

# COVID-19 RELIEF

Information for Families

Congressman  
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## DIRECT PAYMENTS

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides direct payments to individuals and families. Many who are eligible will receive the payment via direct deposit. If the IRS does not have your bank account information, the IRS will issue guidance on how to receive a check. These payments will not be taxable nor represent “resources” for program eligibility purposes.

Filing Type	Adjusted Gross Income	Stimulus Payment
Single	Up to \$75,000	\$1,200
	\$75,001 to \$99,000	Reduced on a sliding scale, decreasing \$5 for every \$100 in income up to \$99,000
Head of Household	Up to \$112,500	\$1,200
	\$112,501 to \$136,500	Reduced on a sliding scale up to \$136,500
Joint	Up to \$150,000	\$2,400
	\$150,001 to \$198,000	Reduced on a sliding scale up to \$198,000
Dependent Child Under Age 17		\$500

## FAMILY LEAVE:

(for those eligible)

- Two weeks (80 hours) of fully paid time off (up to \$511 per day) to receive treatment for COVID-19, seek a diagnosis, and self-quarantine.
- Two weeks (80 hours) of paid time off at two-thirds of regular pay (up to \$200 per day) to care for family members affected by COVID-19 or to care for children whose school has closed because of the outbreak.
- Up to 10 additional weeks of time off, paid at the same two-thirds of regular pay (up to \$200/day) rate for parents dealing with COVID-19 childcare or school closings.

## UNEMPLOYMENT:

- Temporarily increases unemployment benefits by \$600 per week, through July 31, 2020;
- Extends unemployment benefits to the self-employed, gig workers, independent contractors & part-time workers
- Provides an additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits through December 31, 2020
- Makes workers who have had their hours reduced or who have been furloughed eligible for partial state unemployment benefits. In exchange, employers agree not to lay off their employees
- To see if you are eligible, please visit: [labor.ny.gov](http://labor.ny.gov) or call 1-888-209-8124

**FOOD:** Emergency funding was approved to expand access to food. For food pantry and delivery information visit: [www.feedmorewny.org](http://www.feedmorewny.org)

**HEAP:** The CARES Act provided emergency funding for the Home Energy Assistance Program.

Erie County HEAP: 716-858-7644

Niagara County HEAP: 716-278-8400

**HEALTHCARE:** The CARES Act requires all private insurers and Medicare to cover COVID-19 treatment and prevention, including a vaccine when it becomes available.

**STUDENT LOANS:** See COVID-19 relief student fact sheet for more information

## CONTACT US:

We are here to help. Please contact our office with any additional questions.

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