

Resources, Agencies, Funds in Greater New Bedford

Massachusetts 211

Massachusetts residents can dial “211” to reach the MA Department of Public Health to learn more about COVID-19: symptoms, testing, and resources, or www.mass.gov/COVID19

Funds for Individuals in Greater New Bedford

Help United Fund - United Way of Greater New Bedford is offering individuals who are facing hardship due to COVID-19 to **apply for up to \$1,000 of relief**. The fund prioritizes out of work service workers and elders. However, it is open to anyone in the Greater New Bedford area to apply for assistance. Applications can be submitted at unitedwayofgnb.org/help-united and will be accepted in English, Spanish, & Portuguese. If you have any specific questions you can call or email helpunited@unitedwayofgnb.org.

New Bedford 2020 Street Sheet

Guide to services in the City – food, health, housing, counseling, <https://unitedwayofgnb.org/street-sheet/> (this has just been added, and currently the page has the English and Spanish documents interchanged)

New Bedford Public Schools Meals – Breakfast & Lunch

- **11:30am-1:00pm Tuesday & Friday** (breakfasts & lunches for multiple days at once)
- Free Grab & Go Style can be picked up at any school for any child in New Bedford
- Open to any youth under 18, Public or Catholic school, no ID required

Serving Locations:

1. Campbell Elementary
2. Carney Academy
3. Gomes Elementary School
4. Hayden-McFadden Elementary School
5. Keith Middle School
6. Lincoln Elementary
7. Roosevelt Middle School
8. 52 Walker Street near Brickenwood Housing Development

New Bedford Public Schools support line: 508-997-4515 with five language capacities. This line will reach a Family support specialist.

New Bedford Food Pantries

<https://unitedwayofgnb.org/greater-new-bedford-food-pantries-open/> - offers an updated list

- **American Red Cross** (at the Boys & Girls Club, 166 Jenny St): 3rd Thursday of the month, 9am-12pm
- **Catholic Social Services New Bedford Solanus Casey Food Pantry** (238 Bonney Street) Wednesday and Thursday, 10am-12pm
- **Grace Episcopal Church – Martha’s Pantry** (133 School St) Wednesday and Saturday, 9:30-10:30am
- **Greater Boston Food Bank Mobile Market with United Way and the Community Health Center** (399 Acushnet Ave) – Times vary and will give out pre-bagged foods and fresh produce with no registration needed
- **House of Hope** (306 Mount Pleasant Street) Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm
- **MO Life Inc. Food Pantry** (725 Pleasant Street) every other Wednesday, 10am-12pm

- **New Life South Coast** (1331 Cove Street) Thursday, 5-8pm
- **PACE** (166 William Street) Monday-Friday, 10am-2pm
- **Salvation Army Food Pantry** (619 Purchase Street) Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm, and Thursday 4-8pm (by appointment, call 508-997-6561) – offering fresh produce and meat
- **Seven Hills Behavioral Health** (1177 Acushnet Ave.) Monday & Wednesday, 9:30am-12:30pm
- **Pop-up Food Pantries are also happening around the City** (PACE & PAACA to start a food pop-up on Tuesdays at 10:30am at 360 Coggeshall St

Seniors in Need of Meal Delivery at Home

- **Coastline Elderly Services:** call 508-999-6400
- **Immigrants Assistance Center:** call 508-996-8113

Fuel & Utilities Assistance

- **PACE:** call 508-999-9920 or www.paceinfo.org, deadline for fuel assistance is April 30

Counseling Services & Support

- **New Bedford Women's Center Hotline** – 508-999-6636 (counselors in multi-languages by phone, can offer assistance with orders of protection and safe homes program, etc.)
- **Suicide Prevention Center** – Call national number 866 508 4357 or local number 508 738 9000
- **Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County** – Support in talking to children about COVID-19: www.cacofbc.org. Parents and caregivers can call 508-674-6111 and leave a message at ext.103 and a clinician will return the call.
- **State Mental Health Crisis Hotline:** 1 877 382 1609

Childcare for Essential Workers

Emergency Drop-off Child Care (New Bedford/Acushnet): State will pay for childcare for essential workers who do not have in-home or alternative options. Local approved sites:

- Carmen Jimnez, 112 Mt Pleasant St, New Bedford (508-963-3297) carmenjimenez5@hotmail.com. M-F, 6:30am-4pm.
- New Bedford YMCA, 25 South Water St, New Bedford (508-525-7347) mhebert@ymcasc.org (Maxine Hebert). M-F 8am-4pm.
- Little Explorers, 2763 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford (508-889-0213) little.explorers18@gmail.com. Krystal St Louis Correia. M-F 7am-5pm.
- Pamela Texeira, 11 Cedar Hill Dr, Acushnet (508-789-5446) pamelatexeira5@gmail.com. M-F, 6:30am-4:30pm.

Legal Services

- **South Coastal Counties Legal Services** intake line at 800-244-9023 or www.sccls.org
Provides free legal aid to low-income, disabled, and elderly populations. (Ex.help with eviction notices)

Food for Pets

- **Massachusetts Humane Society** - They can provide pet food, litter, hay, medication, etc. Items can be shipped directly to your house. Email: masshumane@aol.com or call 781 335 1300.

