

Athens-Clarke County COVID-19 Relief Resources

A compiled list of information and resources regarding COVID-19 response within Athens-Clarke County and surrounding areas.

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FOR KEEPING UP WITH INFORMATION

- [CDC: Evaluating and Testing People](#)
 - Guidelines for how testing is being organized
- [Georgia Department of Public Health COVID-19 Daily Status Report](#)
 - Updated daily at noon
- [Data Tracking](#)
 - Keeping track of confirmed cases around the world
- [UGA Coronavirus Info Page](#)
 - Keeping track of UGA policies and activities
- [ACC COVID MB-19 Response](#)
 - Keep up to date on how Athens-Clarke County is tracking this situation.

FOR GIVING / SUPPORTING / VOLUNTEERING

- [Clarke County School District Meal Distribution](#)
 - CCSD needs 35 volunteers every day March 17-20 to help distribute meals to students while CCSD schools are closed. Sign up at the link.
- [Athens Area Emergency Food Bank](#)
 - This food bank is available for all who are facing financial struggles, and worry about where their next meal will come from.
- Restaurants/Servers:
 - Giving Kitchen (<https://thegivingkitchen.org/covid19>) is providing financial assistance to food system workers - accepting financial donations
 - Those in the service industry most likely cannot afford to take off of work, or have no other means to support themselves. Please consider ordering take-out from local restaurants, if it's possible.
 - Please also consider buying gift certificates to help restaurants and other local businesses through these tough times
- [Food Bank of Northeast Georgia](#)
 - The Food Bank of Northeast Georgia is seeking volunteers Monday-Saturday. To volunteer, email Bill Taylor at volunteers@foodbanknega.org or call 706-354-8181 ext. 113.
 - Also accepting supply and monetary donations. To donate, visit www.foodbanknega.org.
- [Food2Kids Program](#)
 - More information on how to help the Food2Kids program, through UGA.
- [Athens Community Council on Aging](#)
 - ACCA services the community by delivering meals to those over 65+ and those who are disabled. ACCA needs volunteers to help with deliveries and make check-in calls to older adults. ACCA also needs supply donations, especially hand sanitizer. *Contact Ellen Everitt at 706-549-4850 to volunteer.*

- Our Daily Bread
 - ODB needs volunteers to assemble brown bag lunches or donate funds. Checks can be made out to Downtown Ministries and indicated for Our Daily Bread. Email Lara Smothers at info@downtownministries.org with questions or to volunteer.
- [Athens Area Homeless Shelter](#)
 - Needs dinner and cleaning supplies donations. Click on the link for further instructions.
- UGA Kitchen currently delivers to 53 families and they need delivery volunteers

FOR GETTING RELIEF

FOR GENERAL RESOURCES CALL:

[United Way 211](#)

- A 24/7 service to help people connect to resources in their areas
- Text or call
- FYI- United Way's Athens list is updated locally and regularly

FOOD ACCESS

- [Athens Area Emergency Food Bank](#)
 - This food bank is available for all who are facing financial struggles, and worry about where their next meal will come from
- [Food Bank of Northeast Georgia](#)
 - This food bank is trying to meet the growing demand and need for folks who are finding they cannot make ends meet. They also have a Food 2 Kids program.(
 - See pickup locations near campus below.
- [Clarke County School District free breakfast and lunch for students](#)
 - On March 17-March 20, students can pick up free pre-packaged breakfast and lunch meals. Click the link for times and locations.
- [Athens Community Council on Aging: Meals on Wheels](#)
 - ACCA services the community by delivering meals to those over 65+ and those who are disabled. *Older adults who need services can contact Paige Powell at 706-549-4850.*
- Our Daily Bread
 - Our Daily Bread will cease its breakfast distribution during the outbreak, but will provide a brown bag lunch at noon every day at First Baptist Church of Athens: 355 Pulaski St, Athens, GA 30601.
- **Northeast Georgia Foodbank <https://foodbanknega.org/> Athens food pickup locations near campus:**
 - Athens Emergency Food Bank, 640 Barber Street, Athens, GA 30601, Phone: (706) 353-8182, Email: aaefb@bellsouth.net
 - Athens Area Human Relations Council, Inc., 115 Sycamore Dr., Athens, GA 30606, Phone: (706) 340-4321, Email: twin_oak@hotmail.com
 - Catholic Center at UGA, 1344 S Lumpkin Street, Athens, GA 30605, Phone: (706) 543-2293, Email: persiab@gmail.com
 - Action Ministries INC, 465 North Lumpkin Street, Saye Building, Athens, GA 30601, Phone: (706) 353-6647, Email: ssmothers@actionministries.net
 - First United Methodist Church, 327 N Lumpkin St., Athens, GA 30605, Phone: (706) 543-1442, Email: Betsy@athensfirstumc.org

- Habitat for Humanity, 532 Barber Street, Athens, GA 30601, Phone: (706) 208-1001, Email: lawrence@athenshabitat.com
- Hill Chapel Baptist Church, 1692 West Hancock Avenue, Athens, GA 30606, Phone: (706) 543-1377, Email: hbcathensoutreach@att.net

