

***Below are the Parent Resources researched and shared with all students/parents throughout the 2021 program (October-December):***

### **Get Immediate Help in a Crisis**

Children, young people, and adults may experience **increased stress** during this pandemic. Fear and anxiety can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions.

#### **Get immediate help in a crisis**

- Call 911
- **Disaster Distress Helpline:** 1-800-985-5990 (press 2 for Spanish), or text TalkWithUs for English or Hablanos for Spanish to 66746. Spanish speakers from Puerto Rico can text Hablanos to 1-787-339-2663.
- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** 1-800-273-TALK (8255) for English, 1-888-628-9454 for Spanish, or **Lifeline Crisis Chat**.
- **National Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-800-799-7233 or text LOVEIS to 22522
- **National Child Abuse Hotline:** 1-800-4AChild (1-800-422-4453) or text 1-800-422-4453
- **National Sexual Assault Hotline:** 1-800-656-HOPE (4673) or **Online Chat**
- **The Eldercare Locator:** 1-800-677-1116 **TTY Instructions**
- **Veteran's Crisis Line:** 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or **Crisis Chat** or text: 8388255

### **Find a health care provider or treatment for substance use disorder and mental health**

- **SAMHSA's National Helpline:** 1-800-662-HELP (4357) and TTY 1-800-487-4889
- **Treatment Services Locator Website**
- **Interactive Map of Selected Federally Qualified Health Centers**

### **Help Children Learn at Home**

Keep Children Learning While School's Out

#### **Stay in touch with your child's school**

- Many schools are offering lessons online (virtual learning). Review assignments from the school, and help your child establish a reasonable pace for completing

the work. You may need to assist your child with turning on devices, reading instructions, and typing answers.

- Communicate challenges to your school. If you face technology or connectivity issues, or if your child is having a hard time completing assignments, let the school know.

### **Create a flexible schedule and routine for learning at home**

- Have consistent bedtimes and get up at the same time, Monday through Friday.
- Structure the day for learning, free time, healthy meals and snacks, and physical activity.
- Allow flexibility in the schedule—it's okay to adapt based on your day.

### **Consider the needs and adjustment required for your child's age group**

- The transition to being at home will be different for preschoolers, K-5, middle school students, and high school students. Talk to your child about expectations and how they are adjusting to being at home versus at school.
- Consider ways your child can stay connected with their friends without spending time in person.

### **Look for ways to make learning fun**

- Have hands-on activities, like puzzles, painting, drawing, and making things.
- Independent play can also be used in place of structured learning. Encourage children to build a fort from sheets or practice counting by stacking blocks.
- Practice handwriting and grammar by writing letters to family members. This is a great way to connect and limit face-to-face contact.
- Start a journal with your child to document this time and discuss the shared experience.
- Use audiobooks or see if your local library is hosting virtual or live-streamed reading events.

### **Ask about school meal services**

Check with your school on plans to continue meal services during the school dismissal. Many schools are keeping school facilities open to allow families to pick up meals or are providing grab-and-go meals at a central location.

<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/>

Dekalb Schools

[www.dekalbschoolsga.org](http://www.dekalbschoolsga.org)

Fulton County Schools

[www.fultonschools.org](http://www.fultonschools.org)

# Atlanta COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program

## Intake application to be considered for Emergency Rental Assistance.

The City of Atlanta COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program is available to City of Atlanta residents ONLY. Funds may be used to cover past due rent, utilities, and move-in deposits as a result of impending eviction. At the end of the application you will be required to

upload **documentation** to prove your identity, your income, the loss of income caused by the pandemic and the amount of your need based on past due bills or a move-in deposit. Until that point in the application, you will be able to save and continue later. If you choose to save and continue, we will send a link to access your application to the email you provide. Your application will not be considered until all required fields and documents are submitted.

If you do not qualify for the Atlanta COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Program, you can fill out a short form to submit a request for other available resources.

<https://relief.uwga.org/>

## Fulton County Georgia assistance programs.

Find how to get financial help in the Atlanta Georgia and Fulton County region. Low-income families, senior citizens, and others can find programs that help pay their rent or utility bills, provide free food, as well as medical or dental care and address other living expenses. There are dozens of churches,

charities, and even government human service agencies that focus on supporting struggling residents of the Fulton County area.

Other resources in the region include **free loans with zero interest rates**, back to school supplies, as well as motel or gasoline vouchers. Low income families, seniors, and the disabled can also apply for services ranging from furniture bank assistance programs to free Christmas gifts or medical care too.

### Locate help with bills and expenses

The **Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority (FACAA)** assists families and individuals of Fulton County and Atlanta by offering them various resources and programs that enable them to emerge from economic despair, help pay energy bills, stop evictions, prevent homelessness, and overall improve their living conditions.

**Emergency Assistance** - This program offered by FACAA provides grants and funds to help people make it thru a crisis, such as a job loss, medical emergency, foreclosure or eviction proceedings or some other emergency. Some of the programs and assistance offered includes :

- Grants for energy assistance to prevent disconnection from their utility service.
- Assistance and money to help someone avoid evictions and stop a foreclosure.
- Resources and benefits to ensure shelter or housing with goal-oriented case management and counseling.
- Emergency food assistance.

#### **Georgia Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

This will help low and moderate income people pay their winter heating bills as well as summer cooling bills through home heating energy assistance grants and crisis grants. It is run by the Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority. Crisis grants help those people who are in an emergency situation. You do not need to have an unpaid bill to receive home heating or cooling energy assistance. This program is available at designated times throughout the year, such as November and during the late spring. More

on the **low income energy assistance program**.

### **Job Guidance, Employment and Counseling**

The employment services offered by the Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority has undergone a change in which a shift of services has occurred within FACAA. Now their services have been steered to a more creative approach to assisting the unemployed. The FACAA organization now provides scheduled workshops, job finding assistance, and individual counseling in the following areas:

Workshops provide those who need help include:

- Job Application and Resume Creativity
- Career Choices
- Perseverance when all seems hopeless
- Dressing For the Job Interview
- The Mock Interview Process and Practice
- Job Acceptance
- Dealing with Difficult Supervisors
- Keeping your job even when you don't like it anymore
- Entrepreneurial Training: Try Being Your Own Boss!
- Debt reduction, help paying loans, and credit counseling. They partner with various non-profit organizations. More on [Atlanta credit counseling agencies](#).

