



COVID-19 Resource Guide

(Last Updated May 1)

Below is a list of various resources related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This document will be updated weekly. All blue underlined links are interactive and you can click the link to be taken directly to that site:

NAACP Coronavirus Information and resource kit :

<https://naacp.org/coronavirus/>

C.A.R.E.S ACT- GET YOUR STIMULUS CHECK:

As part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Americans will be receiving economic impact payments (stimulus checks) to provide some financial relief during the COVID-19 pandemic. The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed into law March 27 includes one-time direct payments of \$1,200 for most adults, plus an additional \$500 for every child age 16 and younger.

Eligibility Requirements: The payment amount varies by income level listed on your 2019 or 2018 tax returns. People with Social Security numbers who are U.S. residents at the following income levels are entitled to the full \$1,200 payment per adult:

- Single adults with an adjusted gross income of \$75,000 or less;
- Married couples with an adjusted gross income of \$150,000 or less; and
- Heads of household (typically single parents with children) with an adjusted gross income of \$112,500 or less.

The IRS plans to begin distributing these payments starting this week April 6th. However, in order to receive these payments individuals and couples must have filed a 2018 or 2019 federal income tax return.

Social Security benefits recipients: You do not need to file a tax return. You will automatically receive your stimulus check.

Veterans benefits recipients: As of now, you need to file a tax return to receive your stimulus check.

Below is a list of resources to help you safely file your taxes for free and ensure you receive your payment(s), as well as additional state and federal credits for which you may qualify. Filing for these credits may increase your tax refund by thousands of extra dollars.
File for Free

According to the IRS, 70% of Americans can file their taxes for free. Here is a list of free resources provided by the [IRS Free File Alliance](#).

Note: If you do not typically need to file or have a zero Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) return, the IRS will be creating a simple return soon to help individuals quickly file.

If you are currently experiencing homelessness and you need to file your tax return, please check out these [resources -https://www.eitcoutreach.org/blog/how-to-file-taxes-if-youre-experiencing-homelessness/](https://www.eitcoutreach.org/blog/how-to-file-taxes-if-youre-experiencing-homelessness/)

Global Coronavirus Information: [Coronavirus Dashboard](#): Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center

State of Michigan/Grand Rapids:

Kent County COVID-19 Racial Demographic Data

Testing: African Americans made up 9.6% of the total tests in Kent County (very representative of African Americans as a percentage of the County population).

Positive Cases: The positivity rate of African Americans is about 64%. The average in the County is 36%. This helps explain why African Americans get tested at a proportionate rate to the population in the Kent County, but are disproportionately represented in the number of confirmed cases.

Hospitalization/ICU: We do not have hospitalization data to this level.

Deaths: One of the 25 deaths attributed to COVID-19 in Kent County was an African American

**Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by
Jurisdiction updated 4/21/2020**

County	Confirmed Cases	Reported Deaths
Alcona	3	
Allegan	47	
Alpena	35	1
Antrim	9	
Arenac	13	1
Barry	26	1
Bay	86	2
Benzie	4	
Berrien	170	10
Branch	43	2
Calhoun	156	5
Cass	22	1
Charlevoix	12	1
Cheboygan	14	1
Chippewa	1	
Clare	9	1
Clinton	105	7
Crawford	30	2
Delta	12	2
Detroit City	7904	728
Dickinson	3	2
Eaton	99	5
Emmet	21	2
Genesee	1298	131
Gladwin	9	1

**Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by
Jurisdiction updated 4/21/2020**

County	Confirmed Cases	Reported Deaths
Gogebic	4	1
Grand Traverse	19	5
Gratiot	8	1
Hillsdale	94	11
Houghton	2	
Huron	9	
Ingham	335	6
Ionia	26	2
Iosco	15	2
Isabella	53	7
Jackson	280	12
Kalamazoo	201	10
Kalkaska	17	2
Kent	626	25
Lake	2	
Lapeer	148	22
Leelanau	7	
Lenawee	71	
Livingston	301	11
Luce	1	
Mackinac	4	
Macomb	4544	445
Manistee	11	
Marquette	35	6

**Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by
Jurisdiction updated 4/21/2020**

County	Confirmed Cases	Reported Deaths
Mason	4	
Mecosta	14	1
Menominee	1	
Midland	48	3
Missaukee	6	1
Monroe	241	10
Montcalm	26	1
Montmorency	4	
Muskegon	160	10
Newaygo	10	
Oakland	6306	506
Oceana	4	1
Ogemaw	6	
Osceola	8	
Oscoda	4	
Otsego	77	6
Ottawa	129	7
Presque Isle	6	
Roscommon	11	
Saginaw	433	32
Sanilac	32	3
Schoolcraft	3	
Shiawassee	121	3

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Jurisdiction updated 4/21/2020

County	Confirmed Cases	Reported Deaths
St Clair	259	15
St Joseph	25	1
Tuscola	63	11
Van Buren	34	2
Washtenaw	900	38
Wayne	6351	550
Wexford	7	1
MDOC*	615	20
FCI**	57	
Unknown	26	2
Out of State	32	2
Totals	32967	2700

Note on deaths (04/21/20): Regular reviews of death certificate data maintained in Vital Records reporting systems are conducted by MDHHS staff three times per week. As a part of this process, records that identify COVID-19 infection as a contributing factor to death are compared against all laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Michigan Disease Surveillance System (MDSS). If a death certificate is matched to a confirmed COVID-19 case and that record in the MDSS does not indicate the individual died, the MDSS record is updated to indicate the death and the appropriate local health department is notified. These matched deaths are then included with mortality information posted to the Michigan Coronavirus website. As a result of the most recent assessment, today's data includes 95 additional deaths identified by this methodology. For more information: https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163_98173---,00.html

Governor Whitmer Extends Executive Order Enhancing Operations for Pharmacists and Increasing Access to Prescriptions

To view executive order 2020-56, click the link: [EO 2020-56 Emerg order - pharmacies - reissue.pdf](#)

Governor Whitmer Signs Executive Order Creating the Michigan Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities

The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted communities of color throughout our state. While African Americans represent 13.6% of Michigan's population, they represent a staggering 40% of the deaths from COVID-19. The task force will act in an advisory capacity to the Governor and study the causes of racial disparities in the impact of COVID-19 and recommend actions to immediately address such disparities and the historical and systemic inequities that underlie them.

[Michigan Coronavirus Executive Orders](#)

[MI Coronavirus Dashboard](#)

[Michigan Labor and Economic Opportunity Work Share Program](#)

West Michigan Covid-19 Business Coalition- The *West Michigan COVID-19 Business Coalition* is a collaborative effort by several West Michigan organizations working to provide resources, guidance, and businesses services to the employers and employees of our community that have been affected by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) global pandemic.

Click here to access the website-<https://www.covidwm.org/>

[City of Grand Rapids Temporary Service Changes](#)

Neighborhood Match Fund

Match funds to invest in neighborhoods, COVID-19 resiliency & recovery

The City of Grand Rapids' [Neighborhood Match Fund](#) (NMF) regularly awards contracts with local residents organizing projects and opportunities that bring neighbors together to learn, build relationships and celebrate community. Now, the initiative will support projects that build community and focus on COVID-19 resiliency and recovery in non-contact ways.

<https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/Government/Programs-and-Initiatives/Neighborhood-Match-Fund>

[WMCAT Resource Guide During COVID-19](#): a comprehensive list of local resources (food, shelter, utilities, transit, health, fun, economic security, edu., news, general, volunteer, resourced in Spanish, updates)

Peckham Kent County COVID 19 Resource Guide

Click here-https://docs.google.com/document/d/1psCDy-INaOTU71n9BpmZNdv8FN_HivCeW8YTbJdaqAI/edit

Blue Cross Blues Shield of Michigan COVID-19 Resources

MIBluesPerspectives.com:

