

**Cornhusker United Way** 

# **COVID-19 RESPONSE RESOURCE GUIDE**

Please check back. Resources are updated regularly.

## **Emergency Relief**

#### Cornhusker United Way Response and Relief Fund

One-time grants for individuals or families experiencing difficulties in paying for utilities or housing costs due to hardships caused by the COVID-19 crisis. Funds will be paid directly to the Service provider. For application information and qualification requirements, email <u>cornhuskeruw@gmail.com</u> or phone 402-729-6510.

#### Nebraska 211

Free, comprehensive information and referral system linking Nebraska residents to health and human service programs, community services, disaster services and governmental programs: Basic human needs resources - food pantries, clothing closets, shelters, rent assistance, utility assistance. 211 is available 24/7 by phone or text. Your call is free and confidential. Simply call 2-1-1! PLEASE NOTE: Not all cell phones, pay phones and company phone systems allow callers to call 2-1-1 or other three-digit phone numbers. If this is an issue, you can still reach the 2-1-1 call center by calling 402-444-6666.

#### Food Bank of Lincoln

Use this link to find food distribution locations and schedules <u>https://www.lincolnfoodbank.org/get-food/food-distribution-schedule/</u>

#### **Eviction Relief**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) took unprecedented action on September 1 by issuing a temporary national moratorium on most evictions for nonpayment of rent to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus. The moratorium takes effect September 4 and will last until December 31.

https://www.nhlp.org/wp-content/uploads/CDC-FAQ-for-Renters.pdf [English] https://www.nhlp.org/wp-content/uploads/CDC-FAQ-for-Renters-Spanish.pdf [Spanish]

# **For Seniors**

#### **CommUNITY Connections**

United Way, Southeast Nebraska Collaborative and the FYI Center are collaborating to support self-isolating seniors ages 55 and over. Participating seniors are matched with teen volunteers for weekly conversations, support for using technology to connect, and supplemental nutrition resources.

Contact Dakota Howe via email, cornhuskeruw@gmail.com or phone, 402-729-6510

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## For Families

#### Nebraska Family Helpline

The Nebraska Family Helpline is available 24/7 to parents and families. Any problem, any time: **1-888-866-8660.** 

#### Nebraska Child Care Referral Network

The Nebraska Child Care Referral Network is a newly launched website that can help working parents—particularly those working in critical jobs related to healthcare, emergency response and similar roles—to find child care in their area for children from birth to age 12. The website allows parents to use their computer, tablet or smartphone to search for providers based on a range of criteria. If you have additional questions about child care, contact Dena Johnson, Resource and Referral Assistant at the Nebraska Department of Education, at 1-800-CHILD or (402) 577-6886. You can also reach out by email at <u>dena.johnson@nebraska.gov</u>.

# https://www.nechildcarereferral.org/

## Legal Assistance

## COVID-19/Disaster Relief Hotline: 1-844-268-5627

For Nebraskans who have questions or are experiencing legal problems due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The types of legal issues associated with COVID-19, and focused on by the Hotline, include:

- Tenants with rent issues, including those facing eviction;
- Debt problems, including debtors with garnishments or ordered to appear at a debtor's exam;
- Mortgage foreclosures, including advising on options for delinquent payments;
- Unemployment insurance denials;
- Employee rights, including sick leave and wage payments;
- Government benefits available to low-income persons such as ADC, SNAP, AABD, and SSI;
- Medicaid and medical insurance claims;
- Domestic abuse and safety issues;
- Elder abuse and exploitation;
- Access to education; and,
- Helping small, locally owned businesses with business and employment related matters, including human relations issues, unemployment benefits, and contracts.

The free COVID-19 Disaster Relief Hotline is hosted by Legal Aid of Nebraska, working closely with the Nebraska State Bar Association's Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP).

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