As of March 18th.

**Unemployment Insurance**

To assist individuals who cannot work due to the impact of COVID-19, the Baker-Polito administration has filed emergency legislation and emergency regulations that allow people impacted by COVID-19 to collect unemployment if their workplace is shut down.

The fastest way to file a claim is to [apply for unemployment benefits online](https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-unemployment-benefits) here: https://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-unemployment-and-coronavirus-covid-19
 People with special needs, disabilities, or language difficulties can [use this form to contact DUA](https://www.mass.gov/forms/covid-19-department-of-unemployment-assistance-contact-request). Or call TeleClaim Center Call Department of Unemployment Assistance, TeleClaim Center at(617) 626-6800

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

**SNAP/Food Stamps**

Do you need help buying fresh, nutritious food? You may be eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), also known as food stamps. Apply online, by mail or fax. The quickest way to apply is online at <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-snap-benefits-food-stamps>

Or call (877) 382-2363 8:15am-4:45pm, M-F.

 Emergency SNAP benefits are for SNAP applicants that need food assistance within 7 days. These benefits are typically issued for one month while applicants gather the verifications that the Department needs to approve a full SNAP application Call 877-382-2363 M-F 8:15a.m. to 4:45 p.m. or apply on line at <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-snap-benefits-food-stamps>

Are you age 60 or older and a SNAP-only client? The Department of Transitional Assistance's Senior Assistance Office can help you. Call The Senior Assistance Office phone line at (833) 712-8027 and a person will assist you.

**Cash Assistance DTA**

If you need help making ends meet, you can apply for economic assistance (cash benefits) through the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA). DTA offers 3 economic assistance programs: Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC), Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children (EAEDC), and the State Supplement Program (SSP). The benefits include 2 monthly payments, health insurance, and employment support while you work to get back on your feet. **You cannot apply online.**  Determine eligibility here: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/check-tafdc-eligibility-and-how-to-apply> Apply at your DTA Assistance office which is located at 80 Everett Ave. Chelsea, MA 02150 3rd. Floor.

**Masshealth**

Apply for MassHealth, the Health Safety Net, or the Children's Medical Security Plan here: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-masshealth-the-health-safety-net-or-the-childrens-medical-security-plan>

### All MassHealth Enrollment Centers are **closed to walk-in visitors.** Please call MassHealth Customer Service Center main number at (800) 841-2900

Self-service available 24 hrs/day in English and Spanish. Other services available Monday-Friday 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Interpreter service available.

**Waltham Mobile Market (open to all, do not have to be a Waltham resident)**

<https://www.mhsainc.org/mobilemarket>.

The Mobile Market is open from **1:00pm-2:00pm** on the third Saturday of every month. It is located at 50 Prospect St. Waltham, MA at Middlesex Human Service Agency's main office parking lot.

Anyone in need of nutritious food is welcome. There are no eligibility requirements to participate in the Mobile Market, which serves a diverse selection of fresh produce and dairy products, as well as frozen soup and high-protein items, free of charge.

Upcoming dates: March 21, 2020 - April 25, 2020 – May 16, 2020 – June 20, 2020

**Bristol Lodge Soup Kitchen – now offering daily meals to-go**

the Middlesex Human Service Agency, Bristol Lodge Soup Kitchen is located at 545 Moody St. Waltham, MA. In order to minimize the risk of spreading the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we will be providing meals on a takeout basis only until further notice. Takeout meals will be available 7 days a week between 4:30 pm and 5:30pm. All are welcome. Free of charge.