

SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

Making benefits easier to get during the COVID-19 pandemic

The safety and well-being of staff and customers is critical. With schools and businesses closing, benefits and services continue to become even more important to those needing cash and food help. Self-Sufficiency Programs is here to help people during this uncertain and very hard time.

PRIORITIES

Being accessible to Oregonians: offices open and online application

Getting Oregonians the assistance they need: eligibility & benefits

New web page
<https://govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-benefits>

SNAP | ERDC | Medical | Refugee | TANF

TEMPORARY POLICY CHANGES

EMPLOYMENT RELATED DAY CARE

- Copays waived
- Increased the income limit
- Expanded the absent day policy
- Providers can bill DHS for short-term closures through April 2020
- Canceled the fingerprint requirement for new providers
- Increased time frames for required provider trainings

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Interviews not required for SNAP applications with filing dates on or before May 31, 2020
- Suspended time limits for work requirements
- Households due to recertify in March, April, May or June will have their certification period extended 6 months automatically. No additional action is required.
- Do not need to complete interim change or mid-certification reviews in March, April or May.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

- Ended active JOBS disqualifications
- Ended active penalties for a person who is not cooperating with child support
- Personal Development Plans for JOBS activities can be updated based on the current situation
- The initial resource limit is now \$10,000 for new applicants (was \$2500)
- JOBS Plus participants can suspend placements and still receive their TANF and SNAP benefit

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS

- Seeing walk-in applicants immediately for intake

GENERAL

- Allowing the SNAP online application to be used for ERDC and TANF/Refugee
- Interviews are to be completed by phone
- A telephonic option is available to complete the application and signature process for TANF, ERDC and TA-DVS
- SNAP emergency allotments conditionally approved for the duration of the public health emergency ([press release](#))