

# COVID-19 Information for 32BJ Members and Families in Virginia

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**Visit [www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov) for the latest information on Covid-19 and what you can do to stay safe and help to prevent the spread**

## Health

- You can apply for Medicaid at: [commonhelp.virginia.gov](http://commonhelp.virginia.gov).
- All Medicaid and FAMIS co-pays are eliminated. You do not have to pay to see a doctor, including COVID -19 related treatment.
- Medicaid members are allowed to fill a 90-day supply of many routine prescriptions.
- Temporary drive-through testing is open. These sites are for patients that have received a written order for COVID-19 testing from a licensed healthcare provider. This is not meant for asymptomatic patients, even those who have had a close contact with a known COVID patient.

## School meals

- All K-12 schools have been closed for a minimum of two weeks. Schools will be closed from Monday, March 16, through Friday, March 27, at a minimum.
- A list of meal service sites is available at [http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health\\_medical/office/covid-19.shtml#school-nutrition](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health_medical/office/covid-19.shtml#school-nutrition). You can also call 2-1-1 for more information about meal services.

## Childcare

- Childcare providers can continue to offer services, subject to local health department orders. They are advised to prioritize care for children of essential personnel and limit capacity to 10 individuals per room.
- In some areas, the YMCA is offering emergency childcare to elementary and middle school-aged children of essential medical personnel. Contact your local YMCA to find out if this service is available in your area.



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#### Nutrition

- To apply for SNAP benefits go to: <https://commonhelp.virginia.gov/>.
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a nutrition program for pregnant women, breastfeeding women, women who have had a baby within the past six months, infants, and children under age 5. To apply for WIC benefits go to: <https://www.myvawic.org/>
- Food bank locations are available at: <https://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank>.

#### Utilities

- The State Corporation Commission (SCC) is directing utilities to suspend service disconnections for 60 days. This includes utilities such as electric, natural gas, and water.

#### Tenant/homeowner protections

- Procedures for evicting tenants in Virginia's court system have been suspended until at least April 6.

#### Virginia State Taxes

- The filing deadline for state taxes in Virginia is May 1, 2020. But the due date of payment of Virginia individuals income taxes is extended to June 1, 2020. Interest will still accrue. So, taxpayers who are able to pay by the original deadlines should do so. You can file at [www.tax.virginia.gov](http://www.tax.virginia.gov).

#### More information available at

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Virginia: <https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/>
- Virginia Department of Health: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/>
- Governor Ralph Northam Twitter account: <https://twitter.com/GovernorVA>

