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On March 11, Governor Doug Ducey issued a [Declaration of Emergency](https://azgovernor.gov/sites/default/files/declaraton_0.pdf) (https://azgovernor.gov/sites/default/files/declaraton_0.pdf) and an [Executive Order](https://azgovernor.gov/sites/default/files/eo_2020-07.pdf) (https://azgovernor.gov/sites/default/files/eo_2020-07.pdf) regarding the COVID-19 outbreak in Arizona. This action will provide health officials and administrators with tools and guidance necessary to combat the continued spread of COVID-19 and to reduce financial burdens on Arizonans by lowering healthcare costs associated with the virus.

Learn how to protect yourself and stop the spread of COVID-19. Visit azdhs.gov/COVID19 (<https://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-home>) and [cdc.gov/COVID19](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>).

We understand that many lives will be affected. The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) and its community partners will continue to provide services to help individuals and families meet their basic needs.



Unemployment Insurance

The Unemployment Insurance Benefit Program is a nationwide program created to provide a temporary source of income for workers who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own, while they conduct an active search for work.

Employees

Unemployment insurance benefits may be available to individuals who are involuntarily unemployed as a result of COVID-19. The amount of the benefit will vary based upon the amount of money that the individual has previously earned, but will be between \$187 and \$240 per week.

You can learn more at [www.AZUI.gov](http://www.azui.gov) (<http://www.azui.gov>) or by [watching this video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cB-MJ9q9jbU&feature=youtu.be) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cB-MJ9q9jbU&feature=youtu.be>).

To file for unemployment insurance benefits, visit www.azui.gov (<http://www.azui.gov>), and click on the button titled "Apply for UI Benefits."

Wage and Hour Questions

The USDOL Wage and Hour Division provides information on common issues employers and employees may face in responding to COVID-19 as they relate to the Fair Labor Standards Act and the Family and Medical Leave Act at www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic (<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic>).



Employers

Workplace Safety

First and foremost, we are dedicated to ensuring the safety of Arizona employers and workers. The United States Department of Labor (USDOL) Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA) provides practical guidance on how to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 at www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/osha/osha20200309 (<http://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/osha/osha20200309>).

OSHA also has a COVID-19 webpage with numerous valuable resources, www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/ (<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/>).

Shared Work

Businesses may be exploring reducing production as a result of supply chain challenges related to COVID-19. The Shared Work Program is an excellent tool to use in lieu of a temporary, total layoff of employees. It allows for partial work week and partial unemployment benefits to employees.

For more information, visit <https://des.az.gov/services/employment/unemployment-employer/shared-work-program-faqs> ([/services/employment/unemployment-employer/shared-work-program-faqs](https://des.az.gov/services/employment/unemployment-employer/shared-work-program-faqs)).



Short-Term Crisis Services

[Short-Term Crisis Services \(STCS\) Program](https://des.az.gov/services/child-and-family/short-term-crisis-services) ([/services/child-and-family/short-term-crisis-services](https://des.az.gov/services/child-and-family/short-term-crisis-services)) provides temporary assistance to low-income families experiencing an emergency need.



Mortgage Assistance

There are hardship programs in place to help homeowners who have been directly or indirectly affected by the coronavirus and are struggling to make their mortgage payments. For more information, visit: <https://des.az.gov/services/basic-needs/shelter-and-housing/mortgage-assistance> ([/services/basic-needs/shelter-and-housing/mortgage-assistance](https://des.az.gov/services/basic-needs/shelter-and-housing/mortgage-assistance)).



Additional Resources

Community partners across the state have a wide variety of services available to assist families. <https://des.az.gov/services/community-resources> ([/services/community-resources](https://des.az.gov/services/community-resources))



Cash, Medical and Nutritional Assistance

The [Cash Assistance program](https://des.az.gov/services/child-and-family/cash-assistance) ([/services/child-and-family/cash-assistance](https://des.az.gov/services/child-and-family/cash-assistance)) provides temporary cash benefits and supportive services to the neediest of Arizona's children and their families.

The [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](https://des.az.gov/services/basic-needs/food/nutrition-assistance-formerly-food-stamp-program) ([/services/basic-needs/food/nutrition-assistance-formerly-food-stamp-program](https://des.az.gov/services/basic-needs/food/nutrition-assistance-formerly-food-stamp-program)) provides eligible households with monthly benefits. Apply **online** through [Health-e-Arizona](https://www.healtharizonaplus.gov/Default/Default.aspx) (<https://www.healtharizonaplus.gov/Default/Default.aspx>).

The DES Coordinated Hunger Relief Program partners with regional food banks to provide food to individuals in need. <http://www.azfoodbanks.org/> (<http://www.azfoodbanks.org/>).

The [Congregate and Home Delivered Meals](https://des.az.gov/services/older-adults/healthy-living/congregate-home-delivered-meals) ([/services/older-adults/healthy-living/congregate-home-delivered-meals](https://des.az.gov/services/older-adults/healthy-living/congregate-home-delivered-meals)) programs provide nutritious meals to eligible older adults. Currently, although schools are closed statewide, several districts are providing free meal delivery and pickup for students. Check with your local school district to learn what options are available for you.

[How To Apply For Cash, Medical and Nutrition Assistance](https://vimeo.com/340017115) (<https://vimeo.com/340017115>) from [ArizonaDES](https://www.azdes.gov) (<https://vimeo.com/azdes>) on [Vimeo](https://vimeo.com) (<https://vimeo.com>).



Child Care Assistance

The DES Child Care Administration provides assistance to eligible families in need so they can continue education or employment while ensuring a safe environment. Learn more at <https://des.az.gov/child-care> ([/services/child-and-family/child-care](https://des.az.gov/child-care)) or <https://www.azccrr.com/> (<https://www.azccrr.com/>).



Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP)

We know that our services are so critical to the families we serve, and to that end, we want to make sure every family is supported with the continuity of their child's necessary services under Part C of IDEA, while we also adhere to the increasing evidence for social distancing measures. Effective Monday March 16, 2020; alternative service delivery methods will be allowed for children receiving services within our program, until a later specified time identified by AzEIP. [Learn more about the AzEIP response to COVID-19](https://des.az.gov/services/disabilities/early-intervention/arizona-early-intervention-program-azeip-serving-children) ([/services/disabilities/early-intervention/arizona-early-intervention-program-azeip-serving-children](https://des.az.gov/services/disabilities/early-intervention/arizona-early-intervention-program-azeip-serving-children)).

Do you have a question about COVID-19? Complete the form below and submit your question to DES.

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Email Address *

Question *

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