

COVID-19 Resources

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The following information is compiled from the departments of: Administration, Agriculture, Corrections, Education, Employment and Economic Development, Health, Historical Society, Human Services, Labor and Industry, Management and Budget, Natural Resources, Public Safety (Driver & Vehicle Services, State Emergency Operations Center, Homeland Security), Revenue, Housing Finance Agency, Metro Transit; and the Governor's office, the Courts, the Attorney General's office, the U of MN and the federal government (CDC, SBA and IRS), and the nonprofit sector.

Overview

- [State of Minnesota main COVID-19 website](#)
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- Dept. of Health's COVID-19 [homepage](#) containing a wealth of information
- Center for Disease Control (CDC): [Learn](#) about COVID-19; [cases and latest situation updates](#)

COVID-19 MN Hotlines

- Health questions (7 am to 7 pm): 651-201-3920 or 1-800-657-3903
- Business, school and child care questions (7 am to 7 pm): 651-297-1304 or 1-800-657-3504
- DHS hotline for child care providers with COVID-19-related questions: 1-888-234-1268

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- Agriculture
 - COVID-19 related [updates](#) from the MN Dept. of Agriculture (MDA) for farmers, ranchers, cottage food producers, etc.
 - Do you have COVID-19 related questions for MDA? Email: mdaresponds@state.mn.us
 - Minnesota Farm and Rural helpline: 833-600-2670)
- Child Care
 - Child care [information](#) for families and child care providers
 - Communications from state to child care providers on COVID-19 are [here](#) and [here](#)
 - Parents/Guardians needing child care resources can call Child Care Aware of MN at 1-888- 291-9811 or go to www.parentaware.org to search on-line for child care options
 - Peacetime emergency child care [provider grants](#)
 - Six Minnesota Initiative Foundations have launched an [Emergency Child Care Grant Program](#) to provide support for Greater Minnesota licensed child care providers serving families of essential workers needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. "Think Small" has launched an effort to issue [grants to family child care programs](#) in the metro area.
- Courts
 - Information on temporary court operation procedures can be found [here](#)
- Discrimination and the MN Dept. of Human Rights
 - Information on mistreatment and discrimination due to COVID-19. To submit a complaint click [here](#) or call 651-539-1133. You can also call a special "Discrimination Helpline" during the COVID-19 pandemic. The toll-free helpline is 1-833-454-0148. It will allow those who experience or witness bias and discrimination to report incidents to the Minnesota Department of Human Rights.
 - MDHR and the Department of Labor have a workers protection PDF, which includes [info about employment discrimination with respect to COVID-19](#)
 - [Viruses don't discriminate and neither should we](#)

