

3/18/2020

Resources for Care Coordinators

Please email Kathryn Jantz at kathryn.jantz@rmhp.org if you have resources to add to this document. This will be updated on a regular basis.

Colorado Health Emergency Leave with Pay

Workers in certain industries are eligible for up to four days of paid sick leave when experiencing flu-like symptoms AND awaiting test results for COVID-19. The covered industries are: leisure and hospitality; food services; child care; education, including transportation, food service, and related work at educational establishments; home health, if working with elderly, disabled, ill, or otherwise high risk individuals and; nursing homes and community living facilities. More information is available at:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/colorado-health-emergency-leave-pay-“colorado-help”-rules>

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

If a member works for a ski resort or other employer that closed or reduced hours to help stop the spread of COVID-19, the member can file or reopen an unemployment claim. More information is available at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/unemployment-insurance-worker-faqs>

Utility Shut Off

Members who cannot pay their utility bills should contact their utility service provider to find out what accommodations are being made to assist customers during the outbreak and to notify them that they cannot pay their bill due to COVID-19.

A number of Colorado utilities, including Xcel Energy have announced that utilities will not be shut off due to COVID-19.

Xcel Energy: https://www.xcelenergy.com/covid-19_response

Century Link and Comcast have announced a sixty-day freeze on service disconnections, the waiving of late fees and an increase in the number of wi-fi hotspots available to customers. Data use limits for consumer customers are also being suspended.

Century Link: <https://news.centurylink.com/covid-19>

Comcast: <https://corporate.comcast.com/covid-19>

FREE Internet Essentials Package from Comcast
60 Days of Free Internet Service - Effective March 16, 2020
Link: www.internetessentials.com/covid19

Evictions

3/18/2020

Some municipalities are suspending evictions during the outbreak and redeploying sheriff's deputies to address other needs. You may need to reach out to the Sheriff

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be suspending foreclosures and evictions for mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration until the end of April. (Presidential press conference, March 18, 2020).

The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) also ordered Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to suspend foreclosures and evictions for any single-family mortgages they back for at least 60 days.

<https://www.housingwire.com/articles/fannie-mae-freddie-mac-hud-suspending-all-foreclosures-and-evictions/>

Members should contact their landlords or mortgage holders to determine if they are covered by any of these moratoria and to discuss any assistance that may be available to them.

Colorado WIC COVID-19 Information

WIC is open and continues to serve clients. For more information, see:

<https://www.coloradowic.gov/alerts/2020-03-12/colorado-wic-covid-19-info>

Food Assistance Programs

If a member's income has changed, it may be worthwhile to reapply for SNAP benefits. Colorado has received waiver approval enabling Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO) sponsors to serve meals in a non-congregate settings and at school sites during school closures related to the coronavirus.

Colorado has received a waiver to conduct telephone interviews for SNAP quality control purposes.

The federal website can be accessed at: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19>

Many schools are continuing to provide meals for children (and sometimes families) and have established delivery or pick up times and locations. In most cases, schools are not asking for income or residency information. For information, members can access the map in the following link:

<https://chalkbeat.org/posts/co/2020/03/15/map-colorado-food-distribution-school-closure-coronavirus/>

If the member's school is not listed, they should contact their local school to find out what arrangements, if any, have made to provide meals.

Hunger Free Colorado

3/18/2020

Food assistance resources across the state during the COVID-19 outbreak. This resource will be updated regularly. <https://www.hungerfreecolorado.org/covid-19/>

Federal Tax Payment Delay

The federal government announced a 90-day delay for tax payments that were due on April 15, but tax returns must still be filed by April 15. There is not currently a corresponding delay for state taxes. (Presidential press conference March 17, 2020).

Criminal Justice

All jury calls in state court are suspended through April 3, with the exception of jury calls in criminal trials facing speedy trial deadlines. Certain proceedings will continue including temporary protection orders, hearings for permanent protection orders, and bail hearings. A complete list is available at the link below. If a member has a question about a specific matter, they should contact the local court with jurisdiction (or their attorney) to find out how the matter is being handled and whether it is suspended.

https://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/file/Court_Probation/Supreme_Court/Filing%20Information/COVID-19%20Order%2016Mar2020.pdf

The Colorado Department of Correction has announced all visits are suspended. Parole offices remain open, but in-person visits for sick, immune-compromised, over 60, or otherwise high-risk, parolees will not be required. These parolees should remain in contact with their parole officer. DOC has published a FAQ that may be helpful to members subject to parole. There are no plans to release inmates. See FAQ at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdoc/news/3-17-2020-updates-covid-19>

Currently, individual jails are developing their own protocol for dealing with COVID-19. Some jurisdictions (Denver and Boulder) are limiting the number of people they are arresting on low level crimes and issuing summons rather than arresting people. The Boulder district attorney is reviewing who can be safely released, but this is a county-by-county determination. See Denver Post, <https://www.denverpost.com/2020/03/16/colorado-coronavirus-jails-arrests/>

Online and Phone Recovery Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous Online Meetings

Online meetings directory:

<http://aa-intergroup.org/directory.php>

Narcotics Anonymous Phone meetings

For information about phone meetings: <http://www.nabyphone.com>

NA meetings by phone and online

<https://virtual-na.org>

3/18/2020

We Connect Health Management. Free online meetings during COVID-19 outbreak for substance use, mental health concerns, eating disorders, and other quality of life concerns: <https://www.weconnectrecovery.com/free-online-support-meetings>

In an effort to support students in recovery during the impact of COVID-19, SAFE Campuses Collegiate Recovery Leadership Academy students will be leading virtual Collegiate All-Recovery meetings three times a week starting on Monday, March 16th. Participation is open to all students and alumni in recovery.

<https://www.safeproject.us/article/announcing-virtual-collegiate-recovery-meetings/>

Recovery Speakers is an online community that offers support, resources, and information to those affected by alcoholism, drug addiction, and addiction in any other form it takes. Provides online audio library of recovery talks and a wide range of 12-step fellowships, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Al-Anon, and others. Seeks to give people a meeting when there are none, preserve the rich legacy and history of the 12 step fellowships, and support one another through the community created here. Website: <https://www.recoveryspeakers.com>

LifeRing Secular Recovery – Online meetings available <https://www.lifering.org/online-meetings>

Child care for essential workers

Governor Polis has established a means for essential workers to continue receiving childcare on a sliding scale based on income. Essential workers include health care providers and support staff (maintenance and janitorial staff); public safety workers; staff supporting critically at-risk populations in long-term care facilities, mental health facilities, and residential facilities.

See <https://covidchildcarecolorado.com>

Other State Information

The State has set up a website about COVID-19, including state recovery and assistance, but as of this afternoon (3/18/20), there's not a lot information on it – this is likely to change in the coming hours and days. The website can be accessed at: <https://covid19.colorado.gov>