



FEDERAL SHUTDOWN RESOURCES AND INFORMATION



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FOOD ASSISTANCE

Los Angeles County has a network of 940 food pantries in place across the County coordinated by the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. Food is available now for anyone who needs it and supplies will be increased for the month of November. For food assistance, people can visit their local food pantry or find one near them by visiting <https://lafoodbank.org/find-food/pantry-locator/> or calling 2-1-1. If you would like to volunteer at the LA Food Bank or host a food drive, information is available at LAFoodBank.org.



FOOD ASSISTANCE - YOUTH, TEENS AND SENIORS

For teens ages 12–18, the Free Hot Supper Program provides evening meals across multiple sites, offering a safe and welcoming space to gather and refuel after school. Youth 17 and under can take part in Free Youth Snack Program, enjoying healthy snacks in a structured, supportive environment each afternoon. The Senior Nutrition Programs deliver balanced meals that promote wellness, connection, and vitality among older adults.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

CalFresh - Benefits will be delayed for the month of November. If benefits are not available, you will be notified formally by the State. Receiving such a notice does not mean your case will be terminated, or that you are no longer eligible for benefits. We strongly urge customers to continue to fill out all mandatory reporting requirements, such as submitting your Semi-Annual Reports (SAR7) and renewals along with any other necessary verifications. This will ensure that you can continue to receive your benefits promptly upon availability.



WIC - All California WIC agencies are currently operational. Government employees who are furloughed/working without pay may qualify for WIC, if they are pregnant or have a child under the age of five, and are encouraged to apply and get WIC to help with grocery costs, even if it's only temporary. Applying for WIC is simple and can be done 100% by phone. Apply at www.startwic.org or text "APPLY" to 91997. To find a WIC location, as well as days and hours of operation, visit: <https://phfewic.org/en/home/>





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AGING AND DISABILITIES



The Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL) 1-(888) 677-1199, formerly managed by the Administration for Community Living, is no longer in service due to federal budgetary cuts. For assistance, please contact the Information and Assistance Line at (800) 510-2020.

Senior citizens over the age of 60 may be eligible for a free meal at local senior centers. For more information, call (800) 510-2020.



MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS (MVA)



While some VA services are paused during the federal shutdown, the Los Angeles County MVA offices remain open and ready to help. If you or a veteran you know needs assistance, call (877) 452-8387 or visit mva.lacounty.gov.



HOUSING ASSISTANCE



Residents worried that the shutdown may impact their housing can contact the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs at (800) 593-8222 or www.dcba.lacounty.gov for information on tenant protection and foreclosure prevention services.



PET ASSISTANCE



Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control may be able to help pet-owning residents of unincorporated Los Angeles County and full-service contract cities who need help caring for their furry friends during the shutdown. Donations of pet food are also welcome and can be dropped off at any County Animal Care Center.



211 LA COUNTY - ADDITIONAL RESOURCE HUB



211 LA County is the hub for community members and community organizations looking for all types of health, human, and social services in Los Angeles County. They provide information and referrals to the services that best meet individual needs, through their 24 hours 2-1-1 call line, or through their website, text, and chat.

