

## Legal Resources Related to COVID 19

For general (non-COVID specific) legal information on issues affecting the rights of individuals with disabilities, please visit DLC's Information for Consumers page at <https://www.dlc-ma.org/info-for-consumers/> and the following --

### **MassLegalHelp - General Legal Questions on the following issues:**

- ABA Massachusetts Free Legal Answers Online: <https://mass.freelegalanswers.org/>
- Children and Families; Consumer & Debt; CORI Records; Domestic Violence, Employment/Unemployment Insurance; Health and Mental Health; Housing and Homelessness; Immigration; Income and Benefits; School
  - <https://www.masslegalhelp.org/>
- Legal Resource Finder - Find Legal Aid:  
<https://www.masslegalservices.org/findlegalaid>

### **General COVID-related Information**

- **Administration for Community Living: Information for Older Adults and People with Disabilities**
  - <https://acl.gov/COVID-19>
- **ASL Videos from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
  - <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvrp9iOILTQatwnqm61jqFrfsfUB4RKh6J>
- **CDC Coronavirus Information**
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- **Common Questions regarding Coronavirus**
  - <https://www.boston.gov/departments/public-health-commission/coronavirus-common-questions>
- **COVID-19 Updates and Information**
  - <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-updates-and-information>
- **Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing – COVID-19 Card:** <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/covid-19-card>

- **Massachusetts COVID-19 Cases, Quarantine and Monitoring**
  - <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-cases-quarantine-and-monitoring>
- **Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General: Resources During COVID-19**
  - <https://www.mass.gov/guides/resources-during-covid-19>
- **Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission**
  - <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/coronavirus-updates-from-mrc>
- **Massachusetts Statewide Independent Living Council**
  - <https://www.masilc.org/>
- **Massachusetts Text Message Notification System**
  - [https://www.mass.gov/news/massachusetts-launches-a-covid-19-text-message-notification-system-text-covidma-to-888-777-for?utm\\_source=hs\\_email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=85604106&hs\\_enc=p2ANqtz-8X0y4q0vRmp1FDSFdYRdDhjiCs4BAfRUF4sL4\\_fBal8t28vg8fIW4AJQ3oyygfRlavq7p3QjHhISq\\_zuD1Mh3aN1pITQ&hsmi=85604106](https://www.mass.gov/news/massachusetts-launches-a-covid-19-text-message-notification-system-text-covidma-to-888-777-for?utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=85604106&hs_enc=p2ANqtz-8X0y4q0vRmp1FDSFdYRdDhjiCs4BAfRUF4sL4_fBal8t28vg8fIW4AJQ3oyygfRlavq7p3QjHhISq_zuD1Mh3aN1pITQ&hsmi=85604106)
- **Multilingual Resources on COVID-19**
  - [https://www.mass.gov/info-details/maintaining-emotional-health-well-being-during-the-covid-19-outbreak#multilingual-resources-on-covid-19-](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/maintaining-emotional-health-well-being-during-the-covid-19-outbreak#multilingual-resources-on-covid-19)
- **Office of The Child Advocate hotline - [617-979-8360](tel:617-979-8360)**
- **Online & Peer Telephone Supports**
  - <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/maintaining-emotional-health-well-being-during-the-covid-19-outbreak#online-and-telephone-peer-supports->
- **State of Massachusetts COVID-19 Guidance & Directives**
  - <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-guidance-and-directives>
- **The Arc of Massachusetts - “An Update on COVID-19 From the Arc of Massachusetts”**
  - <https://thearcofmass.org/post/an-update-on-covid-19-from-the-arc-of-massachusetts>

## **City of Boston COVID information pages**

- Boston Center for Independent Living: <https://bostoncil.org/>
- Boston Public Health Commission: <https://bphc.org/onlinenewsroom/Blog/Lists/Posts/Post.aspx?ID=1282>
- Coronavirus disease guidance: <https://www.boston.gov/departments/public-health-commission/coronavirus-guidance>
- General information: <https://www.boston.gov/news/coronavirus-disease-covid-19-boston>
- Homelessness resources: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ux3uC16HyeLIPEPutqGpQEabxkwltqFqUOUzA-sMxyc/edit>
- MBTA information: <https://mbta.com/covid19>
- Rental Relief Fund: <https://www.boston.gov/departments/neighborhood-development/office-housing-stability/rental-relief-fund>
- Resource guide: <https://www.boston.gov/news/covid-19-resource-guide-bostons-immigrants>
- RIDE Updates: <https://www.mbta.com/news/2020-03-27/updates-the-ride-paratransit-service>

