



Services and Resources Quick Guide

For New Jersey's artists and arts entrepreneurs during the COVID-19 crisis

Many of the State services and resources linked below are available in one place on the [State of New Jersey's COVID-19 Information Hub](#).

- How to apply for [unemployment \(1099/contract and gig workers are now included as eligible\)](#)
Under a new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program, individuals typically not eligible for unemployment compensation, such as independent contractors, self-employed workers, or those with limited employment history, will be able to receive unemployment benefits for up to 39 weeks until the end of 2020. *You may need to call for assistance until the State's forms catch up to the Federal program changes. Try the [website](#) first, but if you have trouble, you can call the Unemployment assistance office closest to you.* North Jersey area: (201) 601-4100; Central Jersey area: (732) 761-2020; and South Jersey area: (856) 507-2340
- Grants and loans for small businesses could be available to you - If you have a studio or other physical business location, you might be eligible. Click here to find out more. <https://faq.business.nj.gov/en/collections/2198378-covid-19-novel-coronavirus-information-for-new-jersey-businesses#economic-assistance-for-businesses>
- [Emergency Assistance Eligibility Wizard](#)- will help you determine what small business programs you are eligible for, and directs you where to apply for them.
- I need to work now, what jobs are out there? (Note these are mainly “essential businesses” like grocery, medical and delivery jobs). <https://jobs.covid19.nj.gov>
- [What housing and rental assistance and mortgage relief is available for New Jerseyans? Are there protections for eviction or foreclosure?](#)
- [This site will help to see if you are eligible for food assistance \(SNAP\), cash assistance \(WFNJ/TANF or WFNJ/GA\), and health Insurance \(NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid\). From there you can apply for services or learn about additional resources.](#)
- File your taxes if you expect a refund. Otherwise, the deadline has been pushed back to July 15th, 2020. The IRS has established a special section focused on steps to help taxpayers, businesses, and others affected by COVID-19: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus>.
- And of course, the State Arts Council will continue to maintain a list of arts-specific COVID-19 resources, grants, etc. here: https://www.nj.gov/state/njsca/dos_njsca_weekly-covid-resources.html