- Driver and Vehicle Services at the Department of Public Safety
 - [Frequently asked questions](#) about: driver’s licenses, Real ID, vehicle registration tabs, road tests, etc.
- Environment & Natural Resources
 - Dept. of Natural Resources [update](#)
- Employers and Employees
 - [Information and resources](#) for employers, businesses and workers from Dept. of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)
 - A DEED [guide](#) and [comparison chart](#) for emergency financial assistance for small businesses, startups, and non-profit organizations to help make sense of the various financing options. Several state and federal programs have been created to help various types of entities affected by COVID-19. Different programs make sense for different organizations, so the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) has posted a [guide](#) and [comparison chart](#) that details the assistance available in one spot. This information can help small businesses, startups, and non-profits determine which programs might work for them.
 - ❖ [Small business financing](#)
 - [Emergency Loan Program](#)
 - [Loan Guarantee Program](#)
 - [Shared Work Program](#)
 - [Federal SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans](#)
 - [Federal SBA Paycheck Protection Program](#)
 - [Guidance](#) from DEED on Governor Walz’s “Stay at Home” order as it relates to the critical/essential worker designation.
 - On April 23, 2020, Governor Walz issued [Executive Order 20-40](#) which begins the process of returning non-Critical Sector workers at non-customer facing industrial and office-based businesses to work. On April 30, 2020 he issued [Executive Order 20-48](#), which authorizes non-Critical Sector “customer facing” retail businesses to provide curbside pickup and delivery, and extends the “Stay at Home” order until May 18, 2020. You can visit the [Safely Returning to Work page](#) for up-to-date information about EO 20-40 and EO 20-48.
 - [Critical sector/essential worker classifications](#): These categories follow the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Guidelines with some Minnesota-specific additions
 - Federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency’s (CISA): [Identification Of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During Covid-19 Response](#)
 - What should I do if [I disagree](#) with my employer or employee about a Critical Sector worker exemption? If a dispute about whether an employee qualifies for a Critical Sector exemption remains unresolved after an employer and employee have attempted to work collaboratively to determine eligibility, employees can contact the State Emergency Operations Center hotline at the following numbers: 651-297-1304 or 800-657-3504 (toll free) or SAHviolations@state.mn.us The Minnesota Department of Public Safety will work with local law enforcement officials to ensure compliance with the Order. The Governor’s focus is on education and voluntary compliance.
 - [Frequently asked questions](#) by employers and employees answered by the Dept. of Labor and Industry (DLI)
 - For questions about your [business interruption insurance](#)
- Governor
 - [Executive orders](#) issued by Governor Tim Walz
 - [Announcement](#) by Gov. Walz of his “Stay at Home” [order 20-20](#)
 - [Announcement](#) by Gov. Walz extending his previous “Stay at Home” order. Here is [order 20-33](#) and the subsequent clarifying order “Allowing for Safe Outdoor Recreation” – [order 20-38](#)
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 - [Announcement](#) by Gov. Walz on May 13 issuing [Executive Order 20-56](#) further re-opening Minnesota’s economy and social interactions by permitting, among other things, non-Critical Sector “customer facing” retail establishments including salons and barbershops, and permitting outdoor service at restaurants on June 1. In re-opening Minnesota’s economy and expanding social interactions, Governor Walz has stated that a slow, “turning of the dial” is what is needed, not a “flipping of the switch.” To that end, he has outlined a detailed plan that attempts to strike the appropriate balance between public health considerations and the negative social / economic impact that a continued lockdown is having on Minnesotans’ well-being and the state’s economy. You can learn more about the Governor’s “Stay Safe Plan” [here](#). Detailed guidance about the plan’s implementation can be found [here](#).
 - [Frequently asked questions](#) about the Governor’s “Stay at Home” order
 - To report a violation of the “Stay At Home” [order](#), DO NOT call 9-1-1. Call 651-793-3746 or email SAHviolation@state.mn.us.
 - Governor’s COVID-19 [homepage](#)
 - Modeling: Visit [Minnesota COVID-19 Modeling](#) to learn more about what the U of MN/MDH model predicts, how it was created, why it's important, and what comes next. Resources include, among other things, a [video](#) briefing, [presentation slides](#), and an [FAQ](#) about Minnesota’s model
 - Generally, every weekday at 2 p.m., the Governor and his top leadership team provide a daily “press briefing” on the status of the state’s efforts to manage the COVID-19 pandemic. Typically, you can listen to or view those updates at one of the links below. The daily briefings are not necessarily carried on every link, every day, but usually you can find the briefings on at least one of these links:
 - ❖ [Governor YouTube Live](#)
 - ❖ [MPR News LIVE](#)
 - ❖ [MPR Facebook](#)
- Health & Public Health Insurance
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 - MN Dept. of Health’s Situation Updates for COVID-19 are [here](#)
 - Apply for Medical Assistance/MNCare [here](#)
 - Information about MNSure [Emergency Special Enrollment Period](#)
 - MNSure’s COVID-19 [page](#)
 - MN Department of Health COVID-19 [Response Funding for Health Care Providers](#)
 - Need [mental health support](#)? How to maintain [your mental well-being and the mental health of your children](#) during COVID-19. Other mental health resources can be found [here](#) and [here](#).
 - Human Services and Food Resources
 - Department of Human Services (DHS) [COVID-19 Information](#)
 - DHS waivers and modifications: Governor Tim Walz granted DHS emergency temporary authority to change administrative and regulatory requirements for food assistance, home care, public health care and other state programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. You can stay up-to-date on those actions [here](#).
 - SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)/MFIP (MN Family Investment Program) Resources
 - ❖ Apply Online at ApplyMN.dhs.mn.gov

- ❖ Apply on paper using the [Combined Application Form \(PDF\)](#) for families and people under age 60; individuals and couples who are 60 or older should use the one-page [Senior SNAP Application \(PDF\)](#). Mail or bring the completed form to your [local county or tribal office \(PDF\)](#).
 - Other Food Resources
 - ❖ Need help getting food right away? See this [resource page](#) and [this one](#) from Dept. of Human Services
- House of Representatives
 - Information about COVID-19 related legislative activity can be found [here](#)
 - A link to this resource document can be found [here](#)
- Housing
 - Need help finding or paying for housing? See this [resource page](#) from MN Housing
- How can I help?
 - [Suggestions](#) for how you can help from the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)
 - Guidance on how to [donate or procure](#) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from MN Management and Budget
 - If you are a business that has a service, equipment, or other capability that could be of value in fighting the COVID-19 virus, please fill out [this form](#)
 - To offer assistance of some type email the specifics of your offer to: hsem.ppp@state.mn.us. This “public private partnership” email inbox is monitored by staff at Minnesota’s “Department of Homeland Security, State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)”.
 - [Guidelines](#) for making homemade masks
 - Volunteer with the [“Minnesota Responds” Medical Reserve Corp.](#) Minnesota Responds is a partnership that integrates and engages local, regional, and statewide volunteer programs to strengthen public health and health care, reduce vulnerability, build resilience, and improve preparedness, response and recovery capabilities.
- Personal Protective Equipment: face masks, goggles, shields, isolation/disposable gowns, gloves, N95 respirators
 - [Donate, procure or request PPE.](#) Guidance on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from MN Management and Budget
 - [Request.](#) Work through your [Regional Health Care Preparedness Coordinator \(RHPCs\) \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Request.](#) Work through your [county emergency manager](#)
 - [State of MN Response and Preparation Capacity](#), includes data on available ventilators, ICU beds, personal protective equipment (PPE), testing, etc.
 - [Guidelines](#) for making homemade masks
- Prisons
 - COVID-19 [updates](#) for staff and inmates of the MN Department of Corrections
- Scams and Price Gouging
 - Attorney General’s Office [Information](#) on potential COVID-19 scams
 - ❖ If you believe you have been the victim of a COVID-19 scam, please contact (651) 296-3353 (Metro) or (800) 657-3787 (Greater Minnesota) or use this link to [File a Complaint](#)
 - 3M has created a fraud hotline specifically related to N95 respirator masks and other equipment that it makes. Call (800) 426-8688
- Schools
 - Children of health care or emergency workers – school districts are directed to provide care for your children age 12 and under. See list of emergency workers and full guidance to school districts [here](#).
 - For K-12 questions, monitor the Dept. of Education [COVID-19 Updates](#) page
 - For Higher Ed questions, see the [Coronavirus Updates](#) page by Office of Higher Ed

