

## COVID-19 KEY ISSUE SCREENER

Current as of 5/1/2020

Walk through this list with your clients to ensure that they are accessing key COVID benefits and resources. This guide is designed to be a good first step, but it is not exhaustive!

- 1. CHECK THAT YOUR CLIENT RECEIVED THEIR STIMULUS CHECK:** payments should be automatic, but if your client has not received their stimulus check yet then:
  - They should file their 2019 taxes (if needed) or request a stimulus payment [here](#).
  - If client is unsure if they need to file taxes, review this FAQ in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).
  - If client is unsure of the status of their stimulus payment: use [this IRS tool](#) to check.
- 2. IF YOUR CLIENT HAS NOT APPLIED FOR UNEMPLOYMENT/PANDEMIC BENEFITS:**
  - If the client has worked in the last 1-2 years and has work authorization, they might be eligible - see more information in question 20 of this [Legal Aid at Work FAQ](#).
  - If the client is *possibly* eligible, [APPLY ONLINE](#) to see.
- 3. CHECK THAT YOUR CLIENT HAS ACCESSED NEEDED SICK / LEAVE BENEFITS:**
  - In addition to pre-existing sick and family leave laws, there is now 2-12 weeks of paid leave available to certain employees so that they can take care of themselves or their families related to COVID (this includes caregivers who need time off in order to care for a child whose school or child care provider is closed related to COVID). See questions 10-12 on this [Legal Aid at Work FAQ](#) for more information. See information specific to the new benefits here in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [other languages](#).
- 4. HELP CLIENTS WHO ARE HAVING TROUBLE PAYING RENT:**
  - Look for rental assistance funds (ex: [Catholic Charities](#) (East Bay), [RADCo](#) (SF), [211 List](#)).
  - If your clients cannot pay rent due to COVID, help them take the steps in our [Tenant Protection Guide](#).
- 5. FOR UNDOCUMENTED CLIENTS, LOOK INTO AVAILABLE FUNDS:**
  - Review [this list](#) from Legal Aid at Work to find potential relief funds.
  - Review [Immigrants Rising's](#) resource for additional ideas.
  - Stay tuned for more information on California's fund for undocumented communities that are left out of federal relief efforts.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

See Legal Link's other resources:

- Review the [COVID-19 Chart of Helpful Changes](#), which includes automatic changes
- Check our [COVID-19 Resources](#) page regularly for updated resources
- Use the [referral search tool](#) to find legal help in your area
- Contact us at 415.851.1755 / [support@legallink.org](mailto:support@legallink.org) with any questions