

# CORONAVIRUS

(COVID-19)

## Situational Update

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

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# WHERE WE ARE TODAY

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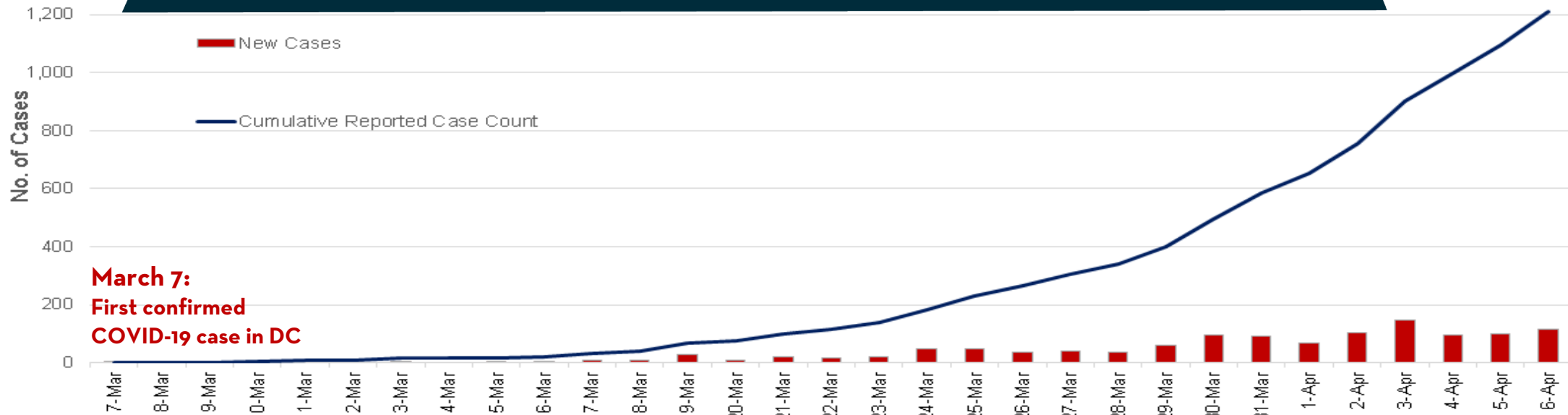


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# New and Cumulative COVID-19 Cases and Interventions District of Columbia

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## March 11:

- Public Health Emergency Declared
- DC Health Advisory: No gatherings >1000
- District Response Plan Implemented
- Convention Center Closed

## March 13:

Government Operations and School Modifications Announced

DC Health Rulemaking: No gatherings >250

## March 16:

**Mayor's Order:**  
No gatherings >50 or >10 in vulnerable pops.

Restaurants/Bars can't seat patrons

## March 17:

Emergency COVID-19 Bill Passes Council

## March 24:

**Mayor's Order:**  
Nonessential Businesses Closed

Social Distancing Requirements for Essential Businesses

No Gatherings >10

## March 30:

**Stay-at-Home Order**

## April 6:

**Mayor's Order:**  
FY2020 Spending Restrictions

## April 7:

COVID-19 Emergency Supplemental Legislation Passes Council

## BEFORE MARCH 7:

**2/28:** Mayor's Order to Establish the Consequence Management Team Structure and Executive Leadership

**3/2:** EOC activated

**3/3:** First public briefing on COVID-19 preparations

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# COVID-19 Emergency Supplemental Legislation

