



# HOLIDAYS OBSERVED DURING THE MONTH OF

**MARCH** 

March 13

Daylight Saving's Time

begins

March 17

St. Patrick's Day



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# SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

# HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS & ADULT LEARNERS 2022

You have the power to turn a few minutes into MONEY START NOW

**APPLY!** 

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~For a list of Scholarships Available~

Contact: Mrs. Charlene Bowser Phone: (757) 928-6170 Email: cbowser@nnrha.org

Monday — Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm

**GOOD LUCK!** 



# Scholarship Information

STUDENT AND ADULT LEARNERS

# NNRHA SCHOLARSHIP INTEREST FORM

Student Name	
Student Address	ALL PARK TOWN
Housing Community	
Student Contact Number	
High Cahaal	

Current GPA (Grade Point Average)\_\_\_\_\_



Please return the completed form to your rental office or contact Mrs. Charlene Bowser at 757.928.6170 by Friday, March 18, 2022.



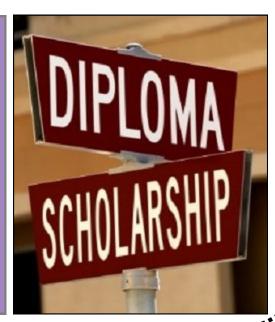
Are you a high school senior in need of money for college? Applicants must expect to graduate from an accredited high school in June 2022 with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better in overall academic courses.



Are you an adult interested in going to college, but lack the resources? Well, look no further, NNRHA may have money for you.



Simply complete the Scholarship Interest Form and return it to your rental office. A Scholarship Consultant will contact you.



## NASA Pathways Internships

We strategically hire our Pathways Interns based on long-term potential and alignment with NASA's future workforce needs. Specializing in multi-semester experiences, the Pathways Internship Program prepares you for a career at NASA and offers a direct pipeline to full-time employment at NASA upon graduation. In addition to the Pathways Internship Program, there are many other exciting types of internship opportunities at NASA—check out intern.nasa.gov for more information!

If you have a passion for our mission and feel the calling to change the history of humanity, the Pathways Internship Program is a great way for you to launch your career with NASA!

#### Who We're Looking For

We're looking for students who are captivated with our Vision, Mission, and Core Values and embody characteristics integral to NASA's success. Top candidates are well-rounded students from diverse backgrounds who demonstrate curiosity, team-orientation, excellence, a passion for exploration, agility, and resilience. Prior experience is not required!

#### The Experience

As a Pathways Intern, we invest in you on purpose—assigning you with challenging, meaningful work aligned with your academic or career interests, providing you with life-long learning and growth opportunities, and cultivating a supportive community that offers you a home away from home.

#### **Careers after Graduation**

Throughout your Pathways Internship, you're given the autonomy to define your own career trajectory at NASA. At the beginning of your internship, we will work with you to develop an "Individual Development Plan" that will help put your experience and path in your hands by defining assignments, training events, and learning opportunities that will help you achieve your career goals.

As you get closer to graduation, we will evaluate your experience and consider you for full-time employment that would begin after you complete your degree. No additional job applications needed!

## **Types of Internships**

Engineering, Science, and Technology

- GS-899: Engineering
- GS-1399: Physical Sciences

#### **Business**

- GS-0099: Safety & Occupational Health
- GS-299: Human Resources
- GS-399: Administration and Program Management & Analysis
- GS-599: Accounting & Budget
- GS-1099: Communication & Public Relations
- GS-1199: Procurement and Contracts
- GS-1599: Math & Statistics
- GS-2299: Information Technology

# Get Your Child Tax Credit & Earned Income Tax Credit



# **File Your Taxes**

Thanks to President Biden's American Rescue Plan, there is **more money available** to families and/or people with low to moderate incomes. Filing your taxes is how you can claim benefits like the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Whether or not you received stimulus checks or monthly payments in 2021, additional money may be available to you. While individuals who won't owe taxes have longer to file, filing by **April 18, 2022** is how you may get your full benefits the soonest.



# A Historic Increase

Families can enjoy an increased Child Tax Credit (\$3,000 or \$3,600, depending on a child/dependent's age), and more people with low incomes can receive a larger Earned Income Tax Credit.