## **Benefits**

- DTA Resources and Support (SNAP, TAFDC, EAEDC) – General - <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/dta-covid-19-resources-and-support>
- “DTA Benefits and COVID-19” - Updated information - <https://www.masslegalservices.org/content/dta-benefits-and-covid-19>
- “DTA Listens” (DTA Twitter feed) - [https://twitter.com/DTA\\_Listens](https://twitter.com/DTA_Listens)
- SNAP Food Assistance - <https://www.masslegalservices.org/system/files/library/MLRI%20SNAP%20COVID-19%20and%20workers%20FAQ%203-25-20.pdf>

- Social Security Administration - Coronavirus information: <https://www.ssa.gov/coronavirus/>
- Stimulus payment information
  - <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/economic-impact-payments-what-you-need-to-know>

### **Child Care**

- Emergency Back-Up Childcare - <https://www.masslegalservices.org/content/covid-19-massachusetts-child-care-update>

### **Courts**

- Court System Response to COVID - <https://www.mass.gov/guides/court-system-response-to-covid-19>
- Court System Daily updates: <https://www.mass.gov/guides/court-system-response-to-covid-19#-daily-court-updates->
- Massachusetts State and Federal Courts Information - <https://www.masslegalservices.org/content/court-schedule-modifications-response-covid-19>
- Massachusetts Trial Court Helpline - <https://www.mass.gov/news/trial-court-launches-help-line-to-assist-court-users>

### **Developmental Services**

- DDS COVID-19 Resources and Support - <https://www.mass.gov/dds-covid-19-resources-and-support>
- Mass.gov
  - “Coronavirus Update for Individuals and Families”
    - <https://www.mass.gov/news/coronavirus-update-for-individuals-and-families>
- DDS Area Office Locator
  - <https://areaofficelocator.dds.state.ma.us/Home/LookupByCity>

## **Education**

- EdLaw Project
  - See COVID-19 Updates and COVID-19 Resources on top menu bar
  - <http://www.edlawproject.org>
  
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  - Guidance for K-12 Schools and Childcare Programs
    - [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-schools.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fspecific-groups%2Fguidance-for-schools.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-schools.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fspecific-groups%2Fguidance-for-schools.html)
  
- Child Nutrition Outreach Program
  - School Closure Meal Information
    - <https://meals4kids.org/summer>
  
- COVID-19 and College Accommodations
  - <https://accessiblecollege.com/2020/03/18/covid-19-and-college-accommodations/>
  
- Federal and Massachusetts Departments of Education:
  - Family Resource Toolbox for Families with Children with Disabilities
    - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1L63twJZ52GAK-GqY3YQDgWxxvdV-ThKC/view>
  
  - DESE COVID-19 Helpline - e-mail: [COVID19K12ParentInfo@mass.gov](mailto:COVID19K12ParentInfo@mass.gov) or call us at [\(781\) 338-3700](tel:7813383700)
  
  - DESE COVID-19 Information and Resources - <http://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/>
  
  - Office of Civil Rights webinar on Online Education and Website Accessibility (with captions)
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DCMLk4cES6A&feature=youtu.be>
  
  - Questions and Answers on Providing Services to Children with Disabilities During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Outbreak
    - <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/qa-covid-19-03-12-2020.pdf>
  
  - Resources for all Education related matters (K-12 and Higher Education):

- <https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus>
- Special Education Resources:
  - Massachusetts Advocates for Children: <https://massadvocates.org/>
  - Federation for Children with Special Needs: <https://fcsn.org/>
- Special Needs Advocacy Network (SPAN)
  - SPAN: Supporting Students and Families: <https://spanmass.org/20200403covid19.html>
  - SPAN COVID-19 Recorded Webinars: <https://spanmass.org/covid-19.html>

