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Dear parents and guardians,

We know it is a tough time for many families as the U.S. responds to COVID-19 or Coronavirus. Action for Children is here to provide you with resources to help you navigate school closures and potential child care closures, as well as information to keep your family afloat in this time of crisis.

Unemployment

If you have found yourself laid off or without a job or health insurance, [apply for unemployment](#) online. If you're a small business owner, the Ohio Development Services Agency is preparing to submit an application in the coming week to qualify Ohio for the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) [Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program](#). This program provides low-interest loans to help businesses overcome the temporary loss of revenue during the state of emergency.

Utilities & Service Providers:

Central Ohio utility providers have suspended shutoffs for nonpayment, including [Columbia Gas of Ohio and AEP Ohio](#). Some mobile carriers are also offering free access to services, including [Charter Communications](#), which is offering free access to Spectrum Broadband and Wi-Fi for new, student households, and [AT&T](#), which has waived late fees.

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currently offering free meals to children and families. [View the full list here](#). You can also use the [Food Finder](#) App to find locations and supports for free food. The Mid-Ohio Food Bank also has a number of pick up locations for pre-prepared food boxes for families in need. [View their directory here](#).

Transportation

COTA is changing bus routes to help people get to services and grocery stores. [Read their announcement for more information](#).

We are continuing to monitor alerts from public health officials and will keep you updated.

Facts not fear. Clean hands. Open hearts.

Our children will thank us for it.

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