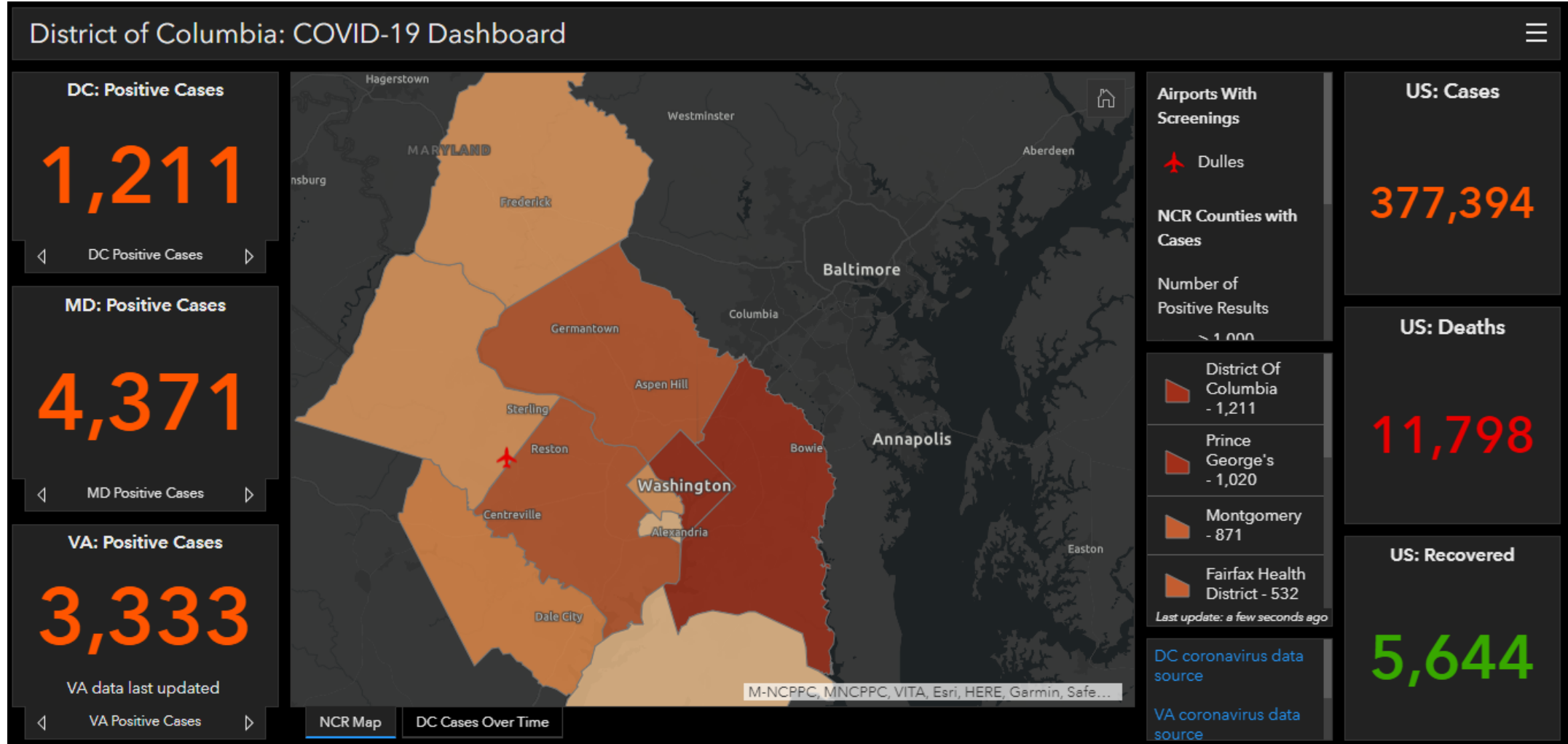
KEY LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS	SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS
<b>Emergency Response, Hospital Assistance, and Human Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extends the 15-day March 11, 2020 public health emergency and emergency executive orders for an additional 45-day period (total of 90-days from the first declaration, i.e. June 8).</li> <li>Authorizes the Mayor to issue \$25M in grants to District non-profit and for-profit hospitals for supplies, equipment, and personnel costs to address the impacts of COVID-19.</li> <li>Allows youth who are aging out of foster care to choose to remain in the District's care during the declared emergency.</li> </ul>
<b>Employee Protections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates an emergency paid leave program to cover employees at companies with 50-499 employees who were not covered under the federal Families First Act.</li> <li>Makes amendments to the District's Unemployment Insurance and paid leave programs to conform with the federal CARES Act.</li> </ul>
<b>Reducing our population of incarcerated residents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows compassionate release for elderly and infirm defendants.</li> <li>Authorizes retroactive awards of good time credits of up to 54 days per year for defendants serving a term for an offense committed before August 5, 2000, subject to an eligibility determination by BOP.</li> <li>Permits courts to modify an imprisonment term if it determines the defendant is not a danger to the safety of any other person or the community.</li> </ul>

