

COVID – State Information and Services

Safe + Strong public awareness campaign by the Oregon Health Authority to provide up to date information about COVID19 - <https://www.safestrongoregon.org/> **Helpline: 1-800-923-4357** - **emotional support and resource referral line.**

State Assistance

December 21, 2020 - Oregon House passed House Bill 4401 (<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2020S3/Measures/Overview/HB4401>) which extends the State residential eviction moratorium to June 30, 2021. Tenants must sign and give their landlord a declaration stating they have experienced financial hardship after March 16, 2020. [State FAQ](#) include a sample **Declaration of Financial Hardship** as the last page of this document. Bill also establishes a **Landlord Fund**, open for applications in early January 2021 (exact date to be determined) that would pay landlords as much as 80% of back-due rents if the landlord agrees to forgive the remaining 20% of rent owed. Updates at <https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/housing-assistance/Pages/landlord-compensation-fund.aspx>

COVID-19 Temporary Paid Leave Program - available to people who need to quarantine or isolate because of COVID-19 exposure or are experiencing symptoms and need a medical diagnosis, but do not qualify for COVID-19-related paid sick leave (or do not have access to COVID-19-related paid time off). If you meet all of the eligibility requirements, you will get a \$120 per-day payment, up to 10 working days (\$1,200 total) for the time you need to quarantine or isolate. See website for eligibility criteria and application - <http://www.oregon.gov/covidpaidleave> 1-833-685-0850

Oregon Worker Relief Fund (OWRF) provides financial support directly to Oregonians who have lost their jobs yet are ineligible for Unemployment Insurance and federal stimulus relief due to their immigration status. <https://www.workerrelief.org/faq/> or call **1-888-274-7292**

Oregon Worker Quarantine Fund - provides up to two weeks of financial relief to agricultural workers 18 and older, regardless of immigration status. Administered by the Oregon Worker Relief Coalition, apply with local community-based organizations - <https://workerrelief.org/i-have-covid-19/> or call **1-888-274-7292**

On 8/25/20 **The Oregon Cares Fund** was organized by the leaders of Oregon's Black community. The Oregon Cares Fund provides cash grants to Black individuals, Black-owned businesses, and Black-led nonprofit organizations who have experienced financial adversity due to COVID-19. The Oregon Cares Fund is a sub-grant from the U.S. Treasury's disbursement of Coronavirus Relief Funds received by the State of Oregon under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. As of December 2020, they are no longer accepting applications. **Contact: The Contingent, 503-281-1801.** For questions/concerns about this program people should contact their State Representatives as the is a state funded program.

State Services -

> **Childcare** - The State Office of Childcare assisting to launch emergency childcare centers for essential workers - Essential employees can call **211, prompt for Childcare is Option 2 after you get through the intro messages.** <https://www.211info.org/search-resources>, text “children” or “ninos” to 898211, or email children@211info.org
Childcare Champions: 1-800-246-2154 – childcare option for “Essential” workers

Oregon has expanded **child care subsidies** for working low- and moderate-income parents: 1-800-699-9074, <https://oregonearlylearning.com/COVID-19-Resources>

Childcare provider resources information: Oregon Early Learning Division: **1-800-556-6616**, COVID.19@dhsosha.state.or.us, <https://oregonearlylearning.com/COVID-19-Resources>

Early Learning Division is actively recruiting childcare substitutes. Applications - <https://oregonearlylearning.com/COVID-19-Resources/Emergency-Child-Care#1585264289220-a3afda51-465c>

> **Department of Corrections** All personal visits continue to be suspended at our 14 institutions across the state until further notice. Professional (legal) visits are being re-introduced as of late September. Phone calls, messaging, video visits, and other alternative methods of communication are already available to adults in custody and their loved ones.

> **DMV** – visits by appointment only. Online scheduling of appointments at <https://dmv2u.oregon.gov/eServices> Grace period for passenger car licenses and vehicle registration - Starting on January 1, 2021 after the moratorium ends, an agreement with Oregon law enforcement will go into effect. This is not a legal citation moratorium but an understanding with law enforcement that they will extend a three-month grace period to drivers who may have an expired DMV product (Nov. 1, 2020 - Apr. 30, 2021) while they wait for their appointment. Many services available through <http://www.OregonDMV.com> and phone at 503-299-9999, 1-503-945-5000. More info - https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pages/COVID_Alert.aspx

> **Department of Revenue** – tax filing deadline moved to May 17,2021 to match IRS filing deadline. In 2020 it was July 15, 2020 to match IRS deadlines.

> **Fire Marshal’s** allowed people to **pump their own gas** until April-May 23rd to reduce contact that could spread the coronavirus and ensure that essential frontline workers have access to fuel during potential staffing shortages. **Self-service pumping discontinued May 24th.**

> **Human Services** - Oregonians enrolled in Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (**SNAP**), also commonly referred to as food stamps, will be able to buy food online for delivery from Walmart and Amazon. **To apply for Food Stamps/SNAP -**

<https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/ASSISTANCE/FOOD-BENEFITS/Pages/About-SNAP.aspx> - Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) has established a hotline to help families navigate the program, which provides meals for children to replace the free and reduced cost meals they would have received on site in schools. Hotline assistance can be reached at **(503) 945-6481**. Children eligible for free or reduced-price meals will get cash benefits for meals they would have received at schools. Households will receive \$5.70 per child for each normal school day from March through June.

If someone lost food purchased with SNAP benefits due to the winter storm they can request replacement benefits within 10 days of the food loss by calling 1-800-699-9075 or email SSP.StatewideWorkshare@dhsosha.state.or.us. Once approved, replacement benefits are issued using their existing EBT card.

> **OLCC** - approved temp rule allowing retailers to sell cannabis and liquor curbside to promote social distancing - https://www.oregon.gov/olcc/Pages/COVID19_Alcohol.aspx As of 12/24/20 - Senate Bill 1801 allows sale of to-go cocktails with rules - <https://www.oregon.gov/olcc/Pages/drinks-to-go.aspx> No additional licensing requirements.

> **State Campgrounds/Parks** - Some parks are open for day-use and camping, with reduced services. Check Park Status Map for updates - <https://stateparks.oregon.gov/index.cfm?do=visit.status>

> **Unemployment** - most Unemployment Insurance claims can be filed online at <https://secure.emp.state.or.us/ocs4/index.cfm?lang=E&u=startover> Phone line - 1-877-345-3484. email contact - loed_covid19_info@oregon.gov Waiting Week requirement waived.

PUA (Pandemic Unemployment Assistance) - State announced PUA applications available 4/28/20 - unemployment benefits provided for those who normally wouldn't receive it because they don't participate in the unemployment insurance program (self-employed, gig workers, independent contractors) - retroactive to the first week a worker was impacted by a qualifying COVID-19 reason. Application information - <https://govstatus.egov.com/ui-benefits/CARES>, loed_pua_info@oregon.gov, PO Box 14165 Salem, OR 97311, fax - 503-371-2893. PUA benefits may last up to 39 weeks (2/2/20-12/23/20 is eligibility period) and may also qualify for Federal Pandemic Unemployment of \$600/wk from 3/29/20-7/20/20. Potential PUA weekly benefit (1.25% of total base year earnings) of \$205-\$648/week. FPUC is an extra stimulus payment for each week you claim unemployment benefits. Under the Continued Assistance Act (CAA), you will get an additional \$300 per week beyond your regular benefit amount for weeks that you receive unemployment benefits. FPUC benefits run from Dec. 27 to the week ending March 13.

More information about State related services COVID updates - <https://coronavirus.oregon.gov/>

