



May 18, 2020

Dear Fellow Residents:

As the COVID-19 disruptions go on, we know that it may be some time before we can return to our more “normal” lives and before the economy recovers fully.

If you are having financial troubles, you are not alone. The Borrego Springs Coronavirus Task Force has been trying to keep up with programs and resources available for supporting community members in need during this time. The [Financial Support](#) page on our website has a lot of information about specific programs, including the federal government CARES Act payments, state financial support and unemployment programs, help with utilities and other bills, and local sources of food assistance. Like all other pages on the Coronavirus Resource Center, this page can be translated into Spanish with the click of a button. And you can [request help](#) on our website, too.

If you need help applying for unemployment or other assistance, Task Force volunteers Urmi Ray and Sanjiv Nanda can help you fill out applications and make sure they are submitted properly. Contact them by phone at 760.533.1393. If you call to make an appointment, they can work with you in English or with a Spanish translator by phone or in person at the Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association at 652 Palm Canyon Drive in Borrego Springs on a computer with a large monitor so you can keep a safe distance, but still have help filling out the online application.

The Borrego Minister’s Association is a good local place to call if you have any questions about how to meet your needs during this difficult time. They offer gift certificates for the local grocery stores, and may be able to provide small amounts of money from local donors or other kinds of support to meet your specific situation. For English call Diane at 203-644-5583 and for Spanish call Martha at 619-948-5900.

San Diego County residents can call 2-1-1 from a phone or visit [211 San Diego](#) online for information and access to community, health, social and disaster services and support. And the Facebook group [Borrego Springs 92004](#) is another source of ongoing information.

We want you to know that there are a lot of sources of support if you and your family need help. Asking for assistance may not feel comfortable, but please remember that many, many people are in similar circumstances. Please reach out when you are in need and let your friends and neighbors help.

Borrego Springs Coronavirus Task Force

Bruce Kelley
David Leibert

Martha Deichler
Ernie Loza

Diane Johnson
Caroline Manildi

Betsy Knaak