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<b>Tenant and Homeowner Protection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prohibits rent increases for all residential properties during the emergency and for 30 days thereafter.</li> <li>Requires mortgage companies to offer a 90-day deferment program, permanently waives any late or processing fees during the emergency, and prohibits reporting any delinquency to a credit bureau.</li> </ul>
<b>Consumer Protection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expands utility shutoff moratorium to cable and telecommunication services.</li> <li>Doubles fines on businesses for deceptive, unfair, or unlawful trade practices.</li> <li>Prohibits debt collection activity during the public health emergency.</li> </ul>
<b>Small Business Assistance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increases CBE requirement to 50% on all contracts that are not related to the COVID-19 emergency.</li> <li>Authorizes advance payments where needed to CBE contractors.</li> <li>Ensures that small businesses will not be taxed on SBA loans received under the federal CARES Act.</li> </ul>
<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waives the 120 in-seat instructional hour requirement and waives the 100 community service hour requirement for all prospective graduates.</li> </ul>



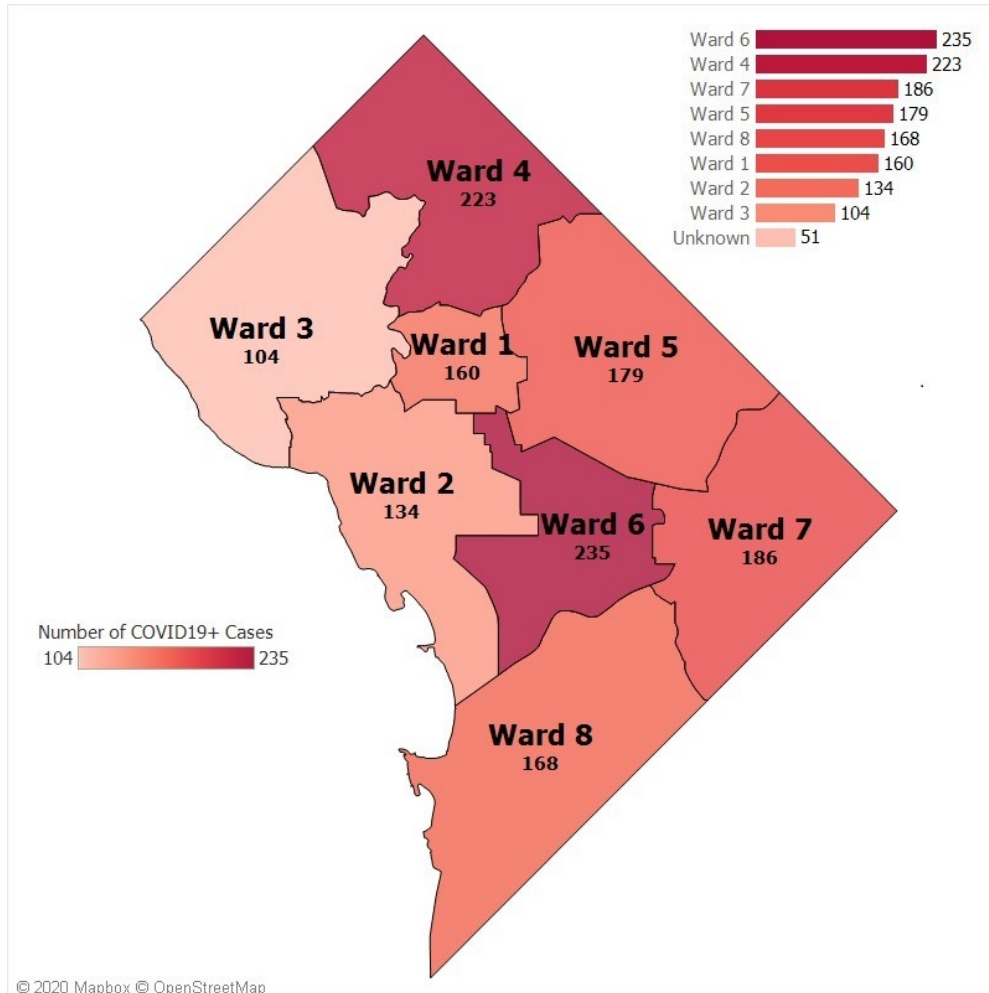
# Regional Outlook As of April 6

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# Washington, DC As of April 7