Volunteer or Work Opportunities

- **United Way of Greater New Bedford** has an updated site of ways to volunteer. Click “opportunities” <https://www.volunteersouthcoast.org/covid-19-volunteer-response-opportunities/>
- **Volunteer or paid opportunities through the South Coast Response Corps** (a coalition of South Coast non-profit agencies in need of help in ways such as staffing for meal delivery, working in shelters and taking calls). Sign up using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCRCorpsStaffApplication>
- **Merrow Manufacturing:** 100 stitchers needed to make PPE products <http://merrowmfg.com/jobs/>

Local COVID-19 Testing Sites

Greater New Bedford Community Health Center

Hawthorn Medical

SouthCoast Health drive-thru testing in Dartmouth – need to call hotline for pre-screening at 508-973-1919

Shopping Hours for Seniors

Stop ‘n Shop: 6:00 am - 7:30 am daily

Market Basket: 6:00-7:00 am daily

Target: one hour after opening on Wednesdays

Dollar General: one hour after opening daily

Shaw’s: 6:00-7:00 am daily

Trucchi’s: 6:00 am - 7:00 am Tuesday – Saturday

Walmart: 6:00am-7:00am on Tuesdays

Walgreens: 8am-9pm Tuesdays, discounts to 55+ on Tuesdays

Roche Brothers: 7-8am daily

Unemployment

Link to Greater Boston Legal Services guidelines on Unemployment Insurance (UI)

www.masslegalservices.org/covid-19-and-ui. The federal bill cover more weeks, gives additional \$600 per week in benefits, covers additional workers like self-employed, independent contractors, gig economy workers.

To apply directly:

- Call (877) 626-6800
- Go online: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-unemployment-benefits>

Other Community Resources

Family Resource Center of New Bedford

- Assistance to families with children from birth-16 years old by phone in different languages available at 508 994 4521, ext. 101

Multi-needs of support in the South Coast

- Sign-up for support from the South Coast Response Corps such as food assistance (a coalition of South Coast non-profits) <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCRCneedsurvey>

New Bedford Economic Development Team

- Assisting local businesses with applying for resources as they become available.
<http://www.nbedc.org/covid-19-resources-and-information/>

YMCA of New Bedford is providing showers for the homeless community

- Tuesday and Friday, 6:00-7:30am

Massachusetts WIC Nutrition Program

- Call 1 800 942 1007 or 617 721 660. To apply go to <https://www.mass.gov/forms/apply-for-wic-online>

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)

- Program provides EBT debit card to buy household goods for low-income families
<https://www.mass.gov/snap-benefits-formerly-food-stamps>

Mass Health Insurance

- Call 24-hour hotline 1 800 841 2900 or <https://www.mahealthconnector.org>

Prescription Drug Assistance Program

- Help to pay for prescriptions for 65+ and disabled persons, call 1 800 243 4636,
<https://www.mass.gov/prescription-drug-assistance>

Small Businesses Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)

- Provides low interest loans for small business capital. It is accepting applications from Massachusetts businesses at <https://www.empoweringsmallbusiness.org/>

RAFT (Rental Assistance for Families in Transition)

- Family must make below 50% of AMI. Provides up to \$4,000 for families that are homeless or at risk of being homeless. Usually used for rent, but can apply to moving expenses or utilities too. <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/learn-about-residential-assistance-for-families-in-transition-raft>

Rent or Mortgage Assistance

- until a state moratorium is passed, for a mortgage call your bank/lender and ask for a "COVID-19 deferment", and for your rent put hardship in writing and negotiate with landlord

Donations

- **Local United Way** – Local United Ways of Fall River and Greater New Bedford are excellent organizations for donations

- **Undocumented Families**

During this time of crisis our undocumented sisters and brothers who have lost income and means of family provision have no safety net of support through federal assistance programs such as stimulus checks or unemployment assistance. Consider donating to a fund established by reputable immigration agencies in Massachusetts to help families in need: <https://www.massundocufund.org>

- Homeless Communities In New Bedford

New Bedford Homeless Service Providers Network has requested donations for the following items: Clothing, Water, Blankets, Small First Aid Kits, Hygiene Products, Grill Rack, Wash station, Solar phone chargers, Sandwich meat, Sleeping bags, Gloves, Masks, Trash bags, Liquid soap, Small bars of soap, Tents
Contact Danielle Brown to donate at 774-992-0655 or dbrown@steppingstoneinc.org

Learning At Home for Kids

[Scholastic Day-by-day projects to keep kids reading, thinking, and growing](#)

[What to do with your kids when schools are canceled](#)

[15 Broadway Plays and Musicals You Can Watch On Stage From Home](#)

[Khan Academy](#)

<https://storytimefromspace.com>

[Adventures in Chemistry - American Chemical Society](#)

[Virtual Field trips](#)

[Download free coloring books from 113 Museums](#)

[Free Resources for teaching remotely](#)

[Guided Meditation for kids to relieve stress](#)

Making a Face Mask Without Sewing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YLXEhSjVsw>