# These Tax Credits Are Not Income

Receiving these benefits will not impact eligibility for other federal benefits such as UI, Medicaid, SNAP, SSI, SDI, TANF, WIC, Section 8 or Public Housing.

# Not a Frequent Tax Filer?

Even if you didn't earn enough to be required to file taxes, you are eligible for the Child Tax Credit and potentially thousands of additional dollars in benefits. See what you can receive by filing a 2021 tax return!

Find out how to get assistance and file your taxes for free at

ChildTaxCredit.gov



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# Struggling to pay your rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

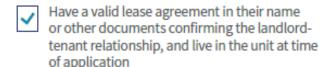
The Virginia Rent Relief Program may be able to help

Virginia is administering relief for renters experiencing a negative financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic through the Virginia Rent Relief Program (RRP). Through this state program, you can apply (or your landlord may apply on your behalf) to receive funds to pay delinquent rent arrear payments back to April 1, 2020, and up to three months of payments into the future to maintain housing stability. The total payments may not exceed a total of 15 months of rental assistance per household.



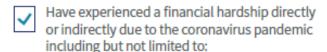
## Eligibility

The Virginia RRP will provide financial help on behalf of renters who meet the following criteria:









- Being laid off
- Place of employment has closed
- Reduction in hours of work
- Loss of spousal/child support
- Inability to find work due to COVID-19
- Having to stay home with children due to distance learning / closure of day care or school
- Increase in expenses due to COVID-19, such as child care, medical bills, etc.
- Unwilling or unable to participate in previous employment due to the workplace's high risk of severe illness from COVID-19



## Required documents

You'll need the following as proof of eligibility:

Proof of income (for example: pay stubs, bank statements, letter from employer, Social Security documents, pension)

Valid lease or other documentation of landlordtenant relationship

✓ Rent ledger (landlord provides)

Completed application and agreements

✓ Virginia W-9

## Learn More & Apply:

Contact your landlord today to apply on your behalf. This is the quickest way to access rent relief.

Or apply for yourself. Get started on DHCD's website: dhcd.virginia.gov/eligibility



The Virginia Rent Relief Program is administered through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. Virginia Housing is the grantee for landlord-initiated applicants. For more information, visit <a href="mailto:dhcd.virginia.gov/rrp">dhcd.virginia.gov/rrp</a>.



# ¿Luchando para Poder Pagar su Alquiler debido a la pandemia de COVID-19?

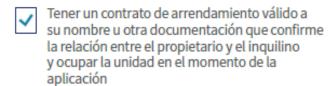
Usted podría ser elegible para recibir asistencia financiera a través del Programa de Alivio de Alquiler de Virginia.

Virginia está administrando fondos de alivio para inquilinos que estén experimentando un impacto financiero negativo debido a la pandemia de COVID-19 a través del Programa de Alivio de Alquiler de Virginia (RRP). A través de este programa, usted puede aplicar (o su arrendador puede aplicar a su nombre) para recibir fondos para cubrir los pagos atrasados de su alquiler a partir del 1 de abril de 2020 y hasta tres meses de pagos en el futuro para mantener la estabilidad de la vivienda. Los pagos totales no pueden exceder un total de 15 meses de asistencia para el alquiler por hogar.



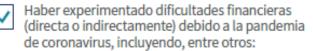
## Elegibilidad

El RRP de Virginia brindará ayuda financiera a nombre de los inquilinos que cumplan con los siguientes requisitos:









- Haber sido despedido
- Su lugar de trabajo ha cerrado
- Reducción de horas de trabajo
- Pérdida de la manutención del cónyuge / hijos
- Incapacidad para encontrar trabajo debido a COVID-19
- Tener que quedarse en casa con sus niños debido al cierre de la guardería / escuela
- Aumento en gastos debido a COVID-19, como cuidado de niños, facturas médicas, etc.
- No estár dispuesto o no pueder participar en su empleo anterior debido a que su enfermedad lo hace ser considerado de alto riesgo al contagio de COVID-19



## Documentos requeridos

Necesitará lo siguiente como prueba de elegibilidad:

 Comprobante de ingresos (por ejemplo: recibos de pago, estados de cuenta bancarios, carta del empleador, documentos del seguro social, pensión)

Contrato de arrendamiento válido u otra documentación que compruebe la relación propietario-inquilino

✓ Libro de contabilidad de alquiler

Solicitud y acuerdos completados

✓ W-9 de Virginia

## Aprenda Más y Aplique:

Comuníquese con su arrendador hoy para que presente una solicitud a su nombre. Esta es la forma más rápida de acceder al alivio del alquiler.