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	Total Number Positives	Percent
<b>All</b>	<b>1440</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Race</b>		
Unknown	604	41.9
White	218	15.1
Black/African American	460	31.9
Asian	18	1.3
American Indian/Alaska Native	5	.3
Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander	1	.1
Other/Multi-Racial	123	8.5
Refused During Interview	11	.8
<b>Ethnicity</b>		
Unknown	585	40.6
Hispanic or Latinx	154	10.7
NOT Hispanic or Latinx	696	48.3
Refused During Interview	5	.3

Race	Total Lives Lost	Percent
<b>All</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>100</b>
Asian	2	7
Black/African American	15	56
Hispanic/Latinx	5	19
Non-Hispanic White	5	19

## FRIDAY, APRIL 3 WAS THE FIRST DAY OF DRIVE-THRU TESTING AT UNITED MEDICAL CENTER.



- DC residents with symptoms who are 65-years and older;
- DC residents with symptoms who have underlying health conditions;
- Individuals with symptoms who work in a health care provider or facility in DC; and
- First responders with symptoms who work for District Government.



**THE TESTING SITE OPERATES ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, AND FRIDAYS.**



**161 PEOPLE WERE TESTED BETWEEN FRIDAY, APRIL 3 AND MONDAY, APRIL 6.**

Testing increased from about **300 tests per 1 million persons** on March 18 to about **4,000 tests per 1 million persons** on March 28.

# Local First Responder & Essential Employee PPE Supply

PPE Item	Total Ordered	Total Received	Out to First Responders	On Hand	Burn Rate per Month	Need Through August
N-95 Masks	275,440	275,440	252,840	22,600	55,000	275,000
Surgical Masks	500,000	89,701	62,800	26,901	106,000	530,000
Gowns/Coveralls	20,893	17,611	3,578	14,033	5,583	27,912
Face Shields	83,951	2,919	119	29,800	21,720	108,600
Gloves (Pair)	1,060,000	744,500	93,170	651,330	212,000	1,060,000

## Who this Supply Serves: DC's First Responders:

- First Responders
- Other Essential Employees

PPE Item	Total Ordered + SNS	Total Received	Out to Providers	On Hand	Burn per Month*	Need thru August*
N-95 Masks	1,000,000	359,328	65,542	293,786	93,000	372,000
Surgical Masks	5,157,620	557,623	221,560	336,063	1,486,656	7,433,280
Gowns	86,837	86,837	26,837	60,000	195,000	840,000
Face Shields	500,000	66,528	1,415	65,113	52,200	208,800
Gloves (Pair)	1,408,900	514,400	14,400	500,000	6,000,000	24,000,000

## Who this Supply Serves: DC's Healthcare Providers:

- Hospitals
- Primary Care
- Public Health Agencies
- Long-Term Care
- Dialysis Facilities
- Home Health Agencies
- Clinics
- Private Providers

\*Burn rate and need for supply calculated at 60% of total, system-wide usage for COVID-19

**To assist with supplies during this emergency response email [vendor.relations@dc.gov](mailto:vendor.relations@dc.gov).**

# FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS



# PUBLIC BENEFIT PROGRAMS








# Public Benefit Programs - DHS

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- Residents in need of assistance may be eligible for DC's public benefit programs.
- Residents can now submit applications and supporting documents online at [dhs.dc.gov](https://dhs.dc.gov).
- Additionally, residents who recently lost their employer health care coverage or are uninsured can enroll in coverage through DC Health Link at [DCHealthLink.com](https://DCHealthLink.com).

	 SNAP	 TANF	 Medical Assistance
Key Details	Monthly benefit on EBT card to purchase groceries	Monthly cash benefit on EBT card for families with children	Medical coverage for low income residents through Medicaid, Health Care Alliance, and DC Healthy Families programs
COVID-19 Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Customers due to recertify in March and April auto-extended; no action required</li><li>• Application interviews waived</li><li>• Emergency allotments provided to current customers who are not receiving maximum monthly benefits</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Customers due to recertify in March and April auto-extended; no action required</li><li>• Application interviews waived</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Customers due to recertify in March, April, and May auto-extended; no action required</li><li>• Application interviews waived</li><li>• Most verification requirements waived</li></ul>
Visit <a href="https://dhs.dc.gov/">https://dhs.dc.gov/</a> to learn more and apply			

# Additional support for current SNAP households

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Emergency Allotments provide a temporary increase in SNAP benefits to households not currently receiving the maximum SNAP allotment. The District requested and received USDA approval to provide Emergency Allotments to eligible SNAP households. This approval provides more than **\$5 million per month** of additional food assistance to DC residents.

