

# LA NATIVE COVID-19 RESPONSE

In response to the COVID-19 crisis the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) formed the LA Native COVID-19 Response Working Group (Working Group). The Working Group consists of leadership from Los Angeles County's American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) community based organizations that provide culturally sensitive services. The Working Group has prioritized this list of resources in order to ensure that the AIAN community is aware of and connected to response and relief efforts related to COVID-19. The Working Group will also be providing up to date information on resources and services on Instagram @lanativecovidresponse.

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## **AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE CULTURALLY SENSITIVE RESOURCES & SERVICES**

Please visit organizations' respective websites and social media pages for updated information on services provided and hours of operation.

[\*\*American Indian Changing Spirits Residential Recovery Center\*\*](#)

[\*\*California Native Vote Project\*\*](#)

[\*\*Indigenous Circle of Wellness\*\*](#)

[\*\*Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's American Indian Counseling Center\*\*](#)

[\*\*Pukuu Cultural Community Services\*\*](#)

[\*\*Southern California Indian Center\*\*](#)

[\*\*Torres Martinez Tribal TANF\*\*](#)

[\*\*United American Indian Involvement, Inc.\*\*](#)

## HOUSING & UTILITIES

### Housing

If a residential or commercial tenant's income is impacted by COVID-19, they may suspend payment on their rent until May 31, 2020 if they meet the following criteria:

- The tenant lives in unincorporated LA County.
  - Other cities within incorporated LA County have issued their own moratoriums. To confirm a tenant's city of residence has issued a pause on rent for individuals or businesses impacted by COVID-19 the tenant must check with their local government.
- The tenant **MUST** inform his/her landlord in writing as soon as possible, but no later than 7 days after rent is due, that they cannot pay due to impacts of COVID-19 on their income.
- **Once the moratorium is lifted on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 tenants are responsible to pay all of their rent balance.**

### The Los Angeles Tenants Union

The LA Tenants Union is providing support with evictions.

### Together We Rise

Together We Rise is assisting foster youth in college find housing during the COVID-19 crisis. For assistance please visit their website or email [info@togetherwerise.org](mailto:info@togetherwerise.org)

### Utilities

#### Southern California Edison

Southern California Edison offers two programs that may lower your energy bills: the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program and the Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) program. To confirm eligibility visit their website.

#### Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

Any impacted customer can request a payment plan online or can make arrangements by calling customer care at 1-800-DIAL-DWP (1-800-342-5397).

#### Spectrum Broadband

Spectrum Broadband is offering free access to Broadband and Wi-Fi For 60 Days for New K-12 and College Student Households.

#### Everyone On

Everyone On provides an offer locator to find internet offers, and refurbished computers by zip code.

## FOOD

Due to COVID-19 many grocery stores are providing special shopping hours for seniors and other individuals who are at high risk. Please check with local grocery stores if they offer these hours.

### [Los Angeles County's Workforce Development, Aging & Community Services' Emergency Food & Essential Items Distribution](#)

8 Community and Senior Centers operated by LA County are distributing emergency food and other essential items including diapers by appointment only. Please call (323) 260-2801 to set up an appointment.

### [Los Angeles County's Workforce Development, Aging & Community Services' Meals for Older Adults](#)

The County and City of Los Angeles are providing free meals to older adults age 60 and older who are impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. Meals are provided via home-delivery. Call 1-800-510-2020 to request services.

### [Los Angeles Unified School District](#)

LAUSD is operating 60 sites providing two grab-and-go meals for students and families from 7am to 10am.

### [Los Angeles Regional Food Bank](#)

The LA Regional Food bank website provides a *Food Bank Pantry Locator* allowing users to find the food bank or pantry closest to them.

### [Meals on Wheels](#)

Meals on Wheels meets the nutritional and social needs of seniors through in-home meal delivery services. Find a meal near you at the link above.

## **EMPLOYEES & EMPLOYERS**

### **Employees**

#### **[State of California Employment Development Department](#)**

EDD is providing unemployment insurance, disability insurance and paid family leave for those affected by COVID-19.

