

IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR COVID-19 RELIEF PROGRAMS

The following programs are available to all New Jerseyans regardless of immigration status, unless otherwise noted.

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No public charge impact

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS DURING COVID-19

If you need help with basic needs and food



Economic Impact Payment

A one-time cash payment of \$1,200 per adult and \$500 per child for individuals based on adjusted gross income, household size, and filing status is available through the federal government. For more information, visit www.irs.gov/coronavirus.



Unemployment Benefits

If you lost your job, you may be eligible for Unemployment Insurance. In addition, the Federal CARES Act expanded unemployment benefits for those who are traditionally not eligible such as self-employed and gig workers, extended benefits an additional 13-weeks and added an additional \$600 a week on top of regular state unemployment benefits. You must be work authorized. For more information, visit <https://myunemployment.nj.gov/>.

NOTE: There is an emergency tax credit for self-employed workers including gig workers available through the Internal Revenue Service visit www.irs.gov/coronavirus.

See *

New Jersey Supplemental Assistance Program (NJ SNAP)

If you need assistance with paying for groceries, you may be eligible for food assistance through NJ SNAP. Visit <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/njsnap/> to apply. *Immigrants with lawful status may be eligible.



Women, Infant and Children (WIC)

If you need nutrition and food assistance and you are pregnant and/or have children up to the age of 5, you may be eligible for WIC benefits. For more information, visit <https://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/wic/>.



Pandemic EBT Benefits

The Department of Human Services will be implementing a new special program during the month of June which will provide a one-time P-EBT benefit of \$416.10 to children who were receiving free and reduced-price school meals. Households already enrolled in NJ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will have the additional benefits loaded onto their existing EBT cards while non-SNAP households will receive a new EBT card with instructions at their home.

WORKER RELIEF DURING COVID-19

If you are sick and need to stay home, the following are available to you through your employer. There are no public charge implications for these benefits.

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Federal Emergency Paid Sick Leave

If your employer has fewer than 500 employees, they are required to give paid sick days for certain COVID-19 related personal medical (full pay) and caregiving needs (2/3 pay) from 4/1/2020- 12/31/2020. For more information, visit <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic>.



NJ Earned Sick Leave

Almost all employers in New Jersey must provide full-time, part-time, and temporary employees with earned sick leave of up to 40 hours a year so that they can care for themselves or a loved one. For more information, visit <https://www.nj.gov/labor/worker-protections/earnedsick/>.



Workers' Compensation

Almost all employers are mandated to participate in a “no fault” insurance program that provides income and medical-cost benefits to employees who suffer job-related injuries or illnesses. For more information, visit https://www.nj.gov/labor/wc/wc_index.html.

YOU MAY ALSO BE ELIGIBLE FOR:



NJ Temporary Disability Insurance

Provides partial wage replacement benefits to employees who cannot work due to an illness, injury, or other disability (including pregnancy) that wasn't caused by their job. Participating employers must make their and your contributions to the state program. Visit <https://myleavebenefits.nj.gov/> to apply.

IF YOU NEED TO TAKE CARE OF SOMEONE WHO IS SICK, THE FOLLOWING ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU



Federal Paid Expanded Family and Medical Leave

The Family and Medical Leave Act now covers care for a child whose school or care provider is unavailable due to COVID-19. Available to workers whose employer has fewer than 500 employees. Wages (2/3 pay) are paid by the employer. For more information, visit <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic>.



NJ Family Leave Insurance

Provides partial wage replacement benefits to employees who cannot work because they must provide care for an ill family member or bond with a new child. Almost all employers must make your contributions to the state program. Visit <https://myleavebenefits.nj.gov/> to apply.

Additional Resources and Information

- For more information on how the public charge applies to you, visit [here](#).
- The State of New Jersey has created resources to help individuals and families learn more about the supports available during this pandemic emergency - [covid19.nj.gov](https://www.covid19.nj.gov) and information for those who are undocumented or uninsured, visit [here](#).
- There are laws that protect workers on discrimination, equal pay, and family leave. For more information, visit [here](#).
- For additional protections for workers during covid-19, visit [here](#).