Contact the **Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority** at one of its locations. Buckhead (Main Office) Phone: 404.320.0166, South Fulton Phone: 404-559-6040 , East Atlanta Phone: 404-370-7060. In addition to those services, the non-profit offers other aid, guidance and support for those seeking self-

sufficiency. More information **Fulton Atlanta Community Action programs**.

### Financial assistance for hardships

Another local agency to turn to for aid is the **North Fulton Community Charities**. This agency also offers several different programs and access to funds for short term expenses. Last year they provided almost 25,000 food items, they provided over \$1.2 million in cash grants and financial assistance for bills and housing expenses, and they provided clothing to over 2,000 families.

One of the main goals of the non-profit North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC), which is a so called human service agency, is to prevent people from being evicted, stop homelessness, and utility service disconnections. The agency is committed to preventing homelessness of individuals in Atlanta and Fulton County. The NFCC agency assists individuals and families by providing for basic needs such as food, utility bill assistance and rent, and even high quality clothing. They focus the aid on people facing a short term emergency. (770) 640-0399

### Fulton County Georgia non-profits and assistance programs that are offered across the entire state

Some resources and programs provide aid for the entire state, Atlanta as well as Fulton County. Get help with rent, foreclosure prevention, utility bills, and other financial assistance.

- [Georgia foreclosure and mortgage help](#)

- Georgia free legal aid. [Read more](#)
- [Georgia HUD foreclosure prevention](#)
- Georgia utility bill assistance. [Click here](#)
- [Georgia food banks and pantries](#)
- [Georgia dental care centers](#)
- Georgia section 8. [Find details.](#)
- [Georgia community clinics](#)

Many other state assistance programs are available in the city of Atlanta and the county. All are aimed at providing financial help or free items. As one example, learn about [emergency loans for paying bills](#) or other living expenses.

### Emergency aid for women

**Atlanta Urban Ministries** provide financial assistance to children and women as well as single moms who are experiencing financial challenges, such as potential homelessness, food shortages, or loss of utility service. They focus on keeping families together. Call (404) 881-1991. Or there are employment services, and even find a [list of great jobs for single moms](#).

### Crisis programs

Another local resource to turn to for help is the **Atlanta and Fulton County Salvation Army**. The agency provides emergency, crisis, and life-sustaining assistance. they do this by providing low income, unemployed, and other needy people with money for paying rent/mortgage, food aid, clothing, utility bill help, school supplies, furniture, and household supplies to families and individuals who are facing a financial crisis or short term hardship. They run a family service center in Atlanta. 404-486-2710. People applying for help from the Salvation Army do need to meet a number of conditions, and funding is limited and always stretched thin. Many programs rely on donations and contributions from members of the community. We have phone numbers and more details on the Salvation Army financial assistance programs. Click here for details on [financial help from Atlanta](#)

## Salvation Army.

**Cooling bill assistance** is also administered by the Salvation Army centers across the Atlanta region. Resources can provide people with fans, gently used air conditioners, or money to pay cooling bills. Centers are also opened around Fulton County that people can stop by at for water, ice cream, and a place to stay cool. Find [free fans in Atlanta](#).

Various programs are administered by the **Hosea Williams Feed the Hungry Foundation**. They offer help for the homeless in Atlanta and Fulton County, provides funds for paying rent and preventing evictions, and may even have funds to pay utility and summer cooling bills. Call the agency at (404) 755-3353.

If you live in the Atlanta zip codes of 30319 or 30341, the **St. Martin in the Fields Emergency Assistance Fund** may have financial assistance for you if you are facing a hardship. You can only receive a small amount (up to \$50) every six months. But they can help with rent, utility bills, health care and prescription drug costs, your mortgage and water bills. Phone (404) 261-4292.

**Toco Hills Community Alliance**, which is located at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church and can be reached at (404) 634-3336, offers a food pantry in addition to providing financial assistance and cash grants for paying rent expenses and utilities to individuals and families in need of aid.

**Living Room** - People and their immediate families who are impacted by HIV/AIDS can get assistance. Offers emergency housing, and the non-profit will also provide emergency financial assistance for paying past due rent, mortgages, and utility bills. 341 Ponce de Leon Ave. Rm. 438, Ponce De Leon Center, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, dial (404) 616-6332

**Short term loans** are available. These will be from private lenders. The options in Atlanta range from title to payday loans, cash advances, and more. Note the funds can be used for paying bills, but these do

have some risks. Applicants with limited credit can also apply for cash. More on **emergency loans in Atlanta**.

**Action Ministries Atlanta** offers assistance for veterans from the federal SSVF - Supportive Services for Veterans. There may be financial assistance for paying rent, moving costs, and security deposits. Get help with housing and job search as well as ongoing case management. Some aid may be provided by zero interest rate, deferred loans.

Other housing programs from Action Ministries in Atlanta includes transitional housing, placement into low income apartments, information on grants for one time rent help, the HOPWA program, and funds for security deposits. The agency is located at 1017 Edgewood Ave., Atlanta, Georgia 30307, (888) 206-

7372. Or more on **Action Ministries of Georgia housing**.

**Fulton County Area Agency on Aging** administers assistance programs for senior citizens and the elderly as well as their families. Dozens of resources are available, including some or all of the following. Benefits counseling for medicare and prescription medications, free meals (home delivered and at senior centers), jobs from the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), and even transportation in the immediate region. 40 Courtland Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303, 404.613.6000 or

more details on **senior assistance in Georgia**.

**The Urban League** focuses on employment, rent, and mortgage issues. They help low income and disadvantaged families in Atlanta. While direct financial aid is limited, staff from the HUD approved agency can help both homeowners and tenants apply for programs. This can include foreclosure counseling, grants for paying rent, and more. The center also offers job training, free use of computers,

Step Up and workforce development for unemployed Atlanta residents. More on **programs from Urban League Atlanta.**

The **Fulton County Georgia Division of Family and Children Services** is arguably the leading government organization to call for financial assistance, advice, and referrals. Several resources offered can help with paying for immediate basic needs and bills, and also provide longer term self-sufficiency.