## **WHO WILL RECEIVE THESE BENEFITS?**

- SNAP households not receiving the maximum SNAP allotment for the months of March and April
- Total of 34,400 SNAP households (55% of DC's current SNAP households)

## **WHEN WILL SNAP HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVE THESE BENEFITS?**

Issuance Date	SNAP Households
April 4-7	Households who received benefits in March
April 17	All ongoing households certified for April and newly certified households as of April 17
April 24	All newly approved households certified after April 17
May 1	All newly approved households certified after April 24.

## **HOW WILL BENEFITS BE ISSUED?**

- Benefits are issued automatically on EBT cards; no action is required

# Access to emergency shelter

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- Low-barrier and emergency shelters serving unaccompanied adults, families, and youth remain open.
- Virginia Williams Family Resource Center is conducting assessments for families via telephone.



**Families seeking emergency shelter or homelessness prevention assistance should call the Shelter Hotline at 202-399-7093 or 311. The phone is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

# UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

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# Unemployment Claims – By the Numbers

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Date	Online Claims	Telephone Claims	Daily Total	Running Total
13-Mar			1,378	1,378
16-Mar*	1,767	159	1,926	3,304
17-Mar	2,489	220	2,709	6,013
18-Mar	2,799	210	3,009	9,022
19-Mar	2,603	219	2,822	11,844
20-Mar	2,673	256	2,929	14,773
23-Mar*	5,201	346	5,547	20,320
24-Mar	2,275	267	2,542	22,862
25-Mar	2,412	211	2,623	25,485
26-Mar	2,799	183	2,982	28,467
27-Mar	2,641	176	2,817	31,284
30-Mar*	6,101	283	6,384	37,668
31-Mar**	480	42	522	38,190
1-Apr**	5,197	306	5,503	43,693
2-Apr	2,407	256	2,663	46,356
3-Apr	1,964	458	2,422	48,778
6-Apr*	4,184	186	4,370	<b>53,148</b>

From March 13 to April 6, 2020



**Total Unemployment Claims Filed:**  
**53,148**



**Total Payments Made:**  
**18,478**



**Total Amount Paid:**  
**\$6,781,854**

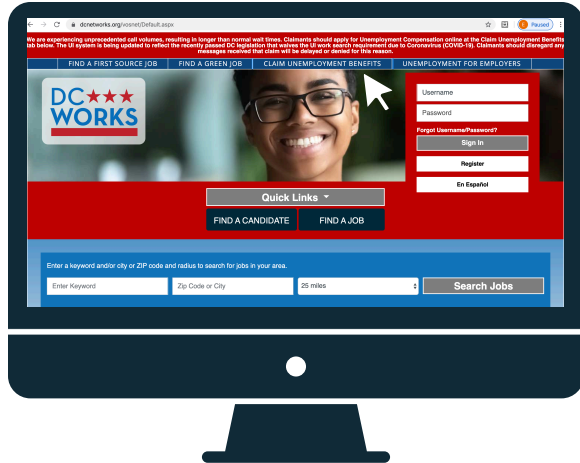
\* Includes Saturday, Sunday, and Monday

\*\*The final numbers for April 1 include all claims filed on March 31 that could not be included in the final March 31 numbers.

