

COVID-19 Resource Summary

Helping Each Other through the Pandemic by Connecting Communities

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This is a comprehensive list representing more than 200+ resource links and PDF files that can be downloaded at www.MaximizeNWMO.org. We will continue to update this list as new resources become available and organize them into four main categories: **HEALTH CARE & SAFETY**, **BUSINESS & WORKFORCE**, **EDUCATION & CHILD CARE**, and **QUALITY OF LIFE**.

Are you aware of a helpful link or story of someone making a difference in this response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic within Northwest Missouri? We want to know about it so it can be shared. Please tell us about it in one of the Discussion Forums at <https://www.maximizenwmo.org/helping-each-other-through-the-pandemic> or send an email to together@maximizenwmo.org. Thank you to everyone for pulling together and sharing your ideas to help ensure everyone has access to helpful information!

ALL AREAS: Whitehouse Guidelines for Opening Up America Again

ALL AREAS: Return to Work Guide from MO Chamber of Commerce

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- [The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to COVID-19](#)
- [Information for Schools, Workplaces & Community Locations](#)
- [Resources for Businesses and Employers](#)
- [Resources for Community- and Faith-Based Leaders](#)

Community Health Resources

- [University of Missouri Extension COVID-19 Resources](#)

Cleaning Recommendations to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

- [Lodging Establishments](#) (Helpful for any establishment or home) - MO Dept. of Health and Senior Services

Face Masks



- [Sew Important! Facebook page for sewers in NWMO willing to donate](#)
- Most hospitals, clinics, and senior care centers are requesting masks. Call ahead for specific requests and instructions.

Handwashing Steps

Healthcare Professionals

The Governor of Maryland is helping to remove barriers to care access and adequate staffing by expediting nursing and other technical licensing processes. Just making the transfer of certifications and licenses from other states for health care professionals who have moved to Missouri would be helpful. Let our legislators know.

Healthcare Systems and Hospitals

- [Cameron Regional Medical Center \(Cameron\)](#)
- [Harrison County Community Hospital \(Bethany\)](#)
- [Mosaic Life Care Patients and Visitors \(All locations\)](#)
- [Northwest Health Services \(All locations\)](#)
- [Pershing Health System \(Linn County\)](#)
- [Saint Luke's Health System \(All locations, Hedrick Medical Center-Chillicothe, Wright Memorial Hospital-Trenton\)](#)
- [Missouri Department of Health and Human Resources](#)

Insurance

- [Bulletin to Carriers Writing Health Insurance Policies and Plans - MO Dept. of Commerce and Insurance](#)

Mental Health and Violence Prevention Amid a Crisis

- [Active Mind](#)
- [Coping with COVID-19 - Suicide Prevention Resource Center](#)
- [Futures Without Violence](#)
- [National Network to End Domestic Violence](#)

Multistate Information

- [Tracking COVID-19 Across the Country, Missouri, and our Neighboring States](#)

OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration - U.S. Dept. of Labor

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

U.S. Food and Drug Administration



Water Information

- [Municipal Water \(drinking\), Recreational Water, and Wastewater Safety Information from the CDC](#)

BUSINESS & WORKFORCE

COVID-19 Business Impact Surveys

Northwest Missouri Regional Council on Governments: Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth Counties

Resource Links

Agriculture

- [University of Missouri Extension COVID-19 Resources](#)

Chambers of Commerce

- [U.S. Chamber of Commerce](#)
 - [Coronavirus Response Toolkit](#) (Includes key messages, social media graphics, and other free resources)
 - [Coronavirus Small Business Guide](#)
 - [4.1.2020 Coronavirus Emergency Loans Small Business Guide and Checklist](#)
 - [Coronavirus: 8 Things Your Small Business Needs to Do](#)
- [Missouri Chamber of Commerce Business Headlines](#)
- [St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce Business Links](#)