Some of the programs include, but are not limited to, job finding services and training. Medical bills and needs can be met by Medicaid and other health care programs. Other services include cash assistance,

food stamps, and rental assistance vouchers. Read more on the **Fulton County family services public assistance programs.**

**Sullivan Center, Inc.** - This non-profit organization facilitates an array of services that were created to assist low income clients overcome temporary hardships. Many volunteers work at this location. 643 Dill Ave., SW, Atlanta, GA 30310, (404) 753-0531

Housing and employment services from **Clifton Sanctuary** are for homeless males only in Atlanta. The charity runs shelters and low income apartments as part of Joe's Place. There is also job training from a free computer lab, work clothes (such as suits and dresses) as part of Dress for Success, as well as

emergency food and hot meals. More information on **help from Clifton Sanctuary.**

**Atlanta based Jewish Family and Career Services** - They are a resource for seniors, the disabled, and low income in Fulton County. Some assistance is available regardless of faith or religion, and some resources are focused on those of Jewish faith. They may have emergency financial aid for rent or bills. Self-sufficiency and job search programs include support from Career Services of Atlanta. There are also free

food pantries and other resources. More on **Jewish Family and Career Services of Atlanta programs.**

**Atlanta Rescue Mission and thrift store** - The focus is on basic needs. The center offers food, clothing, shelter, and transitional housing. Case managers can also help people by providing information on Fulton County job and employment programs. Call them for information on housing programs such as the Potter's House and other housing support.

Read **Atlanta Mission.**



**Fulton County holiday programs** - At each major holiday, including Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, qualified low income families can receive help. What may be provided includes free food, meals, gifts

and toys for children, and companionship for senior citizens. More on **holiday**

## **assistance in Atlanta.**

**Catholic Charity** - Several offices and churches in the Fulton County and Atlanta region administer services for the working poor and low income. Many of the resources they provide are referrals to government and public assistance, such as LIHEAP, food stamps, or section 8 housing rent vouchers. However they do provide direct assistance in some cases, including for housing, legal aid for immigrants,

and other support. More on **Atlanta and Fulton County**

## **Catholic Charities.**

**Caring for Others (CTO)** provides everything from emergency funds to pay rent or energy bills (to stop homelessness) to basic needs and referrals. Staff will also help people apply for government benefits, such as SSI disability or food stamps. Other services from CTO in Fulton County include a holiday giving

center, free food pantry and a community thrift store. More on **Atlanta Caring for**

## **Others.**

**Dunwoody Baptist Church** - Benevolence Assistance Ministry - Church offers financial assistance, food pantry, job information, career counseling and counseling. Dunwoody, Georgia 30338, phone (770) 280-1240

**Georgia Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty** - Helps with landlord/tenant disputes and housing discrimination assistance. Some of the financial resources may be SSDI applications, unemployment insurance filing or rent payment / security deposit assistance. Other free legal aid may be available as well, including to prevent an eviction. Address is 100 Edgewood Ave., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Dial (404)

681-0680. More on **Georgia Law Center housing programs.**

**Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless** partners with non-profits and the government on rent and housing issues. The primary services are as follows.

- Grants for utility bills including electric, water, or heating.
- Rent and security deposit help.
- A representative payee program as well as budgeting and credit repair.

- Other support, such as shelter and help in obtaining identification, is also arranged from the Day Center. Find details on **Metro Atlanta Task Force for the**

## **Homeless programs.**

There are several programs listed above and below for rent and housing assistance. Since funding is limited, Atlanta Georgia area families may need additional resources. There are **additional options** available, and they include grants, rapid rehousing, and many others. Find more details

on **rent help programs.**

**Lift Community Development** offers many emergency and social services. It may be a free food pantry, transitional housing, clothing bank, veteran benefits assistance, tutoring for children and other family services. College Park based in Fulton County. Phone: (770) 997-6363

**Events and giveaways for back to school supplies** are held across Atlanta and Fulton County. In addition, some charities also ramp up their assistance during this time frame. Books, educational

supplies. computers, clothes, and more is given out. Find some examples of **Atlanta area school supply programs.**

**Community Assistance Center (CAC)** - Helps pay for basic needs and homeless prevention, so rent help. Also CAC offers financial assistance, free food, clothing, holiday food baskets and Christmas and holiday gifts for children during the December holidays. CAC serves residents of the cities of Sandy Springs, GA (in Fulton County) and Dunwoody GA (in DeKalb County). 1130 Hightower Tr., Sandy Springs, Georgia 30350, dial (770) 552-4015

**Atlanta Midtown Center, Inc.** will strive to prevent homelessness and hunger during periods of crisis. The non-profit will provide emergency assistance to the working poor of Midtown and Downtown Atlanta in Fulton County. The housing programs will come mostly in the form of referrals to financial aid, including grant programs or maybe a loan for paying overdue rent. The zip codes by the non-profit Center are Fulton County and Atlanta region of 30303, 30308, 30309, 30310, 30312, 30313, 30314, 30315, 30318, as well as 30363.

Other services from MAC can include free clothes for those seeking employment. They can also help people obtain a Breeze Card or maybe identification. Other assistance is food from churches and more.

30 Porter Pl., NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, call (404) 681-5777. More on **help from Midtown Assistance Center.**

**Housing Authorities** will try to address the need for safe, affordable, and clean housing in the region. Low income and working poor families can learn about public housing and the section 8 program. The government agency will also have details on senior housing as well.

- The Fulton County location is at 4273 Wendell Dr., Atlanta, Georgia 30336, call (404) 588-4950
- Housing Authority of the City of College Park is based out of an office at 2000 Princeton Ave., College Park, GA 30337. Call (404) 761-2805

**Cascade Community Services, Inc.** – Non-profit offers an array of services and assistance programs including, but are not limited to, tutoring, financial assistance for low income families and individuals, as well as a free clothing closet. 3144 Cascade Rd., SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30311, dial (404) 691-4360

**Gateway Center** - Focuses on emergency shelter, transitional housing, and employment services for the homeless and individuals in Atlanta facing poverty. The non-profit will triage clients through the Client Engagement Center and use other resources. They also provide help to veterans in Fulton County.

