

State Representative Karina Villa
District 49 News

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Immigration Resources During COVID-19



Greetings

Greetings everyone. Many have continued to stay at home and social distance as has been mandated by Governor Pritzker. Others, work at essential businesses and must continue to go to work. I want to thank all who have done their part during these times. Many of our friends and neighbors have additional struggles during this time which include those who are undocumented immigrants or second language learners struggling to navigate through information overload. Today's newsletter includes a variety of topics that intend to streamline information for immigrants living in the 49th District. Please share this newsletter with your friends and as always reach out to our office with any questions or concerns +1 (630) 326-9319.

Immigrant Resources:



Attention: Resources for All Immigrants during COVID 19

For access to a resource guide for
all immigrants in the state of
Illinois please visit

bit.ly/FSNCOVID

Got questions?
Text us at 1-855-435-7693



COVID-19 and Public Charge:

Public charge is a complicated topic for the immigrant community. The Illinois Department of Public Health has a statewide COVID-19 hotline and website to answer any questions from the public: call 1-800-889-3931 or visit [IDPH.illinois.gov](https://idph.illinois.gov).

World Relief has additional language options at [World Relief Public Charge information](#)



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FOR IMMIGRANT AND
REFUGEE RIGHTS

ICE AND COVID 19

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will temporarily adjust its enforcement posture beginning today, March 18, 2020.

ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) will focus enforcement on public safety risks and individuals subject to mandatory detention based on criminal grounds. ICE will not carry out enforcement operations at or near health care facilities, such as hospitals, doctors' offices, accredited health clinics, and emergent or urgent care facilities.

- Individuals should not avoid seeking medical care because they fear immigration enforcement.
- Remember: you have the right to remain silent, a phone call and to be presented by a lawyer.
- If you are witnessing ICE activity or have a loved one detained, there are networks of trained individuals to respond to ICE activity and support families



To report ICE activity or if a loved one was detained please call the
Family Support Hotline: 1-855-435-7693

Know Your Rights:

It is important to know that if you or a member of your family has COVID-19 signs or symptoms, you should take all necessary steps to seek medical assistance and follow all medical treatment. Doctors and nurses do not care about your immigration status, they care about your health.



Health Resources:

[Find a healthcare provider](#) in your area, **regardless of immigration status**. Some are low cost or free.

Healthcare for children 18 and younger can be obtained through a statewide program administered by Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) for low-income, uninsured families in Illinois, regardless of immigration status or medical condition. The All Kids program is provided to families on a sliding scale depending on their household income and includes doctors visits, dental appointments, immunizations, prescription drugs, hospital visits, physical therapy and vision care.

You can apply online or request a paper copy by calling the All Kids hotline at 1-866-255-5437.



Access DuPage

Access DuPage – connects low income and uninsured DuPage County Residents to affordable health services through The DuPage Health Coalition, a partnership of health partners including hospitals, doctors and leaders of community organizations. The Coalition strives to make healthcare more efficient and effective, making it easier for lower income families to receive high quality healthcare. We operate several programs – all designed to keep DuPage residents healthy, regardless of their ability to pay.

Household & Childcare:

Essential Workers: Essential workers in need of child care can check the [Illinois COVID-19 Emergency Provider](#) website.

Employment Resources:

The Illinois Department of Employment Security has made some changes to help people file their unemployment claims.

FOR ONLINE CLAIMS

Last names A-M will be asked to file their claims on Sundays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays.	Last names N-Z will be asked to file their claims on Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays.
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Saturdays will be available for anyone to accommodate those who could not file during their allotted window.

FOR PHONE CLAIMS

Last names A-M will be asked to call on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 am - 6 pm.	Last names N-Z will be asked to call on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30 am - 6 pm.
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Fridays from 7:30 am & 6 pm will be available for anyone to accommodate those who could not file during their allotted window.



Employees with DACA: Individuals with DACA and other work authorizations who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, are encouraged to apply for unemployment benefits.

Utilities:

As a reminder, my office has confirmed with the municipalities of the 49th District the following in case you have a missed or late payments:

- West Chicago has temporarily suspended water shut-offs until further notice.
- Batavia has suspended water & electric shut offs.
- St Charles has suspended utility shut off.
- Geneva has suspended shut off of utilities as well as waiving all late fees and penalties.
- North Aurora has suspended water & sewer shut offs.
- South Elgin has suspended water shut offs.
- Village of Bartlett will not shut off services in April
- Kane County has suspended court ordered evictions through April 20, 2020
- DuPage County has suspended court ordered evictions through April 17, 2020.



In recognition of the evolving situation and the financial hardships caused by COVID-19 on customers, NICOR is providing energy assistance resources for those in need. Click [here](#) to learn more.



ComEd is taking steps to help its customers with payment assistance programs and by implementing a moratorium on service disconnections as well as waiving late fees through at least May 1st. ComEd customers who may be experiencing financial difficulty should visit [ComEd.com/CARE](https://www.comed.com/CARE) or call 800-334-7661.



Comcast Xfinity is offering 2 months of free internet to anyone who qualifies as low income. For more information go to: [Internet Essential](#) or call 1-855-846-8376.



AT&T has announced their Keep Americans Connected Pledge. As of March 13, 2020, and for the following 60 days, AT&T will waive domestic wireless plan overage fees for data, voice or text because of the economic hardship related to COVID-19 for residential and business wireless customers.

AT&T acknowledges the hardships the coronavirus is causing and is willing to help those who find themselves suffering from financial difficulties or are unable to pay

their bill. If you are an AT&T customer needing assistance, please contact them a 800-288-2020 or dial 611 from your AT&T wireless device.



The Authority is taking into consideration the undue constraints we are all facing and has extended the 2020 9% LIHTC application date to 5:00 p.m. on April 13, 2020. For additional information go [here](#).

Low-cost Resources:

[UHaul](#) is offering discounted/free moving and storage services for students affected by COVID.

CARE COALITION CRISES: CORONAVIRUS

CARE COALITION is a grassroots, diverse partnership of social and civic organizations and community residents.

We serve as a **CONNECTOR** between residents who **NEED CARE** with those who can **GIVE CARE** during the Coronavirus Crisis.

This is an inclusive and diverse civic initiative - Residents and Orgs of all races, faiths, and backgrounds are welcome!

CARE COALITION is now live - Join Us!

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