Downtowns and Main Street

- [Main Street America LIST OF COVID-19 Resources and Tips](#)
- [MainStreetToMe.com](#) website platform for downtowns and whole communities to use in coordinating and sharing the cost of online ordering, delivery drivers, and more.
- [Missouri Main Street Connection](#) is offering free “Mornings on Main” webinars on Wednesday mornings from 8:30-9:00 a.m. with discussion following from 9:00-9:30 a.m. for any Main Street organizations, Chamber of Commerce, arts organizations, business owners, promotions committees, economic vitality committees, city/county staff and elected officials, tourism organizations, and even communities without a formal Main Street group. Anyone is welcome. Just register at [MoMainStreet.org](#). CHECK OUT THEIR RE-OPENING STRATEGIES AND TIPS FOR RESCHEDULED AND CANCELED EVENTS!
- [Their March 25 Webinar Presentation](#)
- [Best Practices for Downtowns in Crisis Presentation](#)
- [University of Missouri Extension COVID-19 Resources](#)



Economic Developers

- [Missouri Department of Economic Development](#)
 - [News and Resources](#)
 - [Program Lookup](#) to Check Status of Programs
- [Missouri Partnership](#) - They are looking for businesses that can help supply personal protective equipment (PPE) and medical equipment.
- [Survey of Business Needs During COVID-19](#)

U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA)

- [4.2.2020 Report on CARES Act prepared for Member and Committees of Congress](#)

Employees/Employers

- [Employee Retention Tax Credit](#)
- [Employee Transition Team](#) - MO Dept. of Higher Education and Workforce Development
- [FAQ's - IRS Regarding the Employee Retention Tax Credit](#) enacted March 27. The credit applies to qualified wages paid after March 12, 2020, and before January 1, 2021. The maximum amount of qualified wages taken into account with respect to each employee for all calendar quarters is \$10,000 so that the maximum credit for an Eligible Employer for qualified wages paid to any employee is \$5,000.
- [FAQs - IRS Regarding FFCRA Payroll Tax Credit and Form 7200 Instructions for Required Paid Leave](#) provided to small and midsize businesses.
- [Federal Legislation, Discrimination, Workers' Compensation, Unemployment Information](#)
- [Mosaic Life Care Information for Employers](#) (scroll down page)
- [Resources for Remote Teams - Results-Oriented Work Environment \(ROWE\)](#)
- [Shared Work Unemployment Compensation Program](#) - An alternative to layoffs for employers faced with a reduction of work available
- [Society for Human Resource Management COVID-19 Q&A](#)
- [Unemployment Information for Employees in Missouri](#) - Missouri UIInteract Website for filing claims
- [Working from Home Tips](#)

Essential Businesses - U.S. Department of Homeland Security

- [Guidance for Defining Critical Infrastructure Businesses](#)
- [Staffing Resources](#)
- [Personal Protective Equipment Survey](#) - Missouri Department of Economic Development is reviewing offers from suppliers and manufacturers of face shields, surgical gowns, and gloves and other PPE for Missouri's Healthcare Providers

Funding for Businesses Other than CARES Act Options

- [American Farmland Trust Farmer Relief Fund](#)
- [Community Commerce/SheaMoisture Entrepreneurs of Color Fund](#)
- [Facebook Small Business Cash and Ad Credit Grants](#)
- [The Food and Beverage Industry Relief Fund - James Beard Foundation](#)
- [Go Fund Me Small Business Relief Fund Microgrants](#)



- [Hello Alice COVID-19 Business for All Emergency Grant](#)
- [KCSourceLink's List of Funding Resources](#)
- [Mainvest's The Main Street Initiative](#)
- [Microsoft's Office 365 tools free for 6 months](#)
- [Missouri Humanities Council Funding for Nonprofit Cultural Organizations](#)
- [National Endowment for the Arts \(NEA\) CARES Act Grants](#)
- [Spanx's The Red Backpack Fund for Female Entrepreneurs](#)
- [U.S. Chamber Grant for businesses that employ between 3 to 20 people](#)
- [Verizon and the national nonprofit Local Initiatives Support Corporation \(LISC\) Grants](#) for entrepreneurs of color and women-owned businesses
- [Yelp! Local Restaurant and Nightlife Business Relief](#)