- [Coronavirus Outbreak: What You Need to Know](#)
- [Blue Cross Takes Action to Help Members During the Coronavirus Outbreak](#)
- [How to Self-Quarantine During the Coronavirus Outbreak](#)
- [Strategies to Manage Your Coronavirus Stress and Anxiety](#)
- [Easing Kidsâ€™ Concerns about Coronavirus](#)
- [Coronavirus Supply List: How to Prepare for a Quarantine](#)
- [How to Access Telehealth Care During the Coronavirus Outbreak](#)
- [Blue Cross to Cover the Cost of Telemedicine During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [How Viruses Spread](#)
- [How to Be a Helper Right Now](#)
- [Helping Teens Cope Through the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)
- [Phishing Attempts Rising During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Where to Find Financial Help During Pandemic](#)
- [Blue Cross Taking Action \(Dan Loepp blog\)](#)
- [Coronavirus Prevention Tips for Medicare Advantage Members](#)
- [How Blue Cross is Supporting Our Medicare Advantage Members](#)
- [How to Stay Safe While Grocery Shopping and Ordering Takeout](#)
- [Stronger Together: Community Efforts Define Coronavirus Response in Michigan](#)
- [Blue Crossâ€™ Value Partnerships Platform Mobilizes Health Care Providers in Face of Pandemic](#)
- [Mental Health Does Not Shelter in Place](#)
- [What Does it Mean to Be Immunocompromised?](#)
- [Why Medication Adherence is Important for People at a High Risk for COVID-19](#)
- [Easy Ways for Seniors to Stay Connected While Apart](#)
- [People with Asthma Should Take Extra Precautions During COVID-19](#)
- [Diabetes and COVID-19: What You Should Know](#)

- [Your Coronavirus Telehealth Questions Answered](#)

AHealthierMichigan.org:

- [Keep Kids Moving at Home](#)
- [10 Ways to Maximize Productivity When You Work from Home](#)
- [In a Rut? 12 Ways to Move Forward with Positivity](#)
- [5 Ways to Stay Socially Connected with People You Can't See in Person](#)
- [5 Workout Apps You Can Use at Home](#)
- [Exercises You Can Do Outside](#)
- [Pantry Stocking Staples](#)
- [Little Life Skills Everyone Should Know](#)

News releases:

- [Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Will Waive Member Copays and Deductibles for COVID-19 Tests, Among Series of Proactive Steps on Coronavirus](#)
- [Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Moves to Protect Workforce from COVID-19 While Ensuring Continued Critical Operations for Members and Customers](#)
- [Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Contributes \\$500,000 to Community-Based Efforts to Support People in Need During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Blue Cross Will Cover Telehealth at No Cost through April 30](#)
- [BCBSM's Critical Health Care Services Will Operate During Stay Home Stay Safe Executive Order Period for COVID-19 Crisis](#)
- [BCBSM Will Allow Greater Access to Prescription Drugs to Help Members During COVID-19 Crisis](#)
- [BCBSM Members Will Have COVID-19 Testing and Treatment Provided at No Cost](#)
- [Blue Cross Extends No-Cost Telehealth Services to June 30; Includes Behavioral Health](#)
- [Blue Cross Offers Support for Displaced Workers and Small Employers Impacted by COVID-19](#)
- [Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Provides Support to Those on the Front Lines of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Michigan](#)

- [More Than 30 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Employees Volunteer for Front-Line Work to Assist in Treating COVID-19 Patients](#)

Food:

[Look up food service program sites online.](#) Click on an icon on the interactive map to see the distribution site's address and times and dates of service.

[Coronavirus Food Systems Media Articles, Resources, Webinars Database:](#) MSU Extension/Food Policy Council

[WMSBF](#) supports corporate and institutional food recovery (en español también)

Experience GR [Local Restaurant Carryout and Delivery Guide:](#)

Click here to view a list of local businesses deemed essential that are still operating <https://www.lovelocalgr.com/>

[Meals for school closures](#)

[Access of West Michigan Pantry List](#)

[GRPS meal sites:](#) new changes [here](#)

[Boys & Girls Club:](#) provides meals at all locations to families M-F, 4:30-5:30pm

[Kids' Food Basket:](#) free sack dinners through April 5th

Local Food Pantry Locations and Hours-<http://accessofwestmichigan.org/access-pantry-network-services/>

