

COVID-19 Resource

Financial Assistance

Updated May 1, 2020

*Due to COVID-19 services and programs are changing rapidly.
Please contact agencies directly to determine the availability of their individual programs.*

Dakota County Employment and Economic Assistance Programs

As of Friday, April 10th, there is a new process to accept *over the phone* public assistance applications (Food Assistance- SNAP/Cash Assistance- MFIP, DWP, GA, MSA, HS/Emergency Assistance- EGA, EA, ECA/Health Care- METS, MA) for clients that cannot apply online or have an application mailed to them to mail back. These clients must have access to a telephone to call us for an appointment and to receive a call back at the scheduled time. If you speak to someone that needs this service, please refer them to 651-554-5611 to schedule their appointment.

Our 'over the phone' service is intended to supplement other methods of applying for benefits;

Online

- <http://bridgetobenefits.org> A tool to help determine potential public assistance eligibility before completing an online application (optional)
- <https://applymn.dhs.mn.gov> Food, Cash, Emergency, Child Care
- <https://www.mnsure.org/> Health Care

Paper / Mail

- <https://mn.gov/dhs/general-public/publications-forms-resources/edocs/> Applications, renewals and verification forms
- Paper applications and a drop box is located outside the front entrance of Northern Service Center (1 Mendota Rd. W. West St. Paul, 55118)
- Mail to: Dakota County E&EA, 1 Mendota Rd. W., West St. Paul, 55118

Emailing

- eadocs@co.dakota.mn.us Food, Cash, Emergency, Child Care, Health Care

Faxing

- 651-554-5748 Food, Cash, Emergency, Child Care, Health Care



**Wash your
hands.**



**Stay home
when sick.**



**Cover your
cough.**



**Keep 6 feet
apart.**



**Stay
informed.**

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COVID-19 Federal Stimulus Checks

Information on COVID-19 Stimulus Checks	https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here
Stimulus Checks: IRS Information for those who do not file taxes	https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here

Energy Assistance Programs: July 1, 2020 Deadline

Energy Assistance Program (EAP) facts ▪ Renters & homeowners are eligible. ▪ Assets such as the home are not considered in determining eligibility. ▪ Grants range from \$200 to \$1,400, based on household size, income, and fuel cost. ▪ The average grant is about \$500. ▪ In addition to the initial grant, additional Crisis funds are available to: – Help pay a past due bill or get an emergency fuel delivery. – Help homeowners get their broken furnace repaired or replaced.
EAP changes made to help during COVID-19 ▪ The application deadline is extended to July 1. ▪ The annual Crisis maximum is increased to \$1,200 (up from \$600). ▪ EAP can help households pay a past due bill, even without a shut-off notice. ▪ Income eligibility is based on past one month of income only.
How to apply for EAP for Residents of Dakota county • CAP Agency of Scott, Carver and Dakota Counties • 651-322-3500 • Find general EAP information at https://mn.gov/commerce/eap.jsp.

For up to date, accurate information, visit the [Minnesota Department of Health \(MDH\) COVID-19](#) webpage, the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) Coronavirus webpage](#), or the [Dakota County COVID-19 webpage](#).