Non-Profit Organization Advice and Resources

- [Nonprofit Connect](#)
- [Maintaining an Operating Budget](#)
- [Free and Low-Cost Technology Resources for Nonprofits from TechSoup](#)

Regional Planning Councils/Commissions

- [Green Hills Regional Planning Commission](#) (Caldwell, Carroll, Chariton, Daviess, Grundy, Harrison, Linn, Livingston, Merce, Putnam, and Sullivan Counties)
- [Mo-Kan Regional Council](#) (Andrew, Buchanan, Clinton, DeKalb Counties in MO; Atchison and Doniphan Counties in KS)
- [Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments](#) (Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth Counties)

Retail and Restaurants

- **Ways Customers Can Help**
 - Shop at local businesses that have an online presence
 - Order take-out and delivery meals from local restaurants
 - Support local nonprofits with monetary donations to serve those in extra need at this time
 - Pre-order from local business whenever possible
 - Buy gift certificates and leave a tip
- [Helping Restaurants Survive](#)
- [Free Visitor Sign for Your Front Door](#)
- [Free Retail Training Video](#)
- [Video about Retailers Heading Online](#)

Self-Employed

- [Resources for Independent Contractors/Freelancers/1099 Workers](#)
- [What's in the Coronavirus Bill for the Self-Employed?](#)



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SBA – U.S. Small Business Administration

- [SBA Newsroom for the Latest Releases](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources](#)

Small Business Development Center (SBA, University of Missouri, and Northwest Missouri State University)

- VIDEO: [5 Day Challenge for Small Businesses](#)

Small Business and Entrepreneur Coaching and Support Organizations and Resources

- [Cup of Joe](#) - Weekly gathering of entrepreneurs on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. on Facebook Live with presentations, idea discussions, and sharing of resources
- [Missouri Western State University Center for Entrepreneurship](#)
- [KCSOURCELINK COVID-19 Business Resources & Updates](#)
- [MOSOURCELINK COVID-19 Virtual Events](#)
- [North Central Missouri Business Facilitation](#)
- [Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitation](#)
- [Startland News – Kansas City's Innovation News](#)

The University of Missouri Extension and Community Engagement

- [University of Missouri Extension COVID-19 Resources for Businesses, Agriculture, and Employers](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture - Rural Development (USDA-RD)

- [Help for Rural Residents, Businesses, and Communities Affected by COVID-19](#)

U.S. Department of Labor

- [Division of Employment Security Quarterly Report Filing](#)
- [Federal Legislation, Discrimination, Workers' Compensation, Unemployment Information](#)
- [Mass Claim Filing for Layoffs](#)
- [Shared Work Unemployment Compensation Program](#) - An alternative to layoffs for employers faced with a reduction of work available

U.S. Department of the Treasury

- [Main Website](#) with a lot of links to helpful information
- [Overview of Small Business Paycheck Protection Program](#)
- [Information for Lenders](#)
- [Information for Borrowers](#)
- [Application for Borrowers](#)