<http://grandrapidsresources.com/pantry-location-finder>

Kent County Distribution sites

North End Community Ministry (NECM)

Baxter Community Center

Buist Community Service Center

Flat River Outreach Ministries

The Pantry (Formerly John Knox Food Pantry)

North Kent Connect

Westminster Food Pantry

SECOM Resource Center

Streams of Hope Food Center

Northwest Pantry

United Church Outreach Ministries (UCOM)
The Other Way

Unemployment: [Unemployment Benefits Fact Sheet](#)

The temporary changes to unemployment insurance expand eligibility for unemployment benefits, extend the benefit period up to 39 weeks, provide an extra \$600 per week for four months on top of Michigan's unemployment payments, increase the application eligibility period from 14 to 28 days, and suspend the requirement to register in person and continue searching for work.

Part-time workers, people who are self-employed (including freelancers, gig workers, and independent contractors), low-wage workers, and people with limited work history [are now eligible for unemployment](#) under the CARES Act.

To file a claim, [apply online](#) and create an account on Michigan Web Account Manager or sign in if you already have an account. OR call 1-866-500-0017. TTY service is available at 1-866-366-0004 for the hearing impaired.

Volunteering, Needs, and Donation:

Greater Grand Rapids NAACP- Your local branch is seeking volunteers to assist with several community givebacks planned to take place at the Grand Rapids Center for Community Transformation located at 1530 Madison Ave SE Grand Rapids on Saturday May 9th at 1pm and June 6th at 1pm. The NAACP will be provided care packages to 200+ families that will include Food, Cleaning supplies, Hygiene Supplies and technology assistance including free phones, minutes, internet service, laptops ect on a first come first serve basis.

[Grand Rapids Mutual Aid:](#) [community fund](#) and a [resource](#) to start your own mutual aid fund.

[Heart of West Michigan United Way:](#) volunteer support, needs, and donation to Coronavirus Response Fund

[Senior Neighbors:](#) resources, delivering groceries, pharmacy runs

[211:](#) Flyer in English and Spanish

General Funding Sources:

[Coronavirus Response Fund](#): grants for those serving vulnerable populations (up to \$50,000)

[Kent County COVID-19 Recovery Fund](#): Grand Rapids Community Foundation- equity focus (most impacted), nonprofit financial stability, small business support

Amplify GR COVID-19 Relief Fund

AmplifyGR has launched a pilot program that has been launched to help families meet immediate financial needs until unemployment or other government initiatives take effect.

A generous group of Kent County residents have partnered with a nonprofit called the Family Independence Initiative (FII) to create a fund for families that are experiencing financial hardship because of COVID-19. Amplify GR, is piloting this program with FII to identify families who may need some financial assistance during this time. This is a great opportunity to CONNECT neighbors who are experiencing financial hardship to a cash assistance fund.

So, if you or any of your neighbors were recently laid off and needs financial assistance because of COVID-19, we want to hear from you!

The main qualifications are:

- A registered address in the Oakdale/Boston Square, Madison Square or northern Garfield Park neighborhoods
- Recently became unemployed or laid off,
- Had an annual household income \$50,000 or less before being laid off
- Worked at a business with 250 employees or less.

***If you or someone you know meets the qualifications and would benefit from direct financial assistance, please have them email Leah@AmplifyGR.org or call the office at 616.279.3936 immediately!

La Lucha Fund Application

<https://airtable.com/shrx3ScwJnoJXgg47>

To receive support from La Lucha Fund you must be a resident of Kent County, and be ineligible for government assistance including unemployment and CARES Act relief, and other federal, state, or local government support. This fund was created for immigrants like you and I with the goal of helping our community, as the majority of help at the federal and states levels is denied to us. Please note that filling out this form does not guarantee that your request for financial support will be approved. As the requests for support may outweigh the funds available, you may be added to a waiting list. One award will be made per family, on a one-time basis. Approved families will receive a maximum of \$500.

