

## WASHINGTON, DC RESOURCE ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING COVID19

### ***Eligibility for Public Benefits:***

If you receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid, Alliance, or any other public benefits provided by DHS, you do not need to take any action at this time to continue receiving existing benefits that would otherwise expire on March 31 or April 30. These benefits will be automatically extended.

- For new applications for SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, Alliance or other public benefits, please go to [dhs.dc.gov](https://dhs.dc.gov) or visit a service center to pick up a blank application.
- Applicants can drop off completed applications for benefits at DHS Service Centers and may be contacted by phone as necessary to complete the eligibility process.
- Residents with questions about their benefits should contact the Call Center at (202) 727-5355 from 7:30-4:45 pm.

### ***Energy Assistance and Utilities:***

Department of Energy and the Environment (DOEE) remains open.

- Energy assistance centers located at 2100 Martin Luther King Avenue, SE and 1207 Taylor Street, NW will be closed to the public.
- Residents can still complete an online application by visiting [doee.dc.gov/liheap](https://doee.dc.gov/liheap).
- Residents seeking energy assistance can apply online at [doee.dc.gov/energyassistance](https://doee.dc.gov/energyassistance).
- Residents should note that major utilities (PEPCO, DC Water, Washington Gas) have stated they will not disconnect services during this emergency period and are waiving late fees.

### ***Food Resources:***

DC Public School students can access free meals March 16 – March 31, from 10 am – 2 pm, at any of the following locations: <https://dcps.dc.gov/coronavirus>.

Martha's Table (202-328-6608) remains open, including McKenna's Wagon. Both locations will distribute fresh produce through a pre-bagged pick-up model.

Bread for the City: SE Center is closed with grocery pickup for seniors only; NW Center Medical Clinic (202-265-2400) remains open for existing clients. Not currently taking new clients.

Capital Area Food Bank (202-644-9807) remains open, with changes in service distribution through community partners.

### ***Homeless Services:***

Virginia Williams Family Resource Center is closed. Transportation to emergency shelter remains available for anyone experiencing homelessness. Please call shelter hotline at 202-399-7093.

### ***Legal Matters:***

The court is rescheduling most civil cases.

- All evictions, including those involving foreclosed homeowners, are on hold.
- All Stay Away Orders and all Protection Orders in domestic violence cases are extended until May 1. Victims seeking new protection orders can still apply.
- The court will only hear emergency matters in the Civil, Family Court, Probate, Tax Divisions, and Auditor Master.

*We continue to monitor this situation and will update changes to local resources as soon as we know them.*