- The Minnesota Historical Society provides parents and students with ideas on how to [learn about history online](#).
- Taxes
 - MN Department of Revenue [information](#) about income tax deadlines, property tax, sales and use taxes, business taxes, in-person services, free tax preparation services, tax or debt collection relief, and MN Dept. of Revenue contact information
 - Federal IRS [information](#) about tax deadlines, stimulus payments, etc.
- Transit
 - Metro Transit [update](#)
- Travel Insurance and Other Commerce Department Regulated Industries
 - Commerce Department resource on [travel insurance and COVID-19](#)
 - Commerce Dept. Consumer Services Center: 651-539-1600 or [Complaints](#) and [other consumer information for individuals and the industries regulated by Commerce](#)
- Unemployment
 - If your employer has reduced your hours or shut down due to COVID-19, apply for [Unemployment Insurance](#)
 - Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program: Congress authorized a new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program that covers those who do not qualify for regular Unemployment Insurance benefits, such as independent contractors and self-employed people. Additional information can be found [here](#) and [here](#)
 - Options for people not typically covered by UI click [here](#) and [here](#)
 - [Federal SBA Paycheck Protection Program](#). This program is for forgivable loans to small businesses to pay their employees during the COVID-19 crisis and applies to, among others, independent contractors, gig workers, and self-employed individuals, who often don't qualify for unemployment insurance.
 - [Shared Work Program](#)—a DEED program to help employers avoid layoffs
 - Options for [community services and financial assistance](#)
- Worker Protections
 - For questions on sick leave, FMLA, discrimination, and more see [this resource](#) from the Dept. of Labor and Industry
 - [FAQs for Workers](#) from the Dept. of Employment and Economic Development
 - Options for people not covered by UI click [here](#) and [here](#)
- NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE RESOURCES
 - MDH coronavirus webpage ([Hmong](#))
 - MDH coronavirus webpage ([Spanish](#))
 - MDH coronavirus webpage ([Somali](#))
 - Click [here](#) for videos about COVID-19 in Spanish, Hmong and Somali languages.
 - [Stay Home MN: What it Means for You and Your Family](#) -- a video in multiple languages produced by Ramsey County
 - COVID-19 information in multiple languages:
 1. [Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 English \(PDF\)](#). **Poster for download and printing.**
 - [Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Chinese \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 in Hmong \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 in Russian \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 in Somali \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 in Spanish \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 in Vietnamese \(PDF\)](#)

2. [COVID-19 in English \(PDF\)](#). Basic overview of COVID-19.

[COVID-19 in Amharic \(PDF\)](#)
[COVID-19 in Arabic \(PDF\)](#)
[COVID-19 in Chinese \(PDF\)](#)
[COVID-19 in French \(PDF\)](#)
[COVID-19 in Hmong \(PDF\)](#)
[COVID-19 in Karen \(PDF\)](#)
[COVID-19 in Khmer \(PDF\)](#)
[COVID-19 in Korean \(PDF\)](#)
[COVID-19 in Lao \(PDF\)](#)
[COVID-19 in Nepali \(PDF\)](#)
[COVID-19 in Oromo \(PDF\)](#)
[COVID-19 in Pashto \(PDF\)](#)
[COVID-19 in Russian \(PDF\)](#)
[COVID-19 in Somali \(PDF\)](#)
[COVID-19 in Spanish \(PDF\)](#)
[COVID-19 in Tagalog \(PDF\)](#)
[COVID-19 in Ukrainian \(PDF\)](#)
[COVID-19 in Vietnamese \(PDF\)](#)

3. [Resources to Find Low-Cost Health Care or get Health Insurance in English \(PDF\)](#)

[Resources in Amharic \(PDF\)](#)
[Resources in Arabic \(PDF\)](#)
[Resources in Chinese \(PDF\)](#)
[Resources in French \(PDF\)](#)
[Resources in Hmong \(PDF\)](#)
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