

COVID-19 – Assistance Available in Connecticut

Program	Government/ Agency/ Department	Date Effective or Available (From and To)	Eligibility Requirements?	Where to Find More Information
COVID-19 Business Emergency Response Unit Hotline	Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development	Effective immediately	Small businesses in Connecticut can use the hotline to navigate available resources	Call (860) 500-2333
Health Insurance Through AccessHealthCT	Connecticut Office of Health Strategy	Effective immediately (existing program)	Connecticut residents that received health insurance through their employer but become unemployed and lose essential minimum coverage or whose COBRA expires AccessHealthCT has opened a new special enrollment period because of COVID-19 for uninsured persons to obtain health care coverage	Click here for more information Call (855) 909-2428 to sign up under the new special open enrollment period
Unemployment Insurance Benefits (§ 31-325 et al.)	Connecticut Department of Labor	Effective immediately (existing program)	Individual is fully or partially unemployed, through no fault of his or her own; physically and mentally able and available to work full-time; registered with the American Job Center; and actively seeking work.	Click here for more information
Connecticut Paid Sick Leave (§ 31-52r)	Connecticut Department of Labor	Effective immediately (existing program)	Employees must work for an employer that employs 50 or more employees. PSL provides up to 40 hours of leave for certain workers per year for certain reasons.	Click here for more information

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Connecticut Family Medical Leave Act (§ 31-51)	Connecticut Department of Labor	Effective immediately (existing program)	The employee must have been employed by the employer for at least 12 months and for at least 1,000 hours of service within the preceding 12-month period. Only certain reasons for taking leave (ex. caring for a serious health condition) are covered.	Click here for more information
Connecticut Temporary Family Assistance	Connecticut Department of Social Services	Effective immediately (existing program)	Must have a dependent or pregnancy and meet certain income/asset limits, work requirements, and citizenship requirements.	Click here for more information
Connecticut Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	Connecticut Department of Social Services	Effective immediately (existing program)	Individuals or families must meet certain income and asset limits.	Click here for more information
Connecticut Care 4 Kids Child Care Assistance	Connecticut Office of Early Childhood	Effective immediately (existing program)	Online prescreening tool determines eligibility. Subject to certain income and asset limits.	Click here for more information
Connecticut Small Business Financing	Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development	Effective immediately (existing program)	There are different eligibility requirements depending on the financing or loan applied for.	Click here for more information
Resources to Support Student Learning During School Closures Due to COVID-19	Connecticut Department of Education	Effective immediately	Not applicable	Click here and here for resources to support student learning

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Extension of Personal and Certain Business State Tax Return Filing Deadlines in Light of COVID-19	Connecticut Department of Revenue Services	Filing deadlines for certain annual state tax returns due on or after March 15, 2020, and before June 1, 2020, are extended by 30 days Filing deadlines for personal income tax returns are extended to July 15, 2020	Affected state business income tax returns include 2019 Form CT-1065/CT-1120SI, 2019 Form CT-990T, and 2019 Form CT-1120 and CT-1120CU. All personal income tax returns.	Click here for state business tax return and here for personal tax return information
Instruction to Travel Insurers to Accommodate In-Policy Travel Cancellation Requests in Light of COVID-19	Connecticut Insurance Department	Effective March 10, 2020 through September 9, 2020	Travelers must meet terms of their travel insurance policies.	Click here for more information
Extension of Expiration Dates of DMV-Related Items in Light of COVID-19	Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles	All DMV-related items (e.g., licenses, permits, identity cards, registrations) set to expire between March 10, 2020, and June 8, 2020 have an additional 90 days to renew	Not applicable	Click here for more information
Banking Commissioner Takes No Action Position Regarding Employees Temporarily Working from Home Due to COVID-19	Connecticut Banking Commissioner	Effectively immediately through April 30, 2020	Applies to “Consumer Credit Licensees” including mortgage and loan companies, as long as they meet certain requirements.	Click here to read the Banking Commissioner’s memorandum

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Donation of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to Healthcare Service Providers	Connecticut Department of Public Health	Effective immediately	All members of the public, businesses, and philanthropic organizations can donate these vital materials.	Click here for more information
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	Connecticut Department of Public Health	Effective immediately (existing program)	Pregnant, breastfeeding, or non-breastfeeding postpartum women, infants, and children.	Click here for more information
Business Request for Designation as an Essential Business During the COVID-19 Closure	Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development	Effective immediately	Businesses that are not covered by the guidance provided here may request an opinion from Connecticut’s Department of Economic and Community Development as to whether they can be considered essential and keep their physical locations open.	Click here for guidance on whether a business is already covered Click here to fill out a form requesting to be designated an essential business
Emergency No-Interest Loan Program for Connecticut Small Businesses and Nonprofits Impacted by COVID-19	Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development	Effective immediately	Connecticut businesses and nonprofits that have 100 or fewer employees can obtain loans up to the lesser of three months of operating expenses or \$75,000.	Click here for more information Application form available here
Shared Work Program for Employers and Employees	Connecticut Department of Labor	Effective immediately (existing program)	Employers participate in Shared Work in lieu of layoffs. The reduction of work cannot be less than 10% or more than 60%, and at least two permanent employees should participate.	Click here for more information Application form available here