Click **Gateway Center programs.**

**Local churches in Fulton County** help the poor, Latinos and/or Spanish speakers, homeless, and hungry. Whether it is a piece of clothing from a family store, food from the pantry, or a few dollars to pay electric bill or rent in a crisis, there are dozens of churches that may help people regardless of their

religion. The hours are limited, but find how to apply. Locate **Atlanta church assistance programs.**

**Atlanta Legal Aid Society** provides free support in Fulton County. The pro-bono firm can help with various civil matters. Examples of services include attorneys offer eviction prevention from the Home Defense Program. Immigrants or the disabled can get help with filing for government benefits and other assistance. Advice is also offered to low income families in Atlanta for applying for government benefits, such as SSI disability or SNAP food stamps. The non-profit is focused on ensuring full access to

representation for those that are less fortunate. More on **Atlanta Legal Aid Society services.**

**Clothing, household good and basic needs** - Dozens of charities, churches, and non-profit clothing closets provide items to needy families. Centers distribute items such as free coats, shoes, suits, diapers, work attire, furniture and more. Get information on **Atlanta free clothing closets.**

Discounts and **financial aid for water bills** is provided to seniors and low income customers who are faced with a crisis situation. Additional assistance can be provided for repairs and maintenance of pipes

and plumbing. Find more information on **water bill assistance in**

## **Atlanta.**

Non-profit and government **assistance for rental and housing expenses** are targeted at families facing homelessness. Most agencies have limited funding and need proof that the applicant can sustain the future payments on their own. But when qualified, there may be everything from grants for back rent,

legal aid, motel vouchers, deposit help, and more. Get a listing of additional **Atlanta rent**

## **assistance programs.**

**Atlanta Urban Ministries** runs several services, with a focus on housing and hunger prevention. The staff can direct clients to transitional housing, shelter, and a food pantry. This is also done while the client pursues education and job training for stability. The number is 404-881-6744, or click more information

on **Atlanta Urban Ministries assistance programs.**

**Free stuff for new babies** - Parents that are struggling to pay their bills can get help. Fulton County Georgia based charities, as well as DSS offices can assist. Some of the assistance arranged may be diapers, wipes, and Pampers; furniture; food as well as free baby formula (including from WIC

vouchers); emergency housing; and much more. Continue with **Atlanta diapers**

## **and baby supplies.**

### **Atlanta free foreclosure counseling**

While many homeowners may not realize it, **Catholic Charities** has a foreclosure assistance program for Atlanta and Fulton County homeowners. They help people of all faiths and religions. the agency employs certified housing counselors who are available to provide expertise and mortgage assistance to homeowners who are in mortgage default (or undergoing a foreclosure) or approaching mortgage default. Programs are even available to help someone by a new home, or refinance a mortgage. Dial 770-790-3112 for an appointment.

Another HUD approved counseling agency is **CredAbility - Atlanta Office**. This non profit credit, foreclosure assistance, and debt agency provides assistance with consumer education, credit counseling, foreclosure prevention, homeowner/home purchase counseling, predatory lending awareness program, bankruptcy counseling, HUD counseling agencies, low income home loans and mortgages, personal financial management, and mortgage company complaints. (800) 251-2227

Atlanta based **Home Owner Mortgage Education, Inc.** offers a wide variety of services and resources including mortgage review, loan modification, foreclosure prevention and counseling, and loss mitigation. Dial (404) 452-1976.

**Non-profits** - Both HUD approved agencies and attorneys from organizations such as Atlanta Legal Aid Society and Georgia Legal Services provide counseling and free advice. Whether you are behind on paying your home loan, or have received a foreclosure notice, then these organizations are worth

contacting. Find **foreclosure prevention in Atlanta**.

**Churches and Buckhead Christian Ministry** may be able to help with basic needs in a crisis situation. Housing assistance may include funds for paying rent or utility bills. For those in their transitional housing programs, financial aid may be offered to pay the security deposit when moving. Other resources from the ministry include free food, Christmas and Thanksgiving assistance, money

management, and additional case management services. More on **Buckhead**

**Christian Ministry assistance programs**.

**Home-Free USA** is a HUD-approved housing counseling agency that focuses on foreclosure prevention. Counselors work to lower the rate on a homeowners mortgage and/or set up a loan modification with their bank or lender to help bring their account and mortgage payment current. (404) 607-0800 Another option is a mortgage help center that was opened by **Fannie Mae**. It provides free foreclosure and counseling services.

Click more more on **Fannie Mae help in Atlanta** to learn more.

## Emergency financial aid

If you need help for a crisis situation, such as funds to stop an eviction or to keep your utility service from being disconnected, try this places. **Society of St. Vincent De Paul, Atlanta** ((678) 892-6164) provides financial assistance, a food bank, GED programs, and other services. They range from a thrift store, job training, clothing closet, and referrals. For example, case workers from the Fulton County St. Vincent De Paul can help people apply for public assistance like health care, food stamps, or LIHEAP. Get

additional details on **St. Vincent de Paul assistance in Fulton County**.

The **Salvation Army - Fulton** also offers emergency assistance and money to aid persons in a crisis situation in the areas of food, clothing, lodging and housing, rent and utility bill assistance. (404) 486-2710.

Rent and housing assistance, as well as eviction prevention

If you are facing an eviction from your home or apartment, need money to pay a security deposit, or are just behind on your regular monthly rent payments, some of the non-profit agencies and charities to turn to for housing assistance in Atlanta and Fulton County include:

- **Atlanta Urban Ministries** (phone (404) 881-6744) - Financial assistance and services are offered for housing and other expenses.
- **Midtown Assistance Center, Inc.** - This agency offers rent help, and even free food and groceries. (404) 681-5777.
- **Achor Center, Inc.** - Runs the federal government Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program.(404) 349-9151.
- **Buckhead Christian Ministry, Inc.** is another local agency that provides rent help, and they as well administer the federal government Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Fund. Call (404) 239-0038.

Federal government HUD sponsored grants also pay for other resources for **stopping evictions**. Agencies in Fulton County use the money to provide everything from legal aid to rent help, assistance with

moving costs, deposits, and emergency hotel/motel vouchers. Locate **eviction help in Fulton County**.

**Transitional housing services** are available across Atlanta and the greater Fulton County area. Numerous non-profits and government funded programs assist qualified families that were evicted and/or the currently homeless. Participants will have access to a place to live while they regain self-sufficiency through services such as job training, credit counseling, and while they process applications for low-income housing. Some centers may have information on rental or security deposit assistance as

well. More on **Fulton County Georgia housing programs**.

Fulton County Georgia health care and community clinics

**City of Refuge, Inc.** is an Atlanta agency that provides affordable and accessible high quality primary medical and health care to medically underserved and at risk individuals in the Fulton County Georgia area. Dial (404) 564-7749.

