



Edina Resource Center Newsletter

November/December 2020

Greetings!

We are now in a 4 week period of dialing back to save lives. Below you will find the list of restrictions in place until Dec 19, as well as COVID testing information, and a new app, [COVIDawreMN](#), to track if you've been exposed to someone infected.

As we all do our part to stay safe, I'm thankful organizations continue to adapt to ensure resources like Thanksgiving meals, toys for kids, energy assistance and MNsure sign-ups are still available for our neighbors. Keep reading to learn more and please share with other who may benefit.

Wishing you a safe, healthy, and thankful holiday season!

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MINNESOTA COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

FRI. NOV. 20 @ 11:59PM - FRI. DEC. 18

OPEN

- Take-out & delivery
- Grocery & retail
- Worship services
- Weddings, funerals
- Salons, personal care
- Outdoor recreation
(one household limit)
- Schools & child care

PAUSED

- Indoor/outdoor dining
- Gyms, fitness centers
- Receptions, parties
- Indoor entertainment venues
- Organized sports
- Public pools & rec centers
- Social gatherings with
people outside household

Resources & Opportunities

Thanksgiving Meals

Loaves and Fishes will have 4 sites open on Thanksgiving Day to provide a meal to go. All other Loaves and Fishes sites will be closed.



Holiday Toy Programs

Families seeking help this holiday season can register with one of the following programs:

Salvation Army Toy Shop

<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/twin-cities/toy-shop/>

This is for families with children ages 0-14. Registration is online and available in English, Spanish and Hmong. Registration is now open. It is advised to register ASAP.



Christmas With Dignity

<http://www.hhyd.org/cwd/shoppers/>

Registration is open November 1-30 or until all spots are full.

Giving Back this Holiday Season

If you are looking for ways to help others this holiday season. You can find links to community **toy drives** [here](#) and seasonal **volunteer** opportunities [here](#).

- The Edina Police Station and Edina Fire Station No. 1 will collect donations for Toys for Tots until noon on Dec 14.

Energy Assistance

Both homeowners and renters may be eligible for energy assistance. Eligibility is based on your gross income for a three month period. If you also have problems with your heating system and you are approved for energy assistance you may also get assistance with your heating system



Community Action
Partnership of Hennepin County

Applications are available online: caphennepin.org/services/energy-assistance/

For a copy mailed to your home call, 952-930-3541

FARE FOR ALL

Fare For All provides fresh, quality food items at a lower cost than a typical grocery store. You can choose a **Holiday Pack (\$30)** at any of their drive-thru sales in Nov/Dec. **Anyone can participate.**

S MINNEAPOLIS: Wed. 12/9, 2:30- 5:30 pm

Holy Trinity Lutheran, 2730 E 31 st St.

GOLDEN VALLEY: 12/21, 10 am- 1 pm

Animal Humane Society- 845 Meadow Ln N

For a complete list of locations in the metro area, visit <https://fareforall.thefoodgroupmn.org/about-us/packages-and-pricing/>



Fare for All
December HOLIDAY PACK

We're BACK to serve you safely for the holidays!
PLEASE WEAR A MASK OR FACE COVERING

\$30

Limit one per household, purchasing for another household is welcome!

Holiday Pack Contents:

- Jennie-O Turkey- 8-10 lbs
- Panko Chicken Tenderloins- 3.5 lbs
- Sweet Corn- 1 lb
- Bacon Wrapped Pork Tenderloin- 23 oz
- (2) Tuscan Meatballs (beef & pork)- 1 lb ea.
- Chocolate Mint Cheesecake- 19 oz

*Contents FROZEN & subject to change
** Available while supplies last

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763-450-3880

fareforall.org
facebook.com/fareforall

Edina Library Now Open!

Edina Library on Grandview square reopened on Nov 22. for limited service. Hours: Sun 12-5; Mon 12-8pm and Tues-Thurs 9-5pm (closed Fri/Sat). **Southdale Library** hours: Tues 12-8pm; Wed-Sat 9-5pm (closed Sun/Mon)



Learn more about [Grab and Go services](#) and [Computer Appointments](#) at Hennepin County Libraries.

Homework Help is available from home daily 1pm-11pm. Free Tutors!
<https://www.hclib.org/programs/homework-help>

Job Corps

Job Corps is a no cost program offering career training and HSD/GED to low income youth. Students can also receive FREE room and board, uniforms, medical care, drivers ed, biweekly allowance and more! Career Areas include: construction, nursing assistant, medical office, culinary arts, office administration, commercial painting, sign and displays
952-875-9708 huberthumphrey.jobcorps.gov/

Health & Wellness

Change to Chill

Free virtual mental well-being sessions led by community leaders, healers and counselors are being offered to all Hennepin County youth and adults now through December 2020. Learn more at <https://www.changetochill.org/hennepincounty/>



COVID-19 Testing

Testing is now widely available for those with and without insurance and contact tracing is especially important to help slow the spread. Find a testing location or contact your provider to find a nasal or saliva testing location near you.



New! [Salvia testing locations](#) (by appointment)

Brooklyn Park - Mon-Fri 12-7pm Sat/Sun 10am-4pm

Minneapolis Convention Center- Mon-Fri 12-7pm Sat/Sun 10am-4pm

MSP Airport -7 days a week 7am-7pm

Resources

- [COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS IN MN](#)
- [HOME SCREENING TOOL for COVID-19 SYMPTOMS](#) (Schools/Child Care settings)
- [DECISION TREE for COVID-19 SYMPTONS](#) (Schools/Child Care settings)
- [FAQs about COVID-19 Testing](#)

COVIDaware MN

Download the free COVIDaware MN app to get notified if you have been near someone who tests positive for COVID-19.

Learn how it works here:

covidawaremn.com/#howitworks



Medicare Enrollment ends December 7

For reliable, unbiased Medicare Enrollment assistance, call the Senior Linkage Line, 1-800-333-2433. [Health Care Choices](#) is a tool created by the Senior Linkage Line to help Minnesotans on Medicare make their 2020 selection.



MNSure Open Enrollment ends December 22

Enroll by December 22rd with MNSure for health coverage in 2021.

MNSure's [online comparison tool](#) will help you research and compare health plans, deductibles, any tax credits you are eligible for, and even provides an estimate for out-of-pocket costs based on your health profile.



Navigators and brokers are available to assist you through the research and sign-up process. To find one near you, click [here](#).

MNSure.org 651-531-2099

PORTICO Healthnet

PORTICO Healthnet helps uninsured individuals and families access affordable coverage and care. They are official MNSure Navigators providing free assistance with the application enrollment and renewal process as well as help with Medical Assistance and Minnesota Care (MHCP). They speak English, Español, Hmong, Somali and Vietnamese. If you don't qualify for MNSure, they can help you find alternative health care options.

651-489-2273 porticohealthnet.org/enrollment/

[Bloomington Public Health](#)
[Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County](#)
[City of Edina](#)
[Conflict Resolution Center](#) (mediation)
[Edina Community Education](#)
[Edina Public Schools](#)
[Hennepin County Services](#)
[Senior Community Services](#) (aging support/resources)
[Transit Link](#)
[United Way - Twin Cities 2-1-1](#)
[VEAP](#) (food)



For a full list of common resources click [here](#).

The Edina Resource Center is your connection to community resources, services and information. Our services are free and confidential. We serve anyone who lives, works or goes to school in Edina. To learn more about the Edina Resource Center visit our [website](#) or call 952-848-3936.

We are open Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm to help connect you to the resources you need.

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[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#)
