

BARHII COVID-19 Response:

Policy Considerations for Health and Economic Equity

The goal of this document and regional effort is two-fold: to support our member Bay Area County Health Departments and Community Partners with providing immediate relief to families and small businesses amidst COVID-19 spread, and to use this moment in time to bolster our equity and resilience efforts utilizing the creativity and capacity that are being unearthed to respond to this crisis. The BARHII COVID-19 Policy Slate that follows is a compilation of policy efforts drawn from BARHII's Policy Committee Meeting on 3/18/20 and from fluid policy research on the County, State, and Federal levels. Information captured reflect updates as of 5pm on Friday, 3/20/20



BARHII COVID-19 Policy Slate					
Area of COVID-19 Impact	Federal Policies in Place	Statewide Policies to Support	Local Policies to Support (Jurisdiction of Origin)	Actions	
				Health Departments	Community Partners/Orgs.
Housing Stability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HUD No. 20-042. Suspension of evictions and foreclosures for single-family homeowners with Federal Housing Administration (FHA)-insured mortgages for the next 60 days. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor's Executive Order N-32-20 grants local flexibility on spending and building shelters • Governor Newsom released Executive Order N-28-20 addressing evictions. <p><i>Disclaimer: Tenants rights advocates expressed deep disappointment that the order did not institute a statewide eviction moratorium, as several other states have, and instead sets rules for local authorities to follow when crafting their own eviction policies related to COVID-19.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eviction, Foreclosure, Rent Increase, Power Shut-Offs Moratoriums <p>(Alameda, San Francisco, Contra Costa, San Mateo)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for county- and city-level eviction moratoriums • Expand housing and shelter for unhoused, following State guidelines • Support work to ensure foreclosure moratoriums for non-profit housing providers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Housing Now! campaign to urge Governor Newsom to pass broad statewide moratorium on evictions and rent increases, prohibit displacement of unhoused encampments, provide emergency rental assistance, and prevent utility shut-offs) • Request the Courts suspend eviction proceedings • Support call on State Utility Commission to put Moratorium on power shut-offs
Financial Assistance for Families	H.R. 6201 The Families First Coronavirus Response Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20 extends eligibility for Paid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood stabilization through mortgage and rent assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Emergency Money to the People campaign for immediate release of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign for immediate release of Young Child Tax Credit and ITIN inclusion in

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires some employers to provide full-time workers with 10 days (two weeks) of paid leave if they get sick from the virus. Requires some employers to provide “up to three months of paid family and medical leave for people forced to quarantine due to the virus or care for family members. <p><i>Disclaimer: Does not apply to the majority of workers in the U.S. Companies with 500 or more workers — which employ over half of all workers — do not have to meet the requirements. And companies with fewer than 50 employees can seek hardship exemptions from the White House. Gig</i></p>	<p>Family Leave (PFL) for those impacted by COVID-19 or caring for family that are.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20 waives eligibility re-determinations for 90 days for Californians who participate in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medi-Cal health coverage CalFresh food assistance CalWORKS Cash Assistance for Immigrants; and In-Home Supportive Services 	<p>(San Mateo)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paid sick leave (Alameda) 	<p>Young Child Tax Credit and ITIN inclusion in CalEITC (CA Immigrant Policy Center https://caimmigrant.org/caleitc/) and Economic Security Project: https://www.economicsecurityproject.org/emergencymoney)</p>	<p>CalEITC (CA Immigrant Policy Center https://caimmigrant.org/caleitc/) and Economic Security Project: https://www.economicsecurityproject.org/emergencymoney)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Emergency Money to the People campaign to push Senate to disperse immediate cash assistance to families with 0-\$100k income, up to \$3,500 per adult and \$1,500 per child (Economic Security Project: https://www.economicsecurityproject.org/emergencymoney/)
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	<p><i>economy workers also aren't guaranteed relief.</i></p> <p><i>Some companies are implementing leave policies on their own accord.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasury Plans for Financial Relief 				
Economic Security for Small Businesses & Gig Workers	<p>Disaster Unemployment Assistance Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBA Disaster Assistance for California Small Businesses Economically Impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Deadline to file December 16th, 2020. http://www.oesnews.com/sba-offers-disaster-assistance-to-california-small-businesses-economically-impacted-by-the-coronavirus-covid-19-2/ • Assembly member Lorena Gonzalez (D) sent a letter to the state's Employment Development Department asking the agency to provide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small business stabilization financial assistance—deferring restaurant taxes and licensing fees (San Francisco, San Mateo) • Small business assistance funds (Santa Clara) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Assembly member Lorena Gonzalez (D) sent a letter to the state's Employment Development Department • Allocate funds for Wage Loss, Small Business loss, Not loans (LA County*: http://healthyla.org/emergency-action-proposal-for-the-city-of-la/) <p><i>*See Model Addendum</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for immediate cash loans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizations can stop accepting business loan payments from clients • Tap into Small Business Majority's resources, products, and assistance guidance including: • Leverage existing infrastructure: CDFI's, Credit Unions, banks etc. • Convert existing products - long term deferrals and/or conversion to 0% loans plus immediate capital infusion. • Add new 0% product with loose underwriting - understand this is not