Another health care clinic is **Saint Joseph's Mercy Care Services, Inc.** This facility offers numerous medical programs including primary health and dental care, free pediatric service and checkups for children who do not have health coverage, dental assistance, and referrals. Dial (678) 843-8600, or learn about other **free health care** programs.

With tens of thousands of families lacking health insurance in the area, the demand for high quality, yet low cost medical care has never been greater. There are other options out there that can help meet the health and dental care of the low income, unemployed, and people who may be struggling. Locate

more **Fulton County Georgia clinics**, which are in addition to the two locations above.

Food, clothing, household items in Fulton County

**Ben Hill United Methodist Church** - Runs a food pantry and a clothing closet. Atlanta GA. (404) 344-0618

**Calvary United Methodist Church** - Food pantry. (404) 753-8151

**Greater MissionWorks, Inc.** - Distributes food, and is also a food stamping facility. (404) 881-6700

**True Church of God Outreach Ministry, Inc.** - Provides clothes and free food. (404) 753-2890

**Free diapers in Atlanta** - A couple local non-profit organizations provide free diapers to Fulton County

and Atlanta families. Learn more on **free diapers** and how to apply.

There are a few **dozen other primary food banks**, churches and pantries located across Atlanta and the county. Some also provide financial assistance and/or clothes or operate soup kitchens. Read more

on **Fulton County food banks**.

### **DeKalb County Georgia assistance programs.**

Both emergency financial assistance as well as long term help is offered in DeKalb County. Residents can find everything from housing assistance (for rent, mortgages, or paying utility bills) to self-sufficiency, which may be child care vouchers or job training. In addition, find how charities, churches, and the government also offer free food, cash assistance, and other social services to low income families. Locate services, resources, and programs that can help DeKalb, Decatur, and Atlanta area families get help. Both the **Partnership for Community Action, Inc.** and the **Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority** are non-profit agencies that administer a variety of assistance programs. But there are many other places to turn to for financial help. Locate other resources below as well.

DeKalb foreclosure assistance programs

A program known as **Home Sweet Home: Saving Homes, Saving Families**, is a foreclosure program that was created to help homeowners who are facing a foreclosure on their primary home or mortgage. When you sign up for this program, certified Housing Counselors will advocate on behalf of the clients with your lender to help you secure a loan modification on your mortgage. If it is later determined there is the need for legal intervention in your particular case, you will be referred to the Atlanta Legal Aid, Inc.

for free legal assistance and representation. Click here for more information on **Georgia legal advice**.

Also, if the Housing Counselor who has been assigned to your care is unable to negotiate a loan modification with your mortgage provider, the counselor will then proceed to assist the individual/family with relocating to a new single home managed by a third-party management firm or to a new apartment. The contact information is below.

## Other mortgage and financial help

The Home Sweet Home program is extensive, and Home Sweet Home: Saving Homes, Saving Families also offers a six-part Financial Fitness/Homeownership series and education seminar that provides money management skills and other information relevant to handling the family finances. The goal is to provide preventive strategies for avoiding future financial crisis.

For more information, contact 404.929.2414. Also read about the Georgia hardest hit fund. [Click here.](#)

## Foreclosure prevention counseling and assistance

Receive free counseling from a HUD approved specialist. The **Atlanta Urban League** provides counsel and advocacy that only a HUD Approved Counselor can provide. These specialists' are often a welcome addition to the foreclosure mediation or negotiation process for the mortgage company, and they can do a tremendous job in providing a sense of relief to the client as well as information on solutions. The Housing Counselor creates a detailed budget for the client to use, they offer foreclosure prevention and mortgage delinquency counseling. These services are offered to homeowners who are delinquent on their mortgage or facing a lose of their home due to a foreclosure. The program offers people an opportunity to get their home loan back on track.

[Learn more](#) on mortgage assistance, or dial 404-659-1150 for foreclosure help.

## Financial assistance for bills, rent, free food, and medications

Additional programs can also provide housing assistance. Residents of DeKalb County Georgia should try an agency listed above or below. If more funds are needed, or referrals, then there are organizations as well as **other programs** to turn to as well for [help paying rent](#).

Several agencies and non-profits exist. Call them for help. The **Decatur Area Emergency Assistance Ministry/DEAM** agency provides assistance by offering free food (receive a maximum six times per year of food), funds for utilities, prescription medication vouchers, mortgage help, debt reduction advice, and rent assistance.



The charity also offers other assistance. There are free medical supplies and items as well as clothing. DEAM can also offer referrals to government grants for different expenses and other support. Programs are available to residents that live within the service area boundaries. Dial (404) 373-2300, or **read**

## **Decatur Emergency Assistance Ministry programs.**

A program known as Project Take Charge is run by the **Decatur Cooperative Ministry, Inc.** Dial (404) 284-4411. This project is a rent assistance and homelessness prevention program that provides low income and others who may be struggling with emergency financial assistance. There may be grants to help with rent expenses, mortgage payments, utilities, and free food. They also focus on women

(including single moms) and offer both transitional and permanent housing. More on **DCM -**

## **Decatur Cooperative Ministry assistance programs.**

**Salvation Army - DeKalb County Service Unit** provide emergency assistance to families and individuals who are in a crisis situation. Get help from the agency in the areas of food, clothing, rent and lodging, housing expenses and utility bill assistance. The charity will also provide referrals to other comprehensive crisis centers (charities and non-profits) and clients can also access counseling. There are also free Christmas toys, holiday meals, and back to school supply giveaway events. Dial (404) 486-2714,

or more **Salvation Army financial assistance in DeKalb.**

**Society of St. Vincent De Paul** is another charity organization that provides a host of services to DeKalb Georgia residents. Services available include, but not limited to, financial assistance for bills and expenses, a food pantry, GED instruction, and also life skills education programs. There is also a thrift store with clothing, and the volunteers can help clients apply for benefits such as food

stamps. **More DeKalb County St. Vincent assistance programs.**

**Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty** provides assistance across the state and in DeKalb County. The non-profit can provide free legal advice and aid to prevent evictions. Those that are currently homeless can explore emergency shelters and transitional housing programs. They may also have

referrals to financial support, including first months rent or security deposit assistance. [Click](#)

## more information.

**Household goods, clothing, furniture, school supplies** - Those items, and much more, are provided by regional clothing closets and thrift stores. Children, low income families, and the needy can receive free clothes, backpacks, shoes, and more. Free Christmas assistance programs may also be offered to those

who need help. [Read more](#).