UTILITIES

- [Georgia Power](#)
 - Starting March 14th, Georgia Power will not turn off utilities due to late fees for 30 days
- [ACC Public Utilities Water](#)
 - Public Utilities will not terminate water service for customers with past due bills for the next 60 days, starting March 14th. Residents who have been disconnected for non-payment will have service restored by March 14th.
- [Network/Broadband Carriers](#)
 - AT&T, Charter, CenturyLink, Comcast, Cox, Sonic, Sprint, T-Mobile, and Verizon pledge to not terminate service for residential or small business customers, waive any late fees incurred due to the economic effects of the virus, and open access to public Wi-Fi hotspots

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- [Financial Aid for Service Industry Workers](#)
 - If you or someone you know in the service industry is facing quarantine from COVID-19/has COVID-19 or is experiencing hardship during this time, the Giving Kitchen is providing financial support.
- The [Bartender Emergency Assistance Program](#) is run by the USBG National Charity Foundation and you do NOT need to be a USBG member to apply for a philanthropic grant. If you need assistance or have any questions please contact the Foundation Staff at foundation@usbq.org.
- [Emergency Financial Assistance](#) by The Ark United Ministry Outreach Center
 - The Ark provides emergency financial assistance when individuals and families have had a loss of income. To read more about what they do, click [here](#).
- [Enterprise Car Rentals College Student Travel Assistance](#)
 - Enterprise wants to make it easier for students to get home to their families by reducing the age minimum and waiving the young renter fees for rentals through May 31, 2020 Athens Transportation
- U-Haul 1 month free storage for college students: <https://www.uhaul.com/Articles/About/20625/College-Students-U-Haul-Offers-30-Days-Free-Self-Storage-amid-Coronavirus-Outbreak/>

TRANSPORTATION

- The Bus: <https://www.athensclarkecounty.com/199/Transit>
- Students ride free with UGA ID

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- [Public Health Hotline](#) 1-866-PUB-HLTH (1-866-782-4584).
 - After dialing the number, press 3 for the COVID-19 extension, then press 1 for information and answers to common questions.
- [Crisis Text Line](#)
 - Anyone in Georgia experiencing an emotional crisis can **text GA to 741741** to communicate with a trained Crisis Counselor. Children and Teens are especially welcome. The service is free, confidential and available 24/7.
- [Georgia Crisis and Access Line](#)
 - Call this number, 1-800-715-4225, a free 24/7 helpline providing mental health crisis assistance and access to mental health resources in Georgia.
- National Disaster Distress Helpline
 - National, US-based crisis counseling and support phone line for people experiencing emotional distress related to natural or human-caused disasters.
 - Call 1-800-985-5990 or text "TalkWithUs" to 66746

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS & INTERNET ACCESS

- [Corona Tutors](#) - We are a local group of high school students offering free, online tutoring to any Athens Student. Contact us at coronatutorsgeorgia@gmail.com or register through our website.
- [Internet Essentials Program](#)
 - For new low-income customers, Comcast is giving away two months of this complimentary internet program. Call (855) 846-8376.
- [Spectrum/Charter Internet Assistance](#)
 - Spectrum is setting up wifi hotspots across the country and giving 60 days free broadband w/out installation fees. Enrollment #:1-844-488-8395
- [Free Subscriptions for Education Resources Google Doc](#)
 - A google doc was created with all the companies offering free subscriptions for educational opportunities in lieu of schools closing
- [Teachers: Zoom removed limits on video calls for K-12](#)
 - It was just announced that Zoom CEO is releasing restrictions on Zoom video chatting for K-12
- [CCSD Research Projects](#)
 - CCSD students who may need to complete research projects can go to galileo.usg.edu to access resources that are reputable and relevant. The password for accessing this database from home is "malt".

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Resource for the Artist Community:](#)
 - This resource was created for those in the freelance artist community. Please scroll through for more information that was collected through other communities.
- [United Way 211](#)
 - A 24/7 service to help people connect to resources in their areas
 - FYI- United Way's Athens list is updated locally and regularly
- [List of Human Services agencies](#)

ONLINE ACTIVITIES / RESOURCES

- [Met Opera Streaming](#)

- Met Opera to offer free streaming of their performance for 24hrs after their initial (paid subscription) broadcast
- [Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra Streaming](#)
 - Log on to the Digital Concert Hall [ticket page](#) with the code **BERLINPHIL** and use the Digital Concert Hall free of charge for 30 days.
- [Athens Regional Library](#)
 - [RBdigital](#) -- eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines, all ages (library card required)
 - App for Apple + Android
 - [eRead Kids](#) -- eBooks and audiobooks for children up to 4th grade (library card required)
 - App for Apple + Android called **axis360**
 - [Free access to online New York Times](#) - card not required

OTHER ATHENS COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- Northeast Georgia Homeless Coalition- <http://northeastgeorgiahomelesscoalition.blogspot.com/>
- Athens Clarke County Housing and Community Development- <http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/394/Housing-Community-Development>
- Atlanta Mission- <http://www.atlantamission.org/>
- Athens Community Council on Aging- <http://www.accaging.org/>
- Goodwill of North Georgia- <http://goodwillng.org/>
- Samaritan Center for Counseling and Wellness- <http://www.samaritanega.org/>
- Children First- www.childrenfirst-inc.org
- Nancy Travis Childcare Project- nancytravis.org
- Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens- www.ihnathens.org