		<p>unemployment insurance to workers misclassified as independent contractors. She cited the new law, A.B. 5, designed to make it harder for companies to treat gig workers as self-employed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently, the EDD offers an optional Disability Insurance Elective Coverage (DIEC) program for employers and self-employed individuals who are not required to pay into State Disability Insurance (SDI) but want to be covered by Disability Insurance (DI) and Paid Family Leave (PFL) 		<p>to keep small businesses and gig workers afloat (no interest)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for State policies on emergency paid sick leave to include self-employed and gig workers Support and pass eviction and rent moratoriums for commercial businesses Support and amplify Small Business Majority's Policy Platform on SB assistance and contribute to their lending and investments programs: https://smallbusinessmajority.org/policy-agenda/covid-19 	<p>a normal loan fund and that losses to this fund will exceed normal parameters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct cash grants to small businesses
Early Childhood	<p>H.R. 6201 The Families First Coronavirus Response Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides \$500 million in food assistance for low-income mothers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Partners, Including the California Department of Education and Human Services Agency, Issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency childcare facilities*: converting rec centers and libraries to emergency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for grocery store workers and other front-line workers to be re-classified as “essential workers” in order to receive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for more city spaces to serve as childcare centers (office spaces, hotels, etc.)

	with young children and pregnant women	Guidance to Help Schools Prepare to Provide Distance Learning, School Meals, Services for Students with Disabilities, and Supports to Parents Seeking Child Care	<p>childcare areas (pre-k to 5) for low-income workers providing healthcare and front-line services (San Francisco)</p> <p><i>*See Model Addendum</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversations sparking around Early Childhood responses (Sonoma) Classification of front-line workers as “essential” so as to receive county-level and State-level free childcare benefits, following Minnesota’s lead (Alameda) 	<p>free childcare benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Statewide campaigns for immediate cash assistance: Young Child Tax Credits, including ITINs in CalEITC (CA Immigrant Policy Center https://caimmigrant.org/caleitc/) and Economic Security Project: https://www.economicsecurityproject.org/emergencymoney/) 	
Emergent: Law Enforcement			<p><i>Thinking about: Equity in law enforcement response around shelter in place*</i></p> <p><i>*See Model Addendum on Equity Plan</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Lift up equity concerns of law enforcement and track arrests/pulling-over/fines</i> 	

			(Alameda)		
Other Impact Areas					
Healthcare and Front-Line Service Response		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 1257 calls to eliminate the “household domestic service” exclusion in Labor Code §6303 (Cal/OSHA) • SEUI West currently bargaining with employers of unionized janitors and will soon present a list of demands for workers, including access to health care, paid time-off and information, training, and proper safety equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expedited hiring of health care professionals to support COVID-19 response • Hygiene standards for locations like low-income senior centers, homeless shelters* • \$5M fund to expand janitorial services • Starting: Healthcare worker protection/regulations (PPE) • Thinking about: increasing screening capacity <p>(San Francisco)</p> <p><i>*See Model Addendum</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and model SFDPH’s janitorial services in low-income and homeless spaces 	
Food Security	H.R. 6201 The Families First Coronavirus Response Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puts \$400 million into food banks and \$250 million into a senior nutrition program 	Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20 waives eligibility re-determinations for 90 days for Californians who participate in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medi-Cal health coverage • CalFresh food assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food System Alliance—offering food security for students and campaigning to keep farmers’ markets open during outbreak. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure culturally-appropriate outreach and messaging around County-provided programs for school meal assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Alliances in Marin and State-wide for operation of Farmers Markets • Support CDPH guidelines for food services

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspends work requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for the duration of the crisis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CalWORKS • Cash Assistance for Immigrants; and • In-Home Supportive Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA Alliance of Famers Markets (Marin, San Mateo) 		
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