**United Methodist Children's Home** – Homeless families and people on verge of eviction, with children less than 17 years of age may qualify for financial assistance. The financial assistance provided to qualified applicants is very limited. At most \$75 will be mailed directly to the landlord or company that needs payment. 500 S. Columbia Dr., Decatur, Georgia 30030(404) 327-5872.

**Suthers Center for Christian Outreach** only helps qualified low income and working poor people in zip codes of 30319 and 30341. Food, rent, electric bill help and more may be distributed. 3550 Broad St., Chamblee, Georgia 30341, call (770) 455-3358

**DeKalb area Urban League** - They offer mortgage and job training as referenced on this page. Other housing resources are available to, include eviction prevention counseling for tenants, referrals to

affordable, low income apartments, information on grants for buying a home, and more. [Click](#)

## here.

When in a crisis, **emergency cash loans** can be used. There are several lenders in DeKalb County that provide funds to families, individuals, and anyone in need. Residents even have access to pawn shops and/or non-traditional sources of borrowing.

More on [Atlanta emergency loans](#).

**Tranquil Lane Community and Support Services** runs a transitional housing site. Also services such as case management, job training, information on eviction prevention and self-sufficiency is available. Clients may learn about any local DeKalb County security deposit free programs when ready to move. (678) 977-2763

**Vouchers to pay rent** as part of section 8 are available from the Decatur Housing Authority ((404) 270-2100) as well as the Lithonia Housing Authority. Call (770) 482-6563. Other housing expenses, such as utilities, may be partially covered by the government issued vouchers.

**DeKalb Caring for Others** only supports a small portion of the county, specifically the metro area. Some of what may be provided include funds, or maybe a loan, to pay utility or water bills. There is also rent help, basic needs such as clothing, and food. Staff in DeKalb County can also help with applications for

government benefits or offer budgeting and financial literacy classes. [Click more](#)

## Caring for Others programs.

**Jewish Career and Family Services – DeKalb County** is a local center with offices in the region. The programs range from emergency financial assistance for paying bills such as rent, medication, or energy costs. They operate a Kosher food pantry and deliver meals to seniors using volunteers. Other resources

are offered to the disabled, elderly, and low income in the region. [More](#)

## information.

**The non-profit Partnership for Community Action** operates in DeKalb County. They are part of the nationwide community action network. They operate some employment services, as noted below, and can provide information on emergency financial assistance from their Family Unit. Speak to a case manager about resources such as Head Start, food assistance, rent help, low income housing, and

government aid such as LIHEAP. Get more details on [Partnership for](#)

## Community Action programs.

**Transitional housing services** – This is wide ranging in DeKalb County Georgia. There are agencies that may offer shelter and a meal, and other groups will help individuals that are facing eviction with paying rent and address other needs. Most programs offer some form of case management, information on

employment opportunities, and other support for the poor and low income. [Continue](#).

**Initiative for De Kalb County Affordable Housing** is a not for profit agency that helps people find a new home or affordable apartment. Services are for the low income, recently evicted, single parents or homeless. Some referrals or information on programs to pay first months rent or a security deposit may be available as well. These may be either grant or loan services. 1434 Scott Blvd., Decatur, GA 30030, telephone (404) 299-9979

**Short and long term homeless prevention programs** help stop evictions, foreclosures, and place families into new low income apartment. The resources may include the following.

- Financial help from charities for expenses including rent, water bills, deposits, and moving costs.
- Credit repair services to help rebuild scores to lease an apartment.
- Emergency assistance for families (including single mothers) with children, the disabled, and elderly.
- Other support is also provided, and more on [DeKalb County Georgia homeless prevention](#).

**DeKalb Action Ministries** offers help to the homeless and residents facing eviction. Shelter, transitional housing, and low income apartments/homes are available to income qualified and/or disabled individuals. Or learn about non-profits in DeKalb County that may be able to help with issuing grants for

rent or overdue energy bills. Other services include budgeting, job placement, and possible funds to pay a portion of a security deposit.

## [Click here Action Ministry housing programs.](#)

**Dunwoody Baptist Church - Benevolence Assistance Ministry** provides referrals, financial assistance, free food, job information and career counseling too. Telephone - (770) 280-1240

Financial help and material goods may be provided by a **network of churches**. Religious groups, using mostly donations, help the poor, elderly, immigrants, and vulnerable. Some of the services may be as follows.

- -Affordable day care programs for working adults and their children.
- -Free items from thrift stores, furniture banks, or clothing stores.
- -Some churches may be able to help pay rent or energy bills.
- -Many other services may be provided. This includes ESL programs, support for immigrants seeking citizenship, gas vouchers, and more. [Read more DeKalb County church programs.](#)

**Emergency rent assistance** - Families facing eviction, or that are behind on their monthly rent payments to their landlord, can apply for financial help or advice. Non-profits may have grants to pay a portion of housing costs, place DeKalb County residents into low income apartments, or offer other assistance for

rent or a deposit. [Learn more.](#)

**Free assistance at Christmas**, including food and gifts, is available for children and low income families. Many households receive some form of help, especially those with senior members or young children.

Gifts, toys, clothing, free meals, and more is offered. More on [holiday assistance](#)

## [in DeKalb County.](#)

**Somali American Community Center, Inc.**, which is based in Clarkston, only supports the Somali-American and DeKalb County refugee community. Services include, but are not limited to, advocacy, information on housing and government benefits, translation and more. (404) 296-1308.

**DeKalb County diapers and assistance for newborns** can be arranged. Low income households, immigrants, and individuals living in poverty can apply for assistance from a charity. There will be supplies including diapers, food programs, gift certificates, and referrals. Clients range from single moms

to teenagers and anyone that is struggling. [Continue reading.](#)

**Information and referrals** are available across DeKalb County. There are services and call centers that help direct families as well as senior citizens and the working poor to emergency financial aid and more.

- Emergency food and shelter program offers grants for rental expenses.
- Utility companies offer funds for electric and air conditioning bills, such as Project Share.
- Other needs, such as food from pantries, funds for security deposits, financial help for the disabled, and medical care from clinics is available from referrals, and [read more.](#)

**Government aid and social services** - The county and city of Decatur administer several social service and financial assistance programs. Get information on, and apply for LIHEAP, food stamps, medical bill

assistance, and other public and government services. [Click here](#) to find more information.