# How to File for Unemployment Compensation

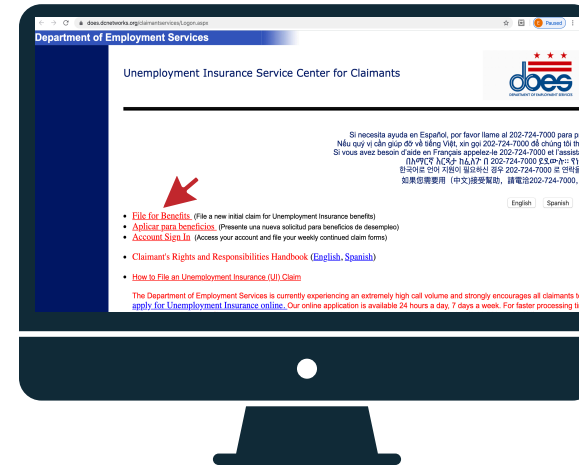
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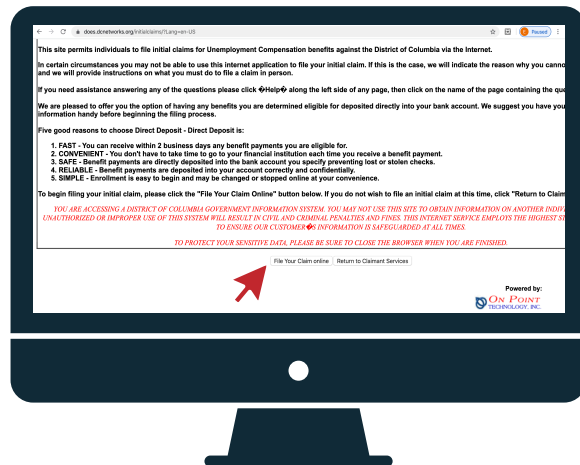
Log on to [www.dcnetworks.org](http://www.dcnetworks.org), using Internet Explorer, and click the tab labeled “**Claim Unemployment Benefits**”

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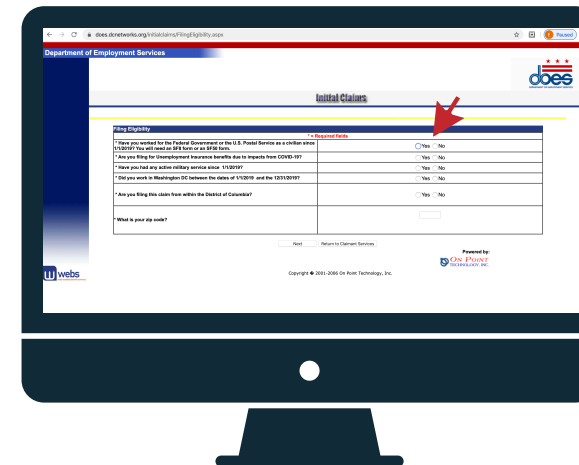
On the Unemployment Insurance Service Center for Claimants page, locate and click the section marked “**File for Benefits**”

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Scroll to the bottom of the page and click the section marked “**File Your Claim On-Line**”

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Proceed to answering the questions with accurate information to complete the claim filing process.



# How to File for Unemployment Compensation

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- Work search question has been removed from the online system. Waiting week period has been waived.
- Claimants can email [COVID19.UI@dc.gov](mailto:COVID19.UI@dc.gov) if they have a specific question in regards to their claim.
- Upon receipt of all required documentation, adjudication takes typically **21 days**. We are working to adjudicate all claims as quickly and efficiently as possible.
- Maximum Weekly Benefit = **\$444 + \$600** (starting May 1 and ending on or before July 31, 2020)
- Not to exceed **39 total weeks**
- **Short-Time Compensation** (or Work Share), through December 31, 2020. This allows employers to reduce an employees hours rather than lay them off and have unemployment make up part of the difference. More info to come.

Independent Contractors and Self-Employed/Gig Workers are now eligible to apply, and DOES is working to update their system to address this change.

# RESOURCES FOR BUSINESSES

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- **Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) & Emergency Loan Advance**
  - *The Economic Injury Disaster Loan program provides working capital loans of up to \$2 million that can provide vital economic support to help qualified small businesses and private nonprofit organizations overcome the temporary loss of revenue as a result of the COVID-19 virus outbreak. The emergency loan advance will provide up to \$10,000 of economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing temporary difficulties.*
- **Paycheck Protection Program**
  - *This loan program provides loan forgiveness for retaining employees by temporarily expanding the traditional SBA 7(a) loan program.*
- **SBA Express Bridge Loans**
  - *Enables small businesses who currently have a business relationship with an SBA Express Lender to access up to \$25,000 quickly.*
- **SBA Debt Relief**
  - *The SBA is providing a financial reprieve to small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

***SBA DISASTER CUSTOMER SERVICE LINE (800-659-2955) IS NOW OPEN 24/7***

## WHAT DSLBD Is DOING



- Providing **technical assistance** for businesses applying for Small Business Administration (SBA) and other resources
- Hosting regular **stakeholder calls** to keep businesses up-to-date and informed about current and upcoming resources and developments
- Working with DC Main Streets to activate over **\$600,000** in grant funding
- **Robust Retail:** Amended allowable uses of the grant funds for COVID-19 related needs

# District Economic Recovery Team (DERT)

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Mayor Bowser created the **District Economic Recovery Team (DERT)** to proactively plan, strategize and coordinate as we restart business activity, support our workforce, and ensure that all of our residents can continue to call Washington, DC home.