#### **[LA County's Business & Worker Disaster Help Center](#)**

The newly launched Disaster Help Center provides numerous resources and services to jobseekers affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

#### **[America's Job Centers of California \(AJCC\)](#)**

AJCCs now are providing workers and job seekers many of the resources normally available in-person virtually, including job openings, online education, and information for recently laid-off workers.

#### **[California Tax Franchise Board](#)**

The California state tax deadline has been extended to July 15, 2020.

#### **[Internal Revenue Service](#)**

The Federal tax deadline has been extended to July 15, 2020.

### **Employers**

#### **[Los Angeles City](#)**

LA City is providing Small Business Emergency Microloans to businesses impacted by COVID-19.

#### **[LA County's Business & Worker Disaster Help Center](#)**

The newly launched Disaster Help Center platform provides numerous resources and services to business owners.

#### **[LA County's Employer Assistance Grant Fund](#)**

The LA County Employer Assistance Grant Fund will provide a total of \$500,000 to local businesses. Individual businesses may be awarded up to \$10,000 based on demonstrated need. Approximately 25% of awards will be reserved for social enterprises that demonstrate a need and ability to serve vulnerable populations. Applications will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis, and will close once 150 applications are received. The application site will open on Wednesday, April 8, at 8:00am:

#### **[The United States Small Business Administration's Disaster Assistance Loans](#)**

The SBA is providing Disaster Assistance loans for small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

#### **[The United States Small Business Administration's Payroll Protection Program](#)**

The SBA is also providing the Payroll Protection Program which helps businesses keep their workforce employed during the COVID-19 crisis.

## HEALTH

### Health

**Information about Scheduling COVID-19 Testing:**

[Los Angeles City](#) & [Los Angeles County](#)

[Los Angeles County Department of Public Health \(LACDPH\)](#)

Please refer to the LACDPH Coronavirus webpage for the latest information and recommendations.

[United American Indian Involvement, Inc.'s Community Clinic](#)

The UAI Community Clinic provides quality health care access to clinical services, case management and education to the AIAN community residing in Los Angeles County.

## **MENTAL HEALTH & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

### **Mental Health**

#### **[Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health](#)**

Access Center 24/7 Helpline (800) 854-7771

#### **[American Indian Changing Spirits Residential Recovery Center](#)**

American Indian Changing Spirits is a male and female residential treatment facility, providing cultural appropriate services. A Non-profit treatment center that does not discriminate or deny services based on race, ethnic background, religion, sexual orientation, and/or national origin.

#### **[American Indian Counseling Center](#)**

AICC is a directly operated clinic of the LA County Department of Mental Health providing culturally responsive mental health services for AIAN as well as clients from all backgrounds.

#### **[United American Indian Involvement, Inc., Behavioral and Mental Health](#)**

Seven Generations and the Robert Sundance Family Wellness Center offer culturally competent mental health and behavioral health services, respectively.

#### **[Indigenous Circle of Wellness](#)**

Indigenous Circle of Wellness is a group private practice that provides quality mental wellness services though culturally inclusive and holistic counseling.

### **Domestic Violence**

#### **[LA County's 2-1-1 | Domestic Violence](#)**

The LA County 2-1-1 phone line is open 24 hours, 7 days a week, with trained Community Resource Advisors who can provide services in multiple languages.

#### **[Strong Hearts Native Helpline](#)**

1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) is a safe domestic violence and dating violence helpline for American Indians and Alaska Natives, offering culturally-appropriate support and advocacy daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. Anonymous and confidential.

## **EDUCATION & CHILDCARE**

### **Educational Resources**

#### **[PBS](#)**

PBS is providing students in Pre-K through 12th grade an opportunity to access free, educational PBS daytime programming designated for each grade level weekdays

#### **[MIND Research Institute](#)**

MIND Research Institute is offering no cost access to a free math instructional program for students in grades K-8.

#### **[Scholastic](#)**

Offers free, online learning experiences for kids to help them keep reading, thinking and growing day-by-day.

### **Childcare**

#### **[Pathways LA](#)**

Affected parents are encouraged to seek child care assistance rather than allowing children to remain home alone and unsupervised. At this time, offices are closed to the public; however, parents are able to apply online through their website or by phone at 213-427-2710.