EDUCATION & CHILD CARE

At-Home Activities

- **Department of Defense:** [Learn about careers in STEM fields](#)
- **Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics:** [Kids' Zone](#)
- **Department of Energy:** [Games and Activities](#); [Virtual Field Trips to National Energy Labs](#)
- **Environmental Protection Agency:** [Games, Quizzes, and Videos about the Environment](#)
- **The Library of Congress:** [Presentations and Activities to Help Students Learn about History](#)
- **NASA:** [Interactive Lessons about Space, Earth, Solar System and Universe](#); [Lessons from Astronauts about Living in Space](#); [STEM Activities for Students of All Ages](#)
- **The Kennedy Center:** [Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems](#); [Tour the Kennedy Center with The Pigeon](#)
- **The Smithsonian:** [Free Smithsonian STEM Games and Simulations](#); [Meet the Animals of the National Zoo](#); [3D Exhibits and Virtual Tours](#); [Smithsonian Magazine Ten Museums You Can Virtually Visit](#); [The Museum of Natural History Virtual Tour](#); [Digital Smithsonian American Art Museum](#); [Distance Learning Resources](#)
- **NOAA:** [Use Real-Time Ocean Data to Explore the Environment](#)
- **USGS:** [Learn from Home About Physical science, Geography, and Maps](#)

Child Care

- [Child Care Aware of America - Resources for Child Care Providers and Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies](#)

Emotional Wellness and Mental Health Tips for Students Staying at Home

- [Active Minds](#)
- [Coping with COVID-19 - Suicide Prevention Resource Center](#)

Ideas that are working to keep students learning and fed

- Public school districts are offering meals to all district children under the age of 18. Families need to sign up so contact your district if you aren't already involved. Most are offering pick-up times and even delivering the meals on bus routes!
- Many schools are operating "school as usual" with online classes, Zoom group conversations online, and homework assignments. They are challenging students to think outside the box and explore their subjects differently in ways that can't be done in a normal classroom. Kudos to all of the teachers and administrators working so hard to completely pivot to use new tools to stay connected with their students!

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

- [COVID-19 School Closure Information](#)

Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development



- [State Financial Aid Impacted by COVID-19 and Missouri Job Center Information](#)

Missouri Western State University

- [MWSU COVID-19 Campus, Student, Faculty, and Employee Information](#)

North Central Missouri College

- [NCMC COVID-19 Campus, Student, Faculty, and Employee Information](#)

Northwestern Missouri State University

- [NWMSU COVID-19 Campus, Student, Faculty, and Employee Information](#)

U.S. Department of Education

- [Resources for Elementary and Secondary Schools](#)
- [Resources for Higher Education](#)
- [Federal Student Aid Forbearance Information for Student, Borrowers, and Parents](#)
- [Guidance for Interruptions of Study Related to COVID-19](#)



QUALITY OF LIFE

Community Life and Community-Building

- [Community Commons](#) - A large collection of resources, ideas, and support amid a pandemic
- [Weaving Community in a Crisis - The importance of Interaction](#)
- [What Older Adults and People with Disabilities Need to Know](#) - Administration for Community Living
- [Northwest Missouri Area Agency on Aging's Coronavirus Resources](#)

Food

- [Second Harvest Community Food Bank COVID-19 Update](#)
- [Feeding America's Hunger Blog with COVID-19 Topics](#)

Housing and Homelessness

- [National Low Income Housing Coalition](#)
- [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(#HUMANSOFHUD\)](#)
- [U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)

Internet Service

- [Free- and Low-Cost Internet](#) - National Digital Inclusion Alliance
- There has never been a time when our country's digital divide has been more apparent! We've heard that several Internet providers are supplying service at low or no cost in rural areas during this time of quarantine. Check with your community's providers to see if they are able to participate and if you are eligible.

Ideas for Things to Do at Home

- [University of Missouri Extension COVID-19 Resources for Parents](#)
- [Missouri 4-H Quarantine](#)
- [USA Today List](#)
- **Get outside.**
- **Give the people you know a call to check on them.**

Infrastructure: Regional Planning Councils/Commissions

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Leaders

- [National League of Cities COVID-19 Resources for Local Leaders](#)
- [Town Hall on Leading During a Pandemic - Independent Sector](#)

Socioeconomic Status Maps

- [Broadstreet Project](#)

Support Services

- Trenton's Extension Office (and other Extension offices) are still completing and filing taxes for low income (VITA) clients. Call 660-357-6580 to find out the latest

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