not plan on providing transportation for people to obtain the meals.
  - Breakfast served from 8-9am
  - Lunch from 12-1pm
  - Families may also pick up food boxes during dinner services. Dinner will be served from 3:30-5:30pm
  - [CLICK HERE](#) enter your address and find a site near you.

### Denver Health

- Denver Health has enacted new policies to help prevent the spread of infection by limiting access points to the main hospital as well as their family health centers. [PLEASE READ HERE](#)
- Denver Health has prepared a video summarizing [WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW](#)

### Denver Water

- “During the COVID-19 response, **Denver Water has suspended all scheduled water-shut-offs resulting from delinquent payment to ensure customers continue to have access to water.** Specific to financial hardships, if a customer is concerned about being able to pay their water bill, they should continue to contact Denver Water’s customer care team at **303-893-2444, Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** Our team will work with each customer to evaluate applicable options, such as payment plans, waiving late fees, delaying water turn-offs, or connecting the customer with other resources such as TRUA (Temporary Rent and Utility Assistance). Many staff are in the process of moving to alternate work locations or home-based work, so we are in a transition phase. We are working hard to maintain service levels, but we do ask for everyone’s patience.”



## **General updates for all Denver city residents**

- All restaurants and bars for public seating closed at 8AM for eight weeks. According to city officials, “This does NOT include drive-thru, grab-and-go or delivery from restaurants.”
- Public gatherings of over 50 people are shut down.
- All city DMV locations are closed to the public until further notice. There will be a grace period for expired vehicle registration and newly purchased vehicles through April 9.
- Sheriffs will not be responding to eviction calls.
- The city will not book certain low-level nonviolent individuals who are arrested.
- Democratic Party of Denver office will be officially closed until further notice, however, the officers will be working and taking calls.

## **Food deliveries and meals for homebound families/elderly individuals**

- Denver Food Rescue, Bondadosa, Focus Points Family Resource Center, Friends & Family and Lost City have partnered to deliver free, prepared meals to homebound families and elderly individuals in need during the COVID-19 crisis through the Denver Metro Emergency Food Network. They need your support in raising \$50,000 to support this work.
- If you or an organization you know is interested in receiving food delivery for families and/or elderly in need, please reach out to [maggie@bondadosa.org](mailto:maggie@bondadosa.org)
- Please donate here and [please share this link](#) with your friends and family. As little as \$25 can get four meals to homebound community members! Please also FWD this email to your networks and post the link to your social media pages.

# **STATEWIDE**

## **Resources for the Uninsured**

- Center for Health Progress has created a resource list with important information for people **without insurance**. This list outlines many of the safety net health care clinics in Colorado, as well as information to access information, referrals, and testing. [VISIT HERE](#)

## **Medical Care through TELEHEALTH**

- In response to the growing COVID-19 in our state, Clinica Colorado is offering VIRTUAL visits by phone or video call. The visits are \$10, and this service allows



patients to receive care while maintaining the safety of all patients, family, staff, and the community. [ENTER HERE](#) to schedule an appointment.

### Food Assistance

- If you need information on food assistance, please [FILL THIS FORM](#). [Hunger Free Colorado](#) will follow up in two business days.

### Xcel Energy

- “During this time, **disconnections for nonpayment of gas service in Colorado has been halted.**”
  - “With all portions of our business (including electric), the company continues preparedness efforts related to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 and is modifying its pay arrangement policies. Our Customer Contact Center has been advised to consider Coronavirus/COVID-19 impacts when working with customers to set pay arrangements, and to adjust requirements to meet customer’s individual needs accordingly.”
  - “If customers are having trouble with their bills, below is a link that offers several places (including Xcel Energy) to seek assistance: [https://www.xcelenergy.com/.../energy\\_assis.../energy\\_assistance](https://www.xcelenergy.com/.../energy_assis.../energy_assistance).”

### Small Business Support

- Here is a link with information and resources from the Colorado Small Businesses Majority for small business owners.  
<https://smallbusinessmajority.org/resources/covid-19-colorado-resources>
- Financial assistance for servers, back workers, and bartenders  
[https://www.usbgfoundation.org/beap-application?fbclid=IwAR0qXnD5VWZJheOclVmwbzJfo-rmTbctvyX\\_yqp5QBjAE93vPtHveSLnByc](https://www.usbgfoundation.org/beap-application?fbclid=IwAR0qXnD5VWZJheOclVmwbzJfo-rmTbctvyX_yqp5QBjAE93vPtHveSLnByc)

### 72nd Colorado General Assembly

- The Colorado Legislature has halted its annual session at least until March 30th.
- If you would like to send a message to your legislator, you can find your legislator [HERE](#)  
It is important to keep engaging with our elected officials as we are ALL trying to figure out the next steps for our families and our communities.
- CDPHE strongly advises all visitors and residents of Eagle, Summit, Pitkin, and Gunnison counties to minimize social contact. More tips [HERE](#)
- CO school districts are offering meals to children who rely on school meals. Click [HERE](#) to find one near you.



- A [drive up sample collection center](#) is open for COVID-19 testing in Colorado Springs and a doctor's order is needed to be tested.
- If you work in the restaurant industry and your work is being impacted by the closings, [Natural Grocers](#) is hiring temporary cleaners and staff ASAP. King Soopers and Walmart most likely are also hiring on the spot and paying weekly.
- If you're worried about having to self-isolate in a dangerous home situation, reach out to National Domestic Violence Hotline at:
  - Call 1-800-799-7233
  - TTY 1-800-787-3224
  - Chat at [thehotline.org](https://thehotline.org)

### **Child care program for Health care workers**

- Beginning March 23rd, a child free care option will be made available to health care workers in Colorado. To register for this child care program, please visit <https://covidchildcarecolorado.com/parent-survey-home/> or dial 2-1-1 for additional questions.
- FAQ available here (<https://covidchildcarecolorado.com/>).

### **Reproductive Tele-Health Services (App download here:**

**<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/planned-parenthood-direct/id1214393415>)**

- Get birth control and UTI treatment the easy way with Planned Parenthood Direct.
- IT'S PLANNED PARENTHOOD—IN YOUR POCKET; Can't go to the doctor? Let us come to you—whenever and wherever you are! No appointment necessary—and it's fast, easy, and completely private. Most of the time, you won't even need an exam. If you do, we'll set you up with an appointment to make sure you get the right prescription.
- BIRTH CONTROL—NOW JUST AN APP AWAY; Get a prescription for the birth control pill. Auto-refills for up to one year + free shipping. Make your request anytime/anywhere. No appointment required.
- UTI TREATMENT—ALSO JUST AN APP AWAY; Fast treatment for a UTI (urinary tract infection)—Pick up medicine at your pharmacy in as little as 2 hours. No physical examinations required.
- DO IT ALL ON YOUR OWN PHONE; Get in and out in under 10 minutes! Open for requests 24/7. Secure billing and patient information. Pay with credit, debit, or prepaid card. Planned Parenthood expertise—100 years and counting.

COLOR will continue to provide updates and resources. We will get through this difficult time by supporting one another. We are in this together.



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