## **Elections**

- The US Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Coronavirus Resource Page
  - <https://www.eac.gov/election-officials/coronavirus-covid-19-resources>

## **Employment**

- COVID FAQs for Employers
  - <https://foleyhoag.com/publications/alerts-and-updates/2020/march/covid19-faqs-for-employers>
- Fair Labor Standards Act and COVID-19 Requirements
  - <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/flsa/pandemic>
- Job Accommodation Network (JAN)
  - <https://askjan.org/topics/COVID-19.cfm>
- Leave issues
  - FMLA and COVID-19
    - <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/fmla/pandemic>
  - FFCRA Paid Leave Requirements
    - <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-employer-paid-leave>
- MassLegal Services
  - Department of Unemployment Assistance
    - “Unemployment Compensation for Individuals Affected by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID 2019)”

- <https://www.masslegalservices.org/system/files/library/05.20-20-COVID-19%20policy%20memo.pdf>
  - Earned Sick Time Law in Massachusetts
    - <https://www.masslegalservices.org/system/files/library/EarnedSickTimeMemo.pdf>
  - Unemployment Insurance
    - Unemployment Fact Sheet on Coronavirus
      - <https://www.masslegalservices.org/covid-19-and-ui>
  - Unemployment Insurance: Questions and Answers
    - <https://www.masslegalservices.org/content/unemployment-insurance-questions-and-answers>
- Information on Unemployment and Coronavirus
  - <https://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-unemployment-and-coronavirus-covid-19>
- U.S Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
  - What You Should Know About the ADA, The Rehab Act, and COVID-19
    - [https://www.eeoc.gov/eeoc/newsroom/wysk/wysk\\_ada\\_rehabilitation\\_act\\_coronavirus.cfm?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://www.eeoc.gov/eeoc/newsroom/wysk/wysk_ada_rehabilitation_act_coronavirus.cfm?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)
  - “Pandemic Preparedness in the Workplace and the Americans with Disabilities Act”
    - [https://www.eeoc.gov/facts/pandemic\\_flu.html](https://www.eeoc.gov/facts/pandemic_flu.html)

## **Finances and Consumer Issues**

- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
  - Protect yourself Financially from the Impact of the Coronavirus
    - <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/blog/protect-yourself-financially-from-impact-of-coronavirus/>
- Guidance for Businesses and Organizations
  - <https://www.boston.gov/news/economic-development-update-coronavirus-covid-19>

## HealthCare

- Massachusetts Health Connector:
  - Extended Enrollment Period
    - <https://www.mahealthconnector.org/massachusetts-health-connector-offers-extended-enrollment-for-uninsured-individuals-to-ease-coronavirus-fears>
  - Health Connector Walk-In Centers Closed Due to Coronavirus Concerns
    - <https://www.mahealthconnector.org/health-connector-walk-in-centers-closed-due-to-coronavirus-concerns>
- MassHealth:
  - Coverage Provided via Hospital-Determined Presumptive Eligibility
    - <https://www.mass.gov/doc/all-provider-bulletin-288-coverage-provided-via-hospital-determined-presumptive-eligibility/download>
  - Frequently Asked Questions
    - <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-applicants-and-members>
  - MassHealth 1135 Waiver Request – Information for Providers
    - <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-providers#1135-waiver-request->
  - Prescriptions and Pharmacy Facts
    - <https://www.mass.gov/doc/pharmacy-facts-141-march-12-2020-0/download>
  - Telehealth Services
    - <https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-15-2020-telehealth-order/download>
  - Updates to the Hospital-Determined Presumptive Eligibility (HPE) Application Process
    - <https://www.mass.gov/doc/eom-20-06-updates-to-the-hospital-determined-presumptive-eligibility-hpe-application-process-0/download>



- Medicare Rights Center
  - What You Need to Know About Medicare Coverage and the Response to Coronavirus
    - <https://blog.medicarights.org/what-you-need-to-know-about-medicare-coverage-and-the-response-to-coronavirus/>
- PCA Workforce Council
  - Link to Hotline and Guidance and Directives:
    - <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/personal-care-attendant-workforce-council>

