



Connecting Students to Support Services

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Community Resources in Response to COVID-19

The resources listed below have been submitted to the GSU4U program to support individual during the COVID-19 outbreak. Off-campus organizations and resources listed below are provided for informational purposes only and publication does not constitute or imply an endorsement by Governors State University. Please visit the GSU4U website for more information about food, housing and shelter, healthcare, child or dependent care, and transportation services. Individuals are encouraged to contact the community service providers and organizations listed below for more information.

General Resources

State of Illinois Economic Assistance:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/coronavirus/Resources/Pages/EconomicAssistance.aspx>

Help for Illinois Families:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/CommunityServices/HomeWeatherization/CommunityActionAgencies/Pages/helpIllinoisFamilies.aspx>

Vaccination Plan Overview: <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccine-plan-overview>

Chicago United Way: <https://liveunitedchicago.org/>

Technology Access

Wi-Fi Hotspots	Free Wi-Fi hotspots in IL	http://illinois.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=23e8046edd2940bc8ad3ad1725e47cd0	Wi-fi hotspots are available at multiple locations around the state including local colleges and libraries.
Comcast Xfinity	Free internet hotspot access	https://wifi.xfinity.com/wifi	Comcast Xfinity is offering free WiFi hotspots across the country for anyone who needs them, including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers. For a map of Xfinity WiFi hotspots, visit xfinity.com/wifi . Comcast is also offering Internet Essentials free to new customers. New customers will receive 60 days of complimentary Internet Essentials service, which is normally available to all qualified low-income households for \$9.95/month. More information and services can be found at corporate.comcast.com .
AT&T	\$10/month internet access	https://www.att.com/shop/internet/access/index.html?source=ECmj0000000000mb	All AT&T consumer home internet wireline customers, as well as Fixed Wireless Internet, can use unlimited internet data. Additionally, we'll continue to offer internet access for qualifying



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		U&wtExtndSource=access#!/#%2F	limited income households at \$10 a month through our Access from AT&T program.
Spectrum	Internet Assistance	https://www.spectrum.com/internet/spectrum-internet-assist?opredirect=browse-content-spectrum-internet-assist	Offers Spectrum Internet Assist, a high-speed broadband program for eligible low-income households
Health & Safety			
Greater Chicago Food Depository	Assistance: apply for Medicaid	https://www.chicagofoodbank.org/benefits-outreach/	Public benefits: Our Benefits Outreach team can help you apply for SNAP and Medicaid and make referrals for other public benefits. Call our hotline at 773-843-5416 for a free confidential interview. The hotline is available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m – 5 pm. Use the hotline and online resources instead of visiting DHS offices and help slow the spread of COVID-19.
Illinois Department of Human Services' Mental Health Division	Free and anonymous emotional support text line	http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=123539	Individuals who would like to speak with a mental health professional can text TALK (HABLAR for Spanish) to 5-5-2-0-2-0 and will receive a call from a counselor employed by a local community mental health center to provide support. Individuals can also text 5-5-2-0-2-0, with key words such as "unemployment," "food," or "shelter" to receive information on how to access services.
Illinois Housing Development Authority	Affordable Housing in Illinois	https://www.ihdamortgage.org/	Offer up to \$10,000 in homebuying assistance
Food Access			
Greater Chicago Food Depository	Access to food pantries	https://www.chicagofoodbank.org/find-food/	With some exceptions, our network of 700 partner agencies and programs remains open. Find a food program here. We recommend calling before you go to confirm program hours and requirements.



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Greater Chicago Food Depository	Assistance: apply for SNAP	https://www.chicagofoodbank.org/benefits-outreach/	Public benefits: Our Benefits Outreach team can help you apply for SNAP and Medicaid and make referrals for other public benefits. Call our hotline at 773-843-5416 for a free confidential interview. The hotline is available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m – 5 pm. Use the hotline and online resources instead of visiting DHS offices and help slow the spread of COVID-19.
FoodPantry.org	List of food pantries in Illinois	https://www.foodpantries.org/st/illinois	There are several food pantries and food banks in the state of Illinois. With help from users like you we have compiled a list of some. If you know of a listing that is not included here please submit new food pantries to our database.
StreetLight Chicago	Resource inventory	http://streetlightchicago.org/	Shelter, food, and health resources for housing insecure young adults between the ages of 16 and 24

Employment Assistance

Unemployment Assistance	COVID-19 and Unemployment Benefits	https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/FAQ_COVID-19.aspx	What if I'm temporarily laid off because the place where I work is temporarily closed because of the COVID-19 virus? An individual temporarily laid off in this situation could qualify for benefits as long as he or she was able and available for and actively seeking work. Under emergency rules IDES recently adopted, the individual would not have to register with the employment service. He or she would be considered to be actively seeking work as long as the individual was prepared to return to his or her job as soon the employer reopened.
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Child Care

Illinois Action for Children	Child care support for essential workers	http://covid19.actforchildren.org/essential-workers/finding-child-care	Contact information: referrals@actforchildren.org or call 312.823.1100 and pressing option 3 Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-4:30pm and Friday's from 8:30am - 12:30pm
Sitter City	Childcare resource for essential workers	https://family.sittercity.com/chicagoresponds/	Chicago first-responders receive three free months of Sitter City premium service