## The goals of DERT are three-fold:

- 1** Prepare the District to deploy federal funds that can support businesses/employers, workers, and housing needs.
- 2** Coordinate agency efforts to accelerate, adjust, and create local programs that most effectively address employer, workforce and housing.
- 3** Make and implement plans to restart the District's social and economic spheres as soon as public health and safety can be maintained, with a lens to supporting the most vulnerable and most affected.

# DC Small Business Recovery Microgrants

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## DC SMALL BUSINESS ★ ★ ★ RECOVERY MICROGRANT PROGRAM

Mayor Bowser and the Council of the District of Columbia are investing **\$25 million** in the COVID-19 Recovery Effort and the DC Small Business Recovery Microgrants Program, which will be housed in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development.



**Eligibility:** Small businesses, non-profits, self-employed & contractors



**Award Amount:** up to \$25,000



**Timing of Award:** April

DMPED **received more than 7,000 applications** for the microgrant program. This includes approximately 4,900 small businesses, 500 non-profits, and 1,600 independent contractors.





The **Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)** is developing a new \$1.5 million program with a small amount of **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** funds that will offer economic relief in the form of microgrants to businesses in Wards 7 and 8.

**Call for applications will open by early May.**

## **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance for Individuals :**

- Using **\$1.5m** in federal HOME funds, DHCD will provide rental assistance to low income tenant households living in properties facing significant financial impact as a result of COVID19.
- Rental assistance will allow tenants to remain current with monthly rent payments and the property with sustained operating income to maintain building.
- Up to **\$600 per month** based on income for a minimum of six months and up to two years based on financial need and available funds.

## Greater Washington Community Foundation COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund

**Summary:** The fund will initially support the ability of the region's nonprofit system to respond to the immediate health and economic impacts of COVID-19; within the following funding priorities: (1) education & youth, (2) workforce and small business (3) medical care and access, (4) homelessness and housing, (5) general operating support.



**Eligibility:** Local non-profits



**Award Amount:** \$10,000 to \$100,000



**Timing of Award:** Reviewed on a weekly basis

## Verizon Small Business Recovery Fund

**Summary:** Verizon and The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) are teaming up to provide grants to businesses affected by COVID-19. A **\$2.5 million investment from Verizon**, is offering grants to help small businesses fill urgent financial gaps until they can resume normal operations or until other more permanent financing becomes available.



**Eligibility:** Businesses impacted by COVID-19 - especially entrepreneurs of color, women-owned businesses and other enterprises in historically underserved communities.



**Award Amount:** up to \$10,000



**Timing of Award:** Round 2 will begin mid-April

## DC COVID-19 Business Inquiry Form

[coronavirus.dc.gov/recovery-business](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/recovery-business)

# EVERYONE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN FLATTENING THE CURVE



## Patients with COVID-19 have experienced mild to severe respiratory illness.

### Symptoms can include:

If you have been in an area affected by COVID-19 or in close contact with someone with confirmed COVID-19 in the past two weeks and develop symptoms, call your doctor before going to a healthcare facility.

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**FEVER**



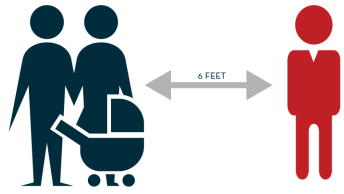
Symptoms may appear  
2-14 days after exposure.

**SHORTNESS  
OF BREATH**



# Social Distancing is a Social Responsibility

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Maintain at least **6 feet** between you and others outside your family unit



After returning home, **wash hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds



Congregating in groups of **10 or more**



**Team sports** or sports requiring sharing of equipment



**Close contact** with individuals outside your family unit



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