## **Housing**

- Citizens' Housing and Planning Association
  - COVID-19 Affordable Housing Updates
    - <https://www.chapa.org/housing-news/covid-19-affordable-housing-updates>
- Department of Housing and Community Development
  - <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-dhcd-website>
- DHCD Guidance – Visitors in Private Affordable Housing Developments
  - <https://www.mass.gov/doc/dhcd-guidance-limiting-visitors-in-private-affordable/download>
- Housing Court Standing Orders regarding housing operations during Coronavirus outbreak
  - <https://www.mass.gov/guides/court-system-response-to-covid-19#-housing-court->
- MassLegal Services
  - BHA Moratorium on Non-Essential Eviction Actions
    - <https://www.masslegalservices.org/content/bha-moratorium-non-essential-eviction-actions>
  - HUD Waives Face-to-Face Mortgage Meeting Requirement
    - [https://www.masslegalservices.org/system/files/library/Face-to-FaceRegulatoryWaiver\\_3.13.20.pdf](https://www.masslegalservices.org/system/files/library/Face-to-FaceRegulatoryWaiver_3.13.20.pdf)
  - Illegal Evictions
    - <https://www.masslegalhelp.org/health-mental-health/covid-19-illegal-eviction>

- Reminder of Interim Redetermination Procedure for Decreases in Gross Income
  - <https://www.masslegalservices.org/system/files/library/PHN%202020-09%20Interim%20Redeterminations.pdf>
- Metro Housing RAFT pre-application
  - <https://www.waitlistcheck.com/MA2977-1914>
- National Low-Income Housing Coalition
  - Coronavirus and Housing/Homelessness
    - <https://nlihc.org/coronavirus-and-housing-homelessness>
- Renter and Homeowner Rights
  - <https://www.nhlp.org/campaign/protecting-renter-and-homeowner-rights-during-our-national-health-crisis-2/>

## **Legal Services**

- Mass.gov
  - “Guidelines for Judicial Practice for Abuse Prevention Proceedings”  
Section 11.00 *Procedure for Response to Complaints When Court is Not in Session: Judicial Response System* **PAGE 191-195**
    - <https://www.mass.gov/doc/guidelines-for-judicial-practice-abuse-prevention-proceedings/download>
- MassLegalHelp
  - You Can Get a 209A Restraining Order when the Courts are Closed
    - <https://www.masslegalhelp.org/domestic-violence/209a-guidelines/closed-courts>
- Mass Legal Services COVID-19 homepage
  - <https://www.masslegalservices.org/covid-19>

## **Mental Health**

- DMH: Maintaining Emotional Health and Well-Being
  - <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/maintaining-emotional-health-well-being-during-the-covid-19-outbreak>
- Information about DMH Programs and Services

- <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-information-about-dmh-programs-and-services>
- NAMI Massachusetts – COVID-19 Resource Page
  - <https://namimass.org/online-and-phone-support-options/>

### **Utilities**

- Department of Public Utilities
  - COVID-19 Shutoff Moratorium
    - <https://www.masslegalservices.org/system/files/library/Covid%2019%20Shutoff%20Moritorium.pdf>

### **Nationwide COVID-19 Resources**

- American Bar Association COVID-19 Resources page
  - [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal\\_aid\\_indigent\\_defendants/resources/covid-19-resources/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_aid_indigent_defendants/resources/covid-19-resources/)
- The National Association of Counsel for Children: COVID-19 Resource Hub
  - <https://www.naccchildlaw.org/page/CoronavirusCOVID-19>
- The National Juvenile Defender Center: Juvenile Defense Resources
  - [https://njdc.info/our-work/juvenile-defense-resources/?fbclid=IwAR2LFN9DS6Z4GrBSck7G3wE8RIkB1ZDFQ09sCkTFloxzfAiOgYX2XzO0b\\_U](https://njdc.info/our-work/juvenile-defense-resources/?fbclid=IwAR2LFN9DS6Z4GrBSck7G3wE8RIkB1ZDFQ09sCkTFloxzfAiOgYX2XzO0b_U)