



For Your Information

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Finding the Right Help During the COVID-19 Outbreak

The outbreak of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) has put many citizens in a place of uncertainty -- Benefits.gov is here to help! In order to help families and individuals find the resources they need, Benefits.gov has released a new article, "Finding the Right Help during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) Outbreak". In the article, you will find helpful information on government benefits such as unemployment resources and healthcare coverage as well as resources for businesses and families. For the most up-to-date information on the coronavirus outbreak, visit [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.covid19.gov) to learn more about how to protect and prepare yourself and your community.

Aging Resource Center Open to Serve You!

If you have any questions about services, supports, meals, transportation, counseling, or almost any other question relating to older adults, call your Milwaukee County Aging Resource Center at:

Phone: (414) 289-6874 * Toll Free: (866) 229-9695 * TRS: 711

SeniorLAW will provide legal representation to seniors claiming Unemployment Insurance benefits

Legal Action of Wisconsin's SeniorLAW will expand the scope of its representation to seniors to include unemployment insurance benefits, which were recently expanded through the CARES Act. For more information on coronavirus/COVID-19 and Wisconsin Unemployment Insurance visit:

<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui.htm>

Energy Assistance Expands Eligibility

In response to COVID19, the State of Wisconsin has approved new income guidelines for Energy Assistance benefits. Instead of considering an applicant's last 3 months of income only the past 1 month of income will be considered effective 3/30/2020. Residents can call to schedule an appointment at 414-270-4MKE or go online and schedule at www.KEEPWARMKE.ORG. Note: All sites are temporarily closed to the public. All appointments are by phone once the resident schedules the appointment and Energy Assistance specialists will call them at the scheduled time and complete the application by phone.

Senior Dining Sites – Take Out or Meal Delivery

Most Milwaukee County Senior Dining sites are now offering take out meals on a drive through basis. Meal delivery is available for those who cannot get to a site. Call your local site for more information.

Kelly Senior Center
(414) 527-0990

McGovern Senior Center
(414) 481-9611

Clinton Rose Senior Center
(414) 263-2255

Washington Park Senior Center
(414) 933-2332

Wilson Park Senior Center
(414) 282-5566

Census 2020 – Your 2020 Census ID is in the Mail

Check your mail for a letter from the U.S. Census. The letter contains a unique ID for you to use to complete the 2020 Census online at: www.my2020census.gov. Be Counted Today! Moreover, the Census is still hiring, and effective March 1, 2020, people working as temporary, part-time census takers will not have their income counted as earned income for purposes of FoodShare qualification.

MCTS Updates

MCTS has suspended fare collection and informs riders that they must enter and exit the bus through the rear door only, unless they need assistance with a mobility device or other ADA accommodation. Suspending fare collection limits the interaction between riders and bus drivers. MCTS is committed to keeping employees and passengers safe. MCTS has also implemented a 10 passenger limit on its busses.

Tax Filing Deadline Extended to July 15

Both federal and Wisconsin income tax filing and payment due dates have been automatically extended to July 15, 2020 under the declaration of a national emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Taxpayers do not need to file any additional forms to qualify for this tax filing and payment relief. Payment can be deferred until July 15, 2020, regardless of the amount owed. This deferment applies to all taxpayers, including individuals, trusts and estates, corporations and other associations, as well as those who pay self-employment tax.

Alzheimer's Association of Wisconsin Services Continue

Aside from in-person meetings, virtually all Alzheimer's Association programs and services are available to all Wisconsin families. Meetings, events and participation, both in internal and external activities, will be conducted online or by phone whenever possible. 24/7 Helpline is staffed by trained professionals: 800.272.3900 <https://www.alz.org/wi>

Medicare Coverage Expands to Address COVID-19

To help you get the health care you need, while reducing your risk of exposure, Medicare has further temporarily expanded its coverage of telehealth services — allowing doctors and clinicians to perform dozens more additional services via telehealth. As always, contact your provider first to see if your appointment can be conducted over the phone. If you develop emergency warning signs for COVID-19, get medical attention immediately. Here are additional key services Medicare has expanded due to the COVID-19 emergency: Lab tests for COVID-19. You pay no out-of-pocket costs. All medically necessary hospitalizations. This includes if you're diagnosed with COVID-19 and need to stay in the hospital under quarantine instead of being discharged from the hospital after an inpatient stay. During the COVID-19 pandemic, some people may be able to get renewed SNF coverage without first having to start a new benefit period. If you're not able to be in your home during the COVID-19 pandemic, you can get SNF care without a qualifying hospital stay.

STAY HOME. STAY SAFE

Social Distancing Requirements. For purposes of this Order, Social Distancing Requirements includes maintaining social distancing of six (6) feet between people; washing hands with soap and water for at least 15-20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer; covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands); regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces; not shaking hands; and following all other public health recommendations issued by DHS and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.