**DeKalb County programs to stop an eviction** can be utilized in a crisis. Some residents may receive support such as counseling or cash assistance. If the apartment or home they reside in is not a sustainable solution, then government grants may help with rehousing expenses, which can include

rental or utility deposits and related costs. Learn more on [eviction help in](#)

## [DeKalb County](#).

DeKalb County Georgia programs that provide assistance to all residents

Additional programs that help people in DeKalb County, Decatur as well as all of Georgia include the following.

- Georgia HUD foreclosure counseling. [Click here](#).
- [Georgia section 8 housing assistance](#)
- Georgia foreclosure and mortgage help. [More](#).
- [Georgia free legal assistance](#)
- [Georgia utility bill assistance](#)
- Georgia free food banks. [Read more](#).
- [Health care and community clinics in Georgia](#).
- [Georgia free dental community clinics](#)

### Job finding and employment services

Thousands of local individuals have lost their jobs. They now have somewhere to turn to for help finding a new job. A new program, called Creating Careers – Developing Employment Program, will provide the opportunity for individuals to obtain a certificate, which can help them find a job and improve their career aspects. The certificate is available in a variety of different programs, i.e., computer training, health careers, computer skills, customer service specialist, health care, automotive, etc.

If you are qualified for the program, a Career and Education Coordinator and Job Developer will partner with the program participant to ensure they complete the training and find placement in a new job that will allow for them to establish a career path and increase their income. Various work experience placements will be made available for individuals that need additional training before taking a permanent position.

**Partnership for Community Action, Inc.** administers the Creating Careers – Developing Employment Program, and the agency will pay for the fees for the certificates, training courses, books and other associated fees for those individuals who are interested in the program and who are unable to secure financial aid. If a student secures financial aid, from the state of Georgia or the federal government, PCA will cover other fees that may be required for completion of the training. Another great benefit is that

support services of transportation and child care will also be provided by the program. For more information or to apply, dial 404.929.2462, or [click here](#) to find a listing of scholarships.

Another organization to turn to to help find a job is **Atlanta Urban League**. They offer several employment, education, and job training programs. 404-659-1150. The Urban League is a nation wide organization, and programs can help people regardless of race. Many resources focus on job training and address housing and rental issues. [More details](#).

## DeKalb electric and energy bill assistance

The federal government funded Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides qualified individuals a one-time cash grant/payment that will assist low to moderate income families with paying for their home heating and electric bills. The program is also partially funded by the **Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Family and Children Services**. For more information or to apply for energy assistance, dial 404-929-2451 to learn more.

## Emergency assistance

The **Futon Atlanta Community Action Authority** offers grants and crisis assistance. They provide the following services.

- Emergency food and grocery assistance.
- Assistance to avoid evictions from an apartment, and funds to help people stop foreclosures.
- Energy bill assistance to prevent disconnection from a utility service.
- Resources and information on government and public aid. For example, apply for food stamps, WIC, and cash assistance. [Additional details](#).

They have a few offices in the region, including in the Atlanta portion of DeKalb County. Dial (404) 320-0166 to learn more. [Click here details](#).

## Decatur weatherization program

Save hundreds of dollars per year on your energy bills from this free program. It focuses on low to moderate income homeowners, the elderly, and the disabled. An audit of the entire home will be performed to determine what weatherization and energy conserving measures are needed in order to make the home as energy efficient as possible. The program can pay for the significant home improvements including such updates as attic and wall insulation, air sealing measures, and weather-stripping, and these improvements are done to help low-income household's save on their energy bills. It can also provide for the repair or replacement of gas appliances, heating units, and/or refrigerator units, if required, with more energy efficient units. Please call 404.929.2464 to apply.

## Rental assistance in DeKalb

**Interfaith Outreach Home, Inc.** runs the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Fund which focuses on rent and housing concerns. The agency will offer financial assistance and services to prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless and it will help them pay rent. (770) 457-3727.

## Emergency food services

Receive free food, vouchers, clothing and other aid from. Call these locations to learn the specifics. **Columbia Drive United Methodist Church** (phone (404) 284-4151), **Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross** (phone (404) 284-1211), **M.C. Church Library Education Center** (dial (678) 743-2021).

**Additional food pantries** are available for low income families. Or residents can apply for government programs, such as free vouchers from WIC or SNAP food stamps. If those locations can't help you,

find **more DeKalb food pantries**.

## Legal aid and advice

**Atlanta Legal Aid** is a non-profit law firm that low income, the elderly and disabled can turn to for free legal aid. The firm wants to ensure that everyone has full access to justice and legal support. They can provide foreclosure help, eviction prevention, and even help with utility disconnections. **Click**

**here** for more information, or call the law firm at (404) 377-0701.

# Top 10 Virtual and Activity Sites for Any Family or Family Member to Explore

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<https://www.usgs.gov/science/science-explorer/overview> (science exploration)

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/immigration/webcast.htm> (Ellis Island tour and activities)

<https://www.sesamestreet.org/caring> (Sesame Street activities for kids)

<https://www.virtualdrumming.com/drums/online-virtual-games/vintage-drums.html> (Virtual drum playing kit!)

<https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html> (NASA kids online exploration)

<https://girlsleadstem.com/virtual-field-trip/> (STEM activities and guides for 6-10 year old girls)

[https://www.nasa.gov/stem/nextgenstem/commercial\\_crew/index.html](https://www.nasa.gov/stem/nextgenstem/commercial_crew/index.html) (space exploration-based STEM projects)

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<https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/videos> (San Diego Zoo live cams)

<https://www.sdzsafaripark.org/> (San Diego Safari Park live cams and animal information)

<https://www.nyphilkids.org/ypc-play/britten.php> (kids NY Philharmonic Orchestra performances and activities)

<https://zooatlanta.org/panda-cam/> (Atlanta Zoo Panda Cam)

<http://cincinnatizoo.org/home-safari-resources/> (Cincinnati Zoo live classes and animals – archived daily and live at 3PM EST)

