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](https://www.c19.nj.gov/).

- **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](https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus), 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.**

- **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](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](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](https://www.nj.gov/state/njsca/dos_njsca_weekly-covid-resources.html)**