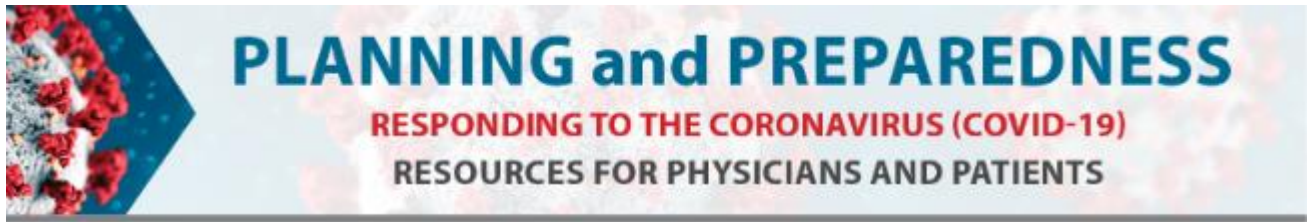


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The MMS will continue to monitor developments related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the response by state and federal agencies. For current information, including updates from the NEJM, visit the dedicated page on the MMS website: massmed.org/covid-19.

Public Health

MA COVID-19 test site locator

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), in coordination with the COVID-19 Command Center, has launched a website featuring an [interactive map with information about COVID-19 test sites in Massachusetts](#), including phone number, address, hours of operation, website link, type of site, insurance coverage, and other important information. It also includes a downloadable full list of test sites. All information is sourced from site operators and health care providers. Information continues to evolve quickly, so those seeking testing are encouraged to contact sites prior to arrival. Some sites also require pre-screening, a referral, and/or an appointment.

Food assistance resources for MassHealth members

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, a growing number of individuals and families across Massachusetts are facing food insecurity, many for the first time. MassHealth, in

partnership with other state agencies and food non-profit organizations, developed a simple guide to help you identify MassHealth patients who need food assistance and connect them to resources in the community. These food assistance resources can provide your patients with immediate access to food, as well as recurring financial support for the purchase of food.

- **Provider-facing guide** (in English and Spanish) helps you identify patients who need food assistance and the resources available to help them.
 - English version: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/connecting-your-patients-with-food-resources/download>
 - Spanish version: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/como-conectar-a-sus-pacientes-con-recursos-de-alimentos/download>
 - You can find accessible versions of this guide [here](#) (English) and [here](#) (Spanish)
- **Patient-facing food assistance handout** (in English and Spanish) provides information about available resources. The handout can be printed and given to patients, or if you are connecting with them via phone, text, or email, sent as a weblink.
 - English version: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/food-assistance-during-the-covid-19-emergency/download>
 - Spanish version: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/asistencia-alimentaria-durante-la-emergencia-por-covid-19/download>
 - You can find accessible versions of this handout [here](#) (English) and [here](#) (Spanish)

We hope that this information will be helpful to your MassHealth patients who need food assistance. If you have any questions about these resources, please call the Project Bread FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333.

Practice Management

COVID-19 AMA FAQs: Impact on medical education and students

COVID-19 has created uncertainty in many aspects of our lives and medical education is no different. Medical students have seen clinical rotations cancelled, coursework shift online, and classmates graduate early to join the fight on the front lines. The American Medical Association (AMA) has provided a resource guide. While this guide is not meant to be exhaustive, it provides information and resources to frequently asked questions. Click [here](#) to download.

Paycheck protection program loans: New frequently asked questions

The Small Business Administration (SBA), in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, intends to provide additional guidance to address borrower and lender questions concerning the implementation of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), established by the CARES Act. The SBA released a new Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document regarding PPP loans. Click [here](#) to view. Click [here](#) to download the PPP loan forgiveness application.

COVID-19 Medicare Part B advanced payment, repayment and recoupment process webinar 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Thursday, June 11

If you requested and received accelerated or advanced payments from Medicare due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, this learning session is for you. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) expanded the accelerated and advance payment program for financial hardship relief during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Accelerated or advanced payments need to be repaid to the Medicare Trust Fund. During this webinar, CMS will review the repayment and process. To register, please [click here](#).

Payer update

The Massachusetts Medical Society has compiled a detailed listing of payer updates related to the COVID-19 public health emergency. To view, please [click here](#).

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