

# List of Relief Initiatives in Florida



## Individual

- Delayed foreclosure and eviction proceedings until June 2
- Extended drivers' licenses that would have expired from March 16-April 15 for 60 days, and those that will expire from April 16-April 30 for 30 days
- Extended property tax payment due date from March 31 to April 15
- For unemployment claims, the state enacted a retroactive period for payments to March 9
- For reemployment assistance, waived one week waiting period and work registration requirements; allowed for paper applications
- DEO waived the work search and work registration requirements through May 30
- SNAP recipients' maximum monthly allotment (based on household size) will be increased for the month of May
- Allow SNAP recipients to order groceries online
- School districts have program requirement flexibilities that allow schools, child care institutions, and community organizations to provide meals to low-income children through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO) during school closures due to COVID-19
- Florida's Pandemic EBT Program (P-EBT) will automatically issue benefits during the month of June to households with children who have temporarily lost access to free and reduced-price school meals during COVID-19-related school closures.
- Florida virtual school launched a free Online Learning Community for online educators who teach students in grades Kindergarten-12 and for parents whose children take online courses
- The Department of Education distributed more than 32,000 laptops to rural and small communities to help students participate in remote learning programs

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## Small Business

- Suspended doc stamp tax collections on SBA loans under CARES Act
- Authorized \$50M in loans under the state's emergency bridge loan program
- Enterprise Florida suspended initial fees for the microfinance loan guarantee program

## Small & Large Business

- Extended property tax payment due date from March 31 to April 15
- Extended due date for sales tax payments for taxpayers adversely effected by COVID-19 to April 30th for collections in March
- Delayed foreclosure proceedings until June 2
- Relaxed rules on alcohol sales, allowing for non-sealed containers to leave the restaurant's premises for off-premise consumption
- Relaxed renewals of DBPR licenses, permits, and registrations for 30 days
- Waived truck weight limits and hours of operation requirements on loads of food, medical supplies, and other essentials to avoid supply chain disruption
- Agency for Health Care Administration announced the launch of a program to allow personal care attendants to temporarily perform additional duties
- Relaxed licensure, telehealth and practice standards for healthcare providers
- Matched federal extension of corporate income tax filing deadline for calendar year taxpayers

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## Governmental Response & Investment

- Unemployed will once again have to certify they're looking for work to receive benefits
- Relaxed rules for the reemployment of retired or soon to be retired essential governmental personnel
- Realignment of existing governmental staff to cover increase demand for processing of unemployment benefits
- Directed state highway officials to accelerate \$2.1 billion in transportation projects to take advantage of reduced traffic from the coronavirus pandemic
- The Agency for Health Care Administration is giving nursing homes an extra month to pay their bed tax bill