Click here for more information about La Lucha Fund: [givegr.org/FAQLaLuchaFund](https://www.givegr.org/FAQLaLuchaFund)

<https://www.givegr.org/LaLuchaFund>

Apply: bit.ly/laluchafund-english

Aplicación : bit.ly/laluchafund

<https://www.givegr.org/LaLuchaFund>

Apply: bit.ly/laluchafund-english

Application: bit.ly/laluchafund

Kent County Relief Fund

The COVID-19 crisis is devastating for thousands of Kent County, Michigan workers who have lost their jobs and rely on a regular paycheck to afford necessities like shelter, food, transportation, baby products, and medicine.

To complete the Kent County COVID-19 Relief Application, you will need the following documents:

- A picture of your government issued ID or two secondary forms of identification that match your current address
- Your 2018 or 2019 tax return, or a recent pay stub
- Your bank information including account and routing number

Please ensure you have all of the documentation with you before you click the apply button. You will not be able to save your progress once you begin. You must complete the application in one sitting.

Click here to apply <https://fund.uptogether.org/kentcounty>

Business Resources:

Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance - COVID 19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan

Click this link to apply-<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance>

Michigan Paycheck Protection Program-The Michigan Paycheck Protection Program (MiPPP) provides small businesses in Michigan COVID-19 relief, giving funds to pay up to 8 weeks of payroll costs including benefits. Funds can also be used to pay interest on mortgages, rent, and utilities

Paycheck Protection Program loans are only available through your local SBA certified bank or credit union. To apply Start by calling your existing bank or credit union!

CERF (CRAFT Emergency Relief Fund)-CERF+ emergency assistance includes grants and/or brokered assistance, such as booth fee waivers and discounts or donations on supplies and equipment.

Click here to apply:<https://www.tfaforms.com/4660308>

Start Garden 100 Comeback-Our friends at Start Garden are now receiving applications for The 100 Comeback, a \$300,000 fund providing small grants for entrepreneurs and business owners who need some help meeting their needs during the pandemic.

You may qualify if you're a current business owner who:

- Has a demonstrated personal need

- Can verify your business was shut down, or severely impacted, as a result of Gov. Whitmer's executive orders
- Can verify your business has a loyal customer base
- Are located in (or have a registered address) in Kent County or have been selected in the past to participate in The Start Garden 100 or 5X5 Night.

The deadline to apply is 12:00 PM Saturday, April 11. [Here's an FAQ to help you get started.](#)
Click here <https://100.startgarden.com/>

[West Michigan COVID-19 Business Coalition](#): legislation, continuity, organizations, employee resources, best practices, health updates

[U.S. Small Business Administration](#): guidance and loan resources

[Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program](#): FAQs and [loan help](#)

[Michigan Economic Development Corporation](#): grants

[Restaurant Opportunities Centers United](#): national direct financial assistance, national organizing & support

[Support Local Businesses](#): Local First list <https://www.lovelocalgr.com/food-beverage>

[Business Resources List](#): Local First

[CDC Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)

[West Michigan businesses hiring amid COVID-19](#)

[Survival Guide for Restaurants](#)

[Tax-favored Financial Assistance to Employees](#)

[Rende Progress Capital Technical Assistance Webinars-](#)

*Thursday, April 16, 2020 - Navigating Business Resources

* Thursday, May 07, 2020 – Growth Mindset

* Thursday, May 22, 2020 - Process & Procedures Development

* Thursday, June 18, 2020 – RPC Pre Loan Readiness Program

* Thursday, July 23, 2020 – Strategic Growth Plan

* Thursday, August 13, 2020 – MBE Certification

* Thursday, October 15, 2020 – Marketing for Small Businesses

* Thursday, November 12, 2020 – What You Should Know Before Starting a Business

Translation Services:

[Latinx GR Volunteer Translation/Interpretation](#): to translate short (one paragraph) written materials to Spanish and other languages

[Hispanic Center \(article\)](#): can provide translation/interpretation for free around COVID-19 resources and information. Contact Holly Rea, Language Services Manager, at hrea@hispanic-center.org

Health:

[Spectrum Health screening](#)

[Drive-thru Testing Site](#):(Spectrum Health) for those who are pre-screened (1300 Michigan St.) open Saturday, Sunday and Monday 9am-2pm

[Michigan Coronavirus information](#)

[CDC Coronavirus](#)

[Mental Health Foundation of West Michigan](#): podcast on “Navigating Your Mental Health During Quarantine”

Child care:

[Executive Order article](#)

Utility & Housing:

Grand City Sports a local non profit is providing limited assistance to those in need of help with rental and mortgage payments, utilities, car repair and other essential needs. To inquire about receiving assistance complete the request form via the link below and someone from Grand City Sports will follow up with you typically in 24 hours or less.

