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# COVID-19 RESPONSE & RESOURCE GUIDE

## Unemployment Insurance

If you or a loved one has been laid off as a result of COVID-19, you can apply for unemployment insurance through the Illinois Department of Employment Security. Legal Permanent Residents and DACA recipients can also apply. We know many of you are having a hard time getting someone on the line. Please be patient and try again, IDEAS has hired additional staff. You can also file online by visiting their web page:

[bit.ly/UnemploymentIDES](http://bit.ly/UnemploymentIDES)



## Now Hiring

Illinois grocers throughout the state are looking to hire. Many are hiring on-the-spot. The Illinois Retail Merchants Association has a listing of grocery stores hiring on their page.

<https://irma.org/covid-19/>



## Utilities

**ComEd & People's Gas** are suspending service disconnections for customers who cannot pay, and waiving new late payment charges, ComEd is committed to do this at least through May 1, 2020. If you are having trouble paying your bills please call them to talk through your options: **People's Gas:** 866-556-6001 **ComEd:** 800-334-7661

**Comcast and ATT** are offering 2 months of free internet service to low-income families who are new customers. To learn more go online Comcast: [internetessentials.com](http://internetessentials.com) or AT&T: [click here](#)

**AT&T** will not terminate the service of any wireless, residential or small business customer because of their inability to pay in this crisis. They are waiving late fees until May 13 and will keep their Wi-Fi hotspots open for anyone.

## Housing

The City of Chicago has an Emergency Rental Assistance Program which families can apply to if they are in danger of eviction. For more information:

[bit.ly/Chirentalassistance](http://bit.ly/Chirentalassistance)

## NO EVICTIONS IN COOK COUNTY

The Cook County Sheriff will not enforce eviction orders beginning on March 14th, 2020, and continuing until April 13th, 2020. If the court has already ordered that a tenant should be evicted, the sheriff will not take action to put the tenant out until April 13th at the earliest.

## MORATORIUM ON FORECLOSURES

If a building is in foreclosure, there is a moratorium on entering and executing final judgments in foreclosure cases. This moratorium means that the existing landlord will not lose the building for at least 30 days, and tenants should continue to pay rent if demanded.



## Food Security

Chicago Public Schools will be providing free food boxes that will contain three days of breakfast and lunches for every student in the household. All families will be able to pick up meals at their nearest CPS school. You can call 1-773-553-KIDS or email at [familyservices@cps.edu](mailto:familyservices@cps.edu) to make a request for food delivery. You can also fill out this form.

[bit.ly/CPSlunchbox](http://bit.ly/CPSlunchbox)

The Greater Chicago Food Depository can also help secure access to food. Anyone in need of emergency or supplemental food assistance in Cook County is eligible. Find a Food Depository member agency in your neighborhood online or by phone (773) 247-FOOD (3663)

[www.chicagosfoodbank.org/find-food/](http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/find-food/)

Catholic Charities also provides financial assistance for rent, utilities & transportation. In addition to assisting with food security. Call them at (312) 655-7700 or [click here](#) for more information - [more info](#)