

COVID-19 Information for 32BJ Members and Families in Washington D.C.

*****Information is changing rapidly. Visit state agency websites for the latest updates*****

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

- Find Coronavirus updates from the Bowser Administration, with access to resources and guides on how to stay safe, here: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>
- Updates from the DC Department of Health: <https://dchealth.dc.gov/>

School Meals

- School meals will be available for all students every weekday from 10:00 am-2:00 pm at various DC Public Schools buildings.
- By April 1st there will be a total of 29 meal sites across the District. These sites serve lunch and a shelf-stable breakfast for all residents under the age of 18.
- A full list of meal sites can be found at coronavirus.dc.gov/mealsites.

Nutrition

- Public programs such as SNAP have been extended. To apply for SNAP benefits, visit <https://dhs.dc.gov/snapinfo> or call (202) 727-5355.
- For information regarding the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) visit <https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/special-supplemental-nutrition-program-women-infants-and-children-wic> or call the Nutrition and Physical Fitness Bureau at (202) 442-9397.
- For other information on food resources, including meal delivery for elders, visit <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/food>.

Utilities

- At the current moment utility companies are prohibited from shutdowns due to nonpayment. They may not disconnect your gas, water or electric service.

Tenant & Homeowner Protections

- Evictions of residential and commercial tenants are prohibited.
- Evictions that have already been filed may not move forward.
- Landlords may not charge late fees for any month in which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency.
- All emergency work orders should be routed to 202-535-1000. For general inquiries, email covid19@dchousing.org and questions will be routed to the appropriate department.

Health

- Your healthcare provider will decide if you need COVID-19 testing. If you are experiencing symptoms including cough, fever and shortness of breath, please consult your doctor before visiting. If testing is needed your doctor will take swabs and send it to a private lab facility for testing.
- The Healthcare Alliance program, which provides medical assistance to District residents who have no health insurance or are not eligible for Medicaid, has been expanded due to the current crisis. To learn more call the Department of Healthcare Finance at (202) - 442 - 5988 or visit <https://dhcf.dc.gov/service/health-care-alliance>.

Transportation

- Public transportation is limited to only essential trips. Please stay home and only use Metro if no other options are available. Metro may make emergency service reductions at any time and may also consider discontinuing all bus service to protect employees and riders.
- Visit <https://www.wmata.com> to find amended fares and schedule information.

Charities

- The Capital Area Foodbank will remain open. Visit <https://www.capitalareafoodbank.org> for daily updates.
- DC Central Kitchen will be providing to-go meals, mobile feeding locations, and meal deliveries to shelters and local nonprofits. Learn more at <https://dcentralkitchen.org>

TANF

- The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program has been expanded under new COVID-19 legislation. To find out if you are eligible visit <https://dhs.dc.gov/service/whats-new-tanf> or call (202) 727-5355.

Tax Filings and Payment

- Mayor Bowser has moved the deadline for taxpayers to file and pay their 2019 District of Columbia individual and fiduciary income tax returns, partnership tax returns, and franchise tax returns to July 15, 2020. The Internal Revenue Service has also extended the federal filing and payment deadline to July 15, 2020.
- The Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) encourages taxpayers to file their returns electronically. For additional information, please contact OTR's Customer Service Center at (202) 727-4TAX (4829).