Click this link to apply:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdt1kWYvYoBRMfarCFgmFCdNY_AsD1cyRWBfVswUPu3B0oKxg/viewform

DTE Energy and Consumers Energy announced on March 16 they will suspend electricity and natural gas shutoffs during the coronavirus pandemic. Both companies said their shutoff suspension will last through April 30, and that timeframe could be adjusted. Customers in either company’s Winter Protection Program already had their end dates extended through May 3, without any additional action required. DTE customers impacted by COVID-19 — those with a sudden loss of income or medical condition — as well as vulnerable seniors can call

800-477-4747 to determine eligibility for payment assistance. Consumers customers affected by COVID-19 can call 800-477-5050.

Statewide Moratorium on Evictions

Michigan is prohibiting evictions from residential properties, including mobile homes, during the coronavirus pandemic. The eviction moratorium applies to residential properties, but not businesses. **Residents do not need to take any action in order to avoid eviction.** Tenants are still responsible for rent owed. The eviction moratorium took effect March 20, and it will last until 11:59 p.m. April 17.

Statewide Water Service Restoration

Gov. Whitmer issued an executive order on March 28 that requires public water suppliers in Michigan to immediately identify residences in their service area that do not currently have water service and to restore service to homes where the service has been disconnected due to non-payment or damaged infrastructure by April 12. A \$2 million Water Restart Grant Program has been established through the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to provide funding to local communities to help reconnect homes to their water supplies.

Eligibility Requirements: Everyone in the state is eligible for water restoration, regardless of past-due water bills. This program does not eliminate the obligation of a resident to pay for water, prevent a public water supply from charging any customer for water service, or reduce the amount a resident may owe to a public water supply.

Simply contact your water supplier if you need your water service restored and reference the Restart Grant Program.

Mortgage forbearance and moratorium on foreclosures and evictions

The federal CARES Act allows borrowers with federally-backed residential mortgages to defer payments for 180 days, with the option to request another 180 days of forbearance. Federally-backed mortgages include mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration, purchased by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and insured or guaranteed by other federal departments.

The forbearance period is in addition to a previously announced 60-day moratorium on mortgage foreclosures for borrowers with federally-backed, single-family home mortgages. The CARES Act also places a 120-day moratorium on evictions for properties with federally-backed mortgages, multi-family mortgages and certain housing programs. The suspension of foreclosures and evictions automatically applies to all eligible properties. The forbearance period is available to anyone with a federally-backed, residential mortgage.

Homeowners who anticipate trouble paying their mortgage should not simply stop making payments. Contact your servicer/lender to request a forbearance due to financial hardship related to the COVID-19 emergency. If given mortgage forbearance, take steps to ensure you will be able to repay the amount that was reduced or suspended after the mortgage forbearance period. Mortgage foreclosures are suspended through May 17, and evictions are suspended for 120 days. The mortgage payment forbearance period is up to 180 days, with the option to request a 180-day extension. During a forbearance, no fees, penalties, or interest beyond the amounts scheduled or calculated as if the borrower made timely contractual payments will accrue on the borrower's account. [HUD's website](#) has more details on its coronavirus response as well as phone numbers and email addresses to contact various offices.

Education:

The CARES Act, signed into law by President Donald J. Trump on March 27, now allows states and school districts to devote more of their federal resources to technology infrastructure to support distance learning for students and for professional development for teachers who are teaching remotely, many for the first time. By providing a streamlined process to obtain funding flexibilities, states will be able to quickly make decisions to meet the needs of their students.

Any state may complete a brief form available at [iese.ed.gov](https://www.iese.ed.gov), and it will receive an initial determination within one business day.

