



SANTA CLARA, SAN MATEO, AND SANTA CRUZ COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RENTERS

To help residents during the COVID-19 crisis, the California Apartment Association is maintaining a list of various government, nonprofit, and community-based resources to assist with housing, food, medical needs, and more. See below for the resources we have identified in your area.

FEDERAL RESOURCES

Direct Payments to Individuals: Under federal law enacted to address the economic impacts of COVID-19, the IRS will be sending one-time payments to taxpayers. Most adults will receive \$1,200, depending on income and family size. Most taxpayers do not need to apply to obtain these benefits. The IRS will provide the payments either by mail or direct deposit (if the IRS has bank account information from the taxpayer's 2019 or 2018 tax returns). Individuals who did not file tax returns in 2018 or 2019 can submit their direct deposit information to the IRS through a new portal. For more information, see www.irs.gov/newsroom/economic-impact-payments-what-you-need-to-know.

STATE RESOURCES

Disability Insurance: If you are unable to work because you have, or have been exposed to, COVID-19, you may be eligible for disability insurance, which provides short-term benefit payments to eligible workers who have a full or partial loss of wages due to a non-work-related illness or injury.

Paid Family Leave: If you are unable to work because you are caring for an ill or quarantined family member due to COVID-19, you may qualify for paid family leave. Paid family leave provides up to 6 weeks of benefit payments to eligible workers who have a full or partial loss of income because they need time off work to care for a seriously ill family member.

Unemployment Insurance: If you have lost your job or had your hours reduced for reasons related to COVID-19, you may qualify for unemployment insurance benefits. You may also be eligible for these benefits if you need to miss work because your child's school is closed. Benefits under this program were recently expanded to include additional workers, apply for a longer period, and offer increased payments.

Paid Sick leave: If you are unable to work because you, or a family member, are sick with COVID-19 or undergoing preventative care, such as self-quarantine as a result of exposure to COVID-19, you may be eligible for paid sick leave.

Workers' Compensation: If you are unable to perform usual job duties after contracting COVID-19 at work, you may be eligible for workers' compensation benefits.

All information and resources on the programs listed above can be found at www.labor.ca.gov/coronavirus2019

Job Opportunities: Visit OnwardCa.org, a platform connecting displaced workers in the state with job opportunities in critical industries. Also see covid19.ca.gov/healthcorps/ for jobs for health professionals.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Housing Industry Foundation (HIF): The Housing Industry Foundation, founded by CAA members, can provide emergency housing assistance to avoid a non-payment of rent or missed utility bill for residents of Santa Clara or San Mateo Counties. To apply for assistance, find one of the HIF partner agency nearest you by entering your zip code on the following website: www.hifinfo.org/need-housing-assistance/.

Mountain View Community Services Agency: MVCSA has been awarded \$500,000 from the City of Mountain View to assist renters experiencing loss of income to help them pay the rent during the COVID-19 crisis. Contact MVCSA by calling 650-968-0836 or fill out their contact form at csacares.org/contact-us/.

Samaritan House: Samaritan House provides several services to the community, including emergency rent or assistance with utility bills. The City of Menlo Park recently established a \$100,000 grant program, to be administered by Samaritan House and assist Menlo Park residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. Contact their client service department at 650-347-3648.