

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (Food Stamps) Program (SNAP)

Eligible households may qualify for a debit card which provides an allowance to supplement the amount they spend on food. Additional information on eligibility may be found at <http://www.dss.state.la.us/page/snap-eligibility>.

If someone is not already a SNAP recipient and have a food need, they may apply for benefits online. There's no need to visit a Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) office. They can apply online, by mail, or by fax. For more information,

- text GETSNAP (no spaces) to 898211
- visit the DCFS website at www.dcfs.la.gov/getSNAP
- email LAHelpU.DCFS@la.gov, or
- call 1-888-LA-HELP-U (1-888-524-3578) Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Additional information regarding the impact of the coronavirus on programs offered by the DCFS can be found at <http://www.dss.state.la.us/page/coronavirus>.

The USDA is looking at allowing States to expand SNAP to the maximum benefit for everyone eligible.

Unemployment Assistance

Individuals who are unemployed through no fault of their own may apply for regular unemployment assistance at <https://www.louisianaworks.net/hire/vosnet/Default.aspx> or by calling (866) 783-5567.

Additional information for workers and employers regarding the impact of the coronavirus on programs offered by the Louisiana Workforce Commission can be found at http://www.laworks.net/PublicRelations/COVID_19_Information.asp

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

The USDA is willing to waive the physical, in-person screening of WIC recipients upon the recipient and approval of a request from the Governor. They are providing the States templates to use to request this waiver and other potential waivers that would streamline the WIC process.