Michigan Department of Education COVID-19 Education Information and Resources
https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-37818_53456---,00.html

Federal Student Loan Relief

All borrowers with federally-held student loans will automatically have their interest rates set to 0% and payments suspended for six months under the federal CARES Act signed into law on March 27. This forbearance period will allow borrowers to temporarily stop their payments without worrying about accruing interest, plus people's wages, Social Security benefits, and tax refunds will not be garnished for student loan debt collection.

The relief measures are available to borrowers with federally-held student loans. For borrowers seeking Public Service Loan Forgiveness, skipped payments during this six-month forbearance period will still count as payments in the loan forgiveness program. For borrowers who continue making payments, the full payment will be applied to their principal balance during the six-month, 0% interest period.

The CARES Act excludes borrowers with Perkins loans and commercially-held Federal Family Education Loans, and the forbearance period does not apply to private student loans.

[COVID-19: The State & Future of Pandemics](#), virtual summit by Singularity University

[Webinar](#): Social Justice in the age of COVID-19: 4/2/20

[National Wildlife Federation](#): eco-school programming and curricula

[Free Online Course: Yale- The Science of Well-being](#)

[Class Central](#): free online courses

[45 Free Online Courses](#): taken by end of the year

[500 Free Online Courses from Ivy League Schools](#)

[450 Free Ivy League University Courses Online](#)

[Coursera](#)

[EdX](#)

Technology:

ATT: Check out ATT and their new access plan they are offering two months of free service for new customers who order Access by April 30, 2020.
For eligible limited income households¹

\$10/mo plus tax
For speeds 5Mbps - 10Mbps

\$5/mo plus tax
For speeds 768Kbps – 3Mbps

You will receive the maximum speed available at your address.

Includes free installation, free in home Wi-Fi and a data allowance of 150GB or 1TB depending on speed available in your area. \$10 charge for each additional 50GB.

Visit att.com/access or call 1-855-220-5211 for complete information and to apply.

[Comcast](#): offering free internet to low-income customers for 60 days

[Free Conference Call](#)

[Zoom- Free during COVID 19 Pandemic](#)

[Google Hangouts-https://hangouts.google.com/](https://hangouts.google.com/)

[Microsoft Teams- www.products.office.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software](http://www.products.office.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software)

<https://www.gotomeeting.com/>

En español (and other languages): áéíóú

[Multilingual Resource Database](#)//Base de datos con recursos multilingües: Google sheet with National, Michigan and organizational resources in multiple languages created by LatinxGR//Google sheet con recursos nacionales, estatales y organizacionales en idiomas diferentes creado por LatinxGR

[Translated Materials Folder](#)//Carpeta de Documentos Traducidos: folders of translated documents and materials in 31 languages including [Spanish](#) created by LatinxGR//carpetas con documentos traducidos en 31 idiomas incluyendo [español](#) creado por LatinxGR

[COVID-19 Kent County// COVID-19 Condado de Kent](#)

[State of Michigan Coronavirus//Coronavirus en Michigan](#)

[Herramientas para dueños de negocios](#): Google folder from West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce//Carpeta Google de la Cámara de Comercio Hispana del Oeste de Michigan

[El Coronavirus en el condado de Kent y como tu puedes ayudar](#)

[CDC: Coronavirus](#)

[MDHHS: Nuevo Coronavirus 2019](#)

[Volante de Spectrum Health: Usted tiene síntomas?](#)

[Volante 2 de Spectrum Health](#)

[Información en vivo: Lansing](#)

[Volante: Recomendaciones de Salud Pública](#)

[Volante: Cómo prepararse para el coronavirus](#)

[Volante: Distanciamiento social, auto-monitoreo, cuarentena, aislamiento](#)

[Latinx Talent Toolkit](#): WMHCC for Latinx students: resources, university updates, technology, self-care, employment, housing, etc.//para estudiantes latinx: recursos, actualizaciones universitarias, tecnología, cuidado personal, empleo, alojamiento, etc.

[Resources for Undocumented Communities//Recursos para comunidades indocumentadas](#)