

Cases of the Coronavirus (officially called “2019-Novel Coronavirus” or “COVID-19”) have been confirmed in the state of South Carolina. Like you, we are watching updates from South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). As we learn more, you can find additional updates and resources [on their website](#) or [on their social media](#).

Paid Sick Leave

On March 24, 2020, The US Department of Labor announced information about how the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) will offer relief to families starting on April 1, 2020. Under the FFCRA, employees of businesses with 500 or fewer employees qualify for paid sick time if they are unable to work, or to telework, due to COVID-19. This can cover employees being sick themselves or needing to take care of someone who is sick. [Employees and Employers can learn more HERE.](#)

Eviction Suspension Relief

The Federal Housing Finance Agency announced on March 23, 2020 eviction suspension programs to keep renters in their homes during this difficult time. The program will provide mortgage forbearance for property owners who suspend evictions for renters unable to pay rent due to impacts of Coronavirus. [You can learn more about this program HERE.](#)

Immigrant Healthcare Rights

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) makes sure that anyone who needs to be tested for Coronavirus can get tested, even if they don't have insurance. Coronavirus testing, treatment or preventative care will not be considered in a public charge inadmissibility determination, even if the services are covered by Medicaid. [Learn more from the National Immigration Law Center HERE](#) and [check out THIS FLYER from Protecting Immigrant Families](#) about immigrant healthcare rights.

Caregiving during the Pandemic

Are you a caregiver? Our caregivers across the state have a different perspective when it comes to Coronavirus. The Family Caregiver Alliance has put together a [resource page for Family Caregivers during the pandemic that you can find HERE](#). The National Child Traumatic Stress Network has put together [a guide for parents and caregivers regarding infectious disease outbreaks that you can find HERE](#).

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Child Mental Health & Coronavirus

If you are a parent, there are resources available to help you talk to your kids during this time. Manuela Molina has written [THIS BOOK](#) to help support and reassure children under 7 regarding COVID-19. COVIBOOK is available in English, Spanish and 20 other languages. SAMHSA has also put together a downloadable fact sheet for helping children manage their stress during the outbreak. [You can find that fact sheet HERE.](#) This resource from SAMHSA covers children from 0-19 years old.

2020 Census

The 2020 Census is underway and the most important thing you can do is respond online, by phone, or by mail when you receive your invitation. Responding now will minimize the need for the Census Bureau to send census takers out into communities to follow up. It is easier than ever to complete the Census online, by phone or by mail. Despite rumors, your answers cannot be used to im-

pact your eligibility for any government benefits, including any potential stimulus package. [You can respond to the census or learn more about ways to respond HERE.](#)

Homework Help

With the announcement of schools across South Carolina remaining closed through April 30, you may have questions about your child's homework. The South Carolina State Library is offering tutors.com services through their virtual library for free to South Carolina students. [You can access this free tutoring service or learn more HERE.](#)

Small Business (and Nonprofit) Disaster Loans

The US Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering low-interest federal disaster loans to small businesses and nonprofits who have suffered a substantial economic injury due to Coronavirus. [You can learn more or apply for these loans HERE.](#)

Nonprofit Resources

There are many resources for nonprofits during this unprecedented time. TogetherSC has put together a page of [nonprofit resources that you can access HERE](#). The South Carolina Association for Community Economic Development has put together a page of [resources for businesses and nonprofits that you can access HERE](#).

South Carolina Lutheran Family Services can help with some basic needs, in particular housing. They are part of one of the nation's leading, faith based non-profit charity organizations. Most of the focus of the agency is on assisting with housing needs, including for the disabled, children, veterans and seniors. Get information on shelters, temporary transitional housing, and homeless prevention. Read more [Lutheran Family Services in Mindlands SC](#).

Christian Assistance Bridge - The Crisis/Outreach Ministry will be helping the Food Pantry of the Christian Assistance Bridge in Blythewood. This organization helps the needy in many ways in addition to the food pantry. They help with rents, electric bills, finding jobs, counseling and other services. You can find more information on their website: <http://christianassistancebridge.com/>