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<https://www.metopera.org/> (At 7:30 PM each day, a new opera will be live streamed)  
<https://seattlesymphony.org/live> (Live streaming performances from the Seattle Symphony Orchestra)  
<https://www.womenshistory.org/womens-history/online-exhibits> (National Women's History Museum online exhibits)  
<https://www.moma.org/magazine/> (Museum of Modern Art's Daily Exhibits and Articles)  
<https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/vr/> (Virtual deep sea diving)  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/Sing2Piano> (Karaoke site with popular songs set to piano)  
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<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-art-institute-of-chicago?hl=en> (Art Institute of Chicago)  
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### **Art, Museums and Culture**

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<https://artsandculture.google.com/search/streetview?project=national-park-service> (Tour more than 100 national parks around the world virtually)

<https://www.museothyssen.org/en/thyssenmultimedia> (Thyssen -Bornemisza national Museum)

<https://www.womenshistory.org/womens-history/online-exhibits> (National Women's History Museum online exhibit)

### **Yoga, Mindfulness and Meditation resources**

<https://www.headspace.com/> Mindfulness app

<https://www.calm.com/> Mindfulness app

<https://www.tenpercent.com/> Mindfulness app

<https://insighttimer.com/> Mindfulness app, diary and timer

<https://www.yogaanytime.com/index.cfm> – Over 2,500 Online yoga and meditation videos

<https://www.glo.com/> – Yoga, meditation and pilates online self-directed classes

<https://www.simplehabit.com/> – Guided meditation app with very varied speakers/exercises

## **Responding to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)**

We are continually monitoring the COVID-19 (coronavirus disease) outbreak and its effect on metro Atlanta. The following information is designed to help metro Atlanta's businesses as they navigate global health updates, public safety concerns, remote working and telecommuting, data security risks, communication strategies and more. To stay up to date on ongoing disease prevention tips and facts about

COVID-19, we encourage use of the **Centers for Disease**

**Control and Prevention (CDC) resources**. This

page will continually be updated as information changes in the State of Georgia and beyond.

### **MAC's COVID-19 Policy**

MAC has developed a policy regarding COVID-19 that reflects practices that have emerged from CDC recommendations and across the business community. Our top priority is the safety of our staff, investors and visitors. We are committed to

maintaining business continuity, and we are taking the necessary steps to ensure that we remain productive and responsive throughout this situation.

If you are interested in additional details, please

contact **Press@macoc.com**.

### MAC Newsroom

- **Global Health Crisis Coordination Center Launches in Atlanta to Confront COVID-19 Outbreak**, *published on April 16, 2020*
- **MAC Statement on Governor Brian Kemp's Shelter-In-Place Order**, *published on April 3, 2020*
- **A Letter to Gov. Kemp Regarding "Essential Infrastructure" and "Essential Businesses"**, *published on March 23, 2020*
- **Metro Atlanta Chamber Statement Regarding COVID-19**, *published on March 19, 2020*

### The Task Force to Restore Georgia's Economy

The Metro Atlanta Chamber has been closely following COVID-19 and the rapidly evolving impact it is having on our daily lives and our community. We are committed to doing our part as we work together to ensure the health of our families and neighbors and the health of our economy as we navigate these unprecedented times.

Aligned with best practices that have emerged in communities across the U.S., we established MAC's Task Force to Restore Georgia's Economy earlier this month. With leadership from John Rice, chairman of GE Gas Power, and support by the Boston Consulting Group, we aim to provide a blueprint for how metro Atlanta and our state might accelerate recovery in a fiscally responsible and practically achievable way that takes into consideration our most vulnerable populations and prioritizes the health of our families and neighbors.

The Task Force will deliver a comprehensive list of policy solutions that federal, state and/or local governments in Georgia can apply to rapidly recover from the current economic shutdown. Task Force members include a diverse group of retired CEOs, current C-level leaders, Fortune 1000 board members, college and university presidents, next-generation executives and several MAC past board chairs.

### World Health Organization: Coronavirus Disease Outbreak

## ***MORE INFORMATION***

CDC Guidelines and Resources: COVID-19

## ***MORE INFORMATION***

Georgia Department of Public Health: COVID-19 Response

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### *Guidelines for the Business Community*

The following links are guidance and recommendations from the CDC and OSHA for businesses as they navigate the impacts of COVID-19.

- [Social Distancing at Work](#)
- [Workplace Sanitization](#)
- [PPE for Employees/Customers](#)
- [Managing Cases in the Workplace](#)
- [Testing Strategy for Employers](#)
- [Symptom Monitoring](#)
- [Contact Tracing](#)
- [Quarantine/Isolation](#)
- [Sick Leave Flexibility](#)

### *Additional Resources*

How to Stop the Spread of COVID-19 in Georgia: Georgia Department of Public Health

- **[How to Stop the Spread of COVID-19 in Georgia \(Video\)](#)**

Contact Tracing in Georgia: Georgia Department of Public Health

- [How Contact Tracing Works in Georgia \(English\)](#)

- **How Contact Tracing Works in Georgia (Español)**  
Georgia Safety Promise
- **About the Georgia Safety Promise**
- **Sign the Georgia Safety Promise: Businesses**  
Business Resources
- **COVID-19 Business Reopening Strategies**
- **COVID-19 International Transition Strategies**
- **Business to Business Resources**
- **Small Business Resources**
- **Resources From Our Service Sector**
- **Local Government, County and Chamber Resources**  
Public Policy Resources and Updates
- **COVID-19 Resources for Education & Early Education**  
ChooseATL: Stories of Strength and Community
- **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**
- **Find Virtual Events with ChooseATL**

ChooseATL's COVID-19 Open Jobs and Resources Webpage

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Georgia Department of Economic Development: COVID-19 Updates and  
Information

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Global Health Crisis Communications Center (GHC3)

***MORE INFORMATION***

U.S. Chamber of Commerce: Combating the Coronavirus

***MORE INFORMATION***

Georgia Municipal Association: Coronavirus Resources for Municipal Leaders

***MORE INFORMATION***

Georgia Center for Nonprofits: COVID-19 Guidance & Resources

***MORE INFORMATION***

RTW (Return to Work) Solutions Group: Four-Tiers of Services

***MORE INFORMATION***

U.S. Small Business Administration: Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources

***MORE INFORMATION***

U.S. Small Business Administration: Disaster Loan Assistance

***MORE INFORMATION***

Georgia Department of Education: COVID-19 Resources

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***<https://www.metroatlantachamber.com/covid-19-resources>***