

# List of Relief Initiatives in Florida

## Individual

Provided \$250 million in CARES Act funding for rental and mortgage assistance

Delayed foreclosure and eviction proceedings until August 1

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 until December 5; allowed for paper applications

DEO waived the work search and work registration requirements through December 5; workers must continue to log-on weekly to claim benefits

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

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<b>Individual</b>	<p>The Department of Education distributed more than 32,000 laptops to rural and small communities to help students participate in remote learning programs</p> <p>Extended the deadline for students graduating in the 2019-20 school year to earn the minimum qualifying SAT or ACT score to earn a Bright Futures scholarship until December 1</p>
<b>Small Business</b>	<p>Suspended doc stamp tax collections on SBA loans under CARES Act</p> <p>Authorized \$50M in loans under the state's emergency bridge loan program</p> <p>Enterprise Florida suspended initial fees for the microfinance loan guarantee program</p>
<b>Small &amp; Large Business</b>	<p>Extended property tax payment due date from March 31 to April 15</p> <p>Extended due date for sales tax payments for taxpayers adversely effected by COVID-19 to April 30th for collections in March</p> <p>Delayed foreclosure proceedings until June 2</p> <p>Relaxed rules on alcohol sales, allowing for non-sealed containers to leave the restaurant's premises for off-premise consumption</p> <p>Delayed renewals of DBPR or DABT licenses, permits, registration or certificates until December 31, 2020</p> <p>Waived truck weight limits and hours of operation requirements on loads of food, medical supplies, and other essentials to avoid supply chain disruption</p> <p>Agency for Health Care Administration announced the launch of a program to allow personal care attendants to temporarily perform additional duties</p> <p>Relaxed licensure, telehealth and practice standards for healthcare providers</p> <p>Matched federal extension of corporate income tax filing deadline for calendar year taxpayers</p>

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**Governmental  
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- 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