

COVID-19 Information for 32BJ Members and Families in Connecticut

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Visit www.CDC.gov for the latest information on Covid-19 and what you can do to stay safe and help to prevent the spread

General Information

- Visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus>
- Call 211 or text CTCOVID" to 898211
- For public assistance programs, visit <https://www.211navigator.org>
- Read the Coronavirus crisis resource guide published by *The Hartford Courant*

School Meals

- Most school districts in the region have set up emergency food centers where students in that town can pick up free breakfast and lunch on weekdays while schools are closed. Meals are for children only and the child must be present.

Nutrition

- Apply for or renew SNAP (food stamps) and/or cash assistance at www.connect.ct.gov or call 211
- For a schedule of Mobile Foodshare stops, text FOODSHARE to 85511

Utilities

- CT halted all utility shut-offs (except on fuel oil) through April 30. Families facing shutoff or whose utilities were shutoff should call the Public Utility Authority (PURA) at 1-800-382-4586.
- Call 211 to apply for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program

Tenant & Homeowner Protections

- Procedures for evicting tenants in Connecticut's housing court have been suspended until at least April 1. Tenants facing eviction can call Statewide Legal Services for more information at 800-453-3320
- Connecticut residents who are behind in their mortgage or facing foreclosure on their homes can call the Foreclosure Hotline toll-free at 1-877-472-8313 for advice and guidance regarding mortgage issues and their foreclosure case
- Homeowners who fall behind on their mortgage payments can also call their lender directly to discuss their options



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Health

- Insurers are not legally required to pay for COVID-19 testing, but several insurance companies have offered: Cigna, ConnectiCare, Blue Cross Blue Shield, AetnaCVS, Anthem Health, United Healthcare and Emblem Health said they will waive out-of-pocket costs for patients to get tested.
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts also said it will cover the cost of a COVID-19 vaccine once available, waive co-payments for COVID-19 treatment, remove administrative barriers, and allow early access to prescription refills.
- Drive-through testing sites are available, but patients need a physician in order to book an appointment.
- Apply for or renew HUSKY (Medicaid and CHIP) at www.connect.ct.gov
- **If you are feeling sick, contact your healthcare provider**
 - For assistance finding a doctor, contact: Building Service 32BJ Health Fund, phone: 800-551-3225

Transportation

- CTDOT strongly encourages the public to reserve bus and public transit for essential travel only. Customers who feel sick should not use public transportation.
- Bus fares for Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority are being waived through April 5.
- Visit <https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/> for more information.

Internet

- Charter will offer free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription and at any service level up to 100 Mbps. Installation fees will be waived for new student households.
- To enroll, call Spectrum at 844-488-8395.

Legal Services

- For legal aid, call Statewide Legal Services toll free at 800-453-3320 or apply online at slsct.org/get-help



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