

BENEFITS & OTHER GOVERNMENT TIPS

This section is to answer some of the questions you may have regarding Federal, State or County Benefits and Assistance during this COVID-19 Pandemic.

We first must remember that GOD IS OUR PROVIDER, PROTECTOR AND OUR SOURCE. He has given us His Word to sustain us, keep us and we must remain in our faith.

“THROUGH FAITH WE EXPERIENCE THE ABUNDANT LIFE”

CAN I GET UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS?

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE IS FOR ELIGIBLE WORKERS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR JOB BY NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN.

FOR OHIO, if you are out of work due to COVID-19 and need to file an unemployment application, use the MASS LAYOFF #2000180 when you apply

OHIO HAS TWO (2) WAYS TO FILE:

- **ONLINE** (24 hours/day & 7 days/week)
@ <https://unemployment.ohio.gov/PublicSelfServiceChoice.html>

If you do not have access to a computer, visit your local library
NOTE: your local library may be closed or have reduced hours

- **TELEPHONE**
Call toll-free 1-877-644-6562

EXTENDED HOURS:

Monday - Friday 7am - 7pm
Saturday 9am - 5pm
Sunday 9am - 1pm

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

<http://ifs.ohio.gov/ouio/CoronavirusAndUI.stm>

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FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS?

- For most taxpayers, payments are automatic, and no further action is needed. This includes taxpayers who filed tax returns in 2018 and 2019 and most seniors and retirees.
- Check your eligibility...
<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payment-information-center>
- The IRS will be developing a “GET MY PAYMENT” APP to check your payment status, payment type and direct deposit bank information. APP reported to be available mid-April 2020.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus-tax-relief-and-economic-impact-payments>

CAN I STILL VOTE?

Voting in the Ohio Primary Election (**OHIO PRIMARY HAS BEEN EXTENDED BY MAIL ELECTION TO APRIL 28, 2020**) is important, especially because it confirms your registration is secure to vote in the November General Election. If you didn't get a chance to vote early, here is what you can do:

- Check with your counties' Board of Elections **TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE APPLICATION. This application is required to receive a ballot for this year's Primary Election. Complete and submit application BEFORE NOON ON APRIL 25, 2020.**
- You can also pick up an ABSENTEE APPLICATION at various Kroger locations, calling 513-632-7000 or
<https://votehamiltoncountyohio.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/20MailAppMarPri4-13-2020.pdf>
- After submitting the application, a ballot will be mailed to you. Complete your ballot and either drop-off at your Board of Elections (due by 7:30pm on April 28, 2020) or returning via mail (postmarked by April 27, 2020).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

<https://votehamiltoncountyohio.gov/voting-options/mail/>

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WHAT IS THE 2020 CENSUS?

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CENSUS DATA

- Required by law to complete
If you have not responded to census by the end of May, official census takers will start home interviews (based on current 2020 timelines)
- Determines congressional representation

THE IMPACT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

- School lunches
- Plans for highways
- Support for firefighters
- Support for families in need
- Results used to determine Federal Funding affecting our community every day for the next 10 years

WHERE CAN I GET THE CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRE?

- Mailed to your home this past March
- Also available online, by phone or mail

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

<https://2020census.gov/>