O aplique usted mismo.
Comience visitando el sitio
web de DHCD: dhcd.virginia.gov/eligibility



El programa de alivio de alquiler de Virginia es administrado a a través del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de Virginia. Virginia Housing es el administrador para las solicitudes iniciadas por el propietario. Para obtener más información, visite dhcd.virginia.gov/rrp.



## **Information for Tenants**

The U.S. Department of Treasury's ("Treasury") Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program makes funding available to assist households that are unable to pay rent or utilities. The funds were provided directly to states, U.S. territories, local governments, and (in case of the first program, ERA1) to Indian tribes or Tribally Designated Housing Entities, as applicable, and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Grantees use the funds to assist eligible households through existing or newly created rental assistance programs.

In guidance and <u>FAQs</u>, Treasury advised that participants in HUD-assisted rental programs (including the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), Public Housing, or Project-Based Rental Assistance programs) are eligible for the ERA program and may receive assistance for the tenant-owed portion of rent or utilities that is not subsidized. In <u>FAQs</u> for PHAs and HCV landlords, PIH clarified that this assistance can include rent arrearages and utilities owed over the utility allowance. The <u>FAQs</u> include additional guidance on interim reexaminations, income calculations, and additional considerations for private landlords participating in the HCV program.

To learn more about how to apply for ERA go to: Virginia Rent Relief Program by visiting: <a href="https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/rmrp">https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/rmrp</a> or calling 703-962-1884

You may contact 2-1-1 Virginia to determine the availability of any additional rent relief programs by visiting: https://211virginia.org or calling 211.

You may wish to contact your local legal aid program for free legal assistance to low-income people by visiting: https://www.valegalaid.org/find-legal-help or calling 1-866-LEGALAID (1-866-534-5243).

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible for temporary protection from eviction under the laws of your State, territory, locality, or tribal area, or under Federal law. Visit http://www.cfpb.gov/eviction or call a housing counselor at 800-569-4287 to learn more.

State and local ERA grantees can also be accessed from <u>Treasury's website</u> using the link <u>"Find rental assistance in your area."</u>

Leases may not be terminated due to nonpayment of rent until at least 30 days have passed after a tenant receives this notice.

# Gov2Go: Virginia Rent Relief Program's New Landlord and Tenant Portal



## Dear RRP Stakeholders:

As noted in previous communications, the Virginia Rent Relief Program (RRP) will be transitioning to a combined landlord and tenant portal for rent relief applications on December 1, 2021. The new portal, Gov2Go, will offer an updated, secure and user-friendly portal that will allow you to access RRP on virtually any web-enabled device. Landlords and tenants now have the ability to apply for rent relief – and confirm their eligibility – quickly and easily. The new platform will improve communications for both landlords and tenants on applications initiated by each party, as well as streamline and expedite the processing of rent relief applications.

Please note in order to protect your privacy, all landlords will need to securely upload their W-9 and banking information into the new application platform, Gov2Go. If you have any issues uploading your W-9, please contact the RRP Support Center at 1-833-RENT-RELIEF or 1-833-736-8735(433).

# New phone rules start in April



Hampton Roads residents are reminded that the Virginia State Corporation Commission has approved a new 948 area code for the Hampton Roads region. Beginning May 6, 2022, new telephone lines or services may be assigned numbers using the new 948 area code. The new code, or overlay does not require customers to change their exist-

ing area code or telephone number, but it will require using a new dialing procedure to complete calls.

Area residents are encouraged to practice dialing phone numbers using all 10 digits (area code and phone number), and to reprogram telephone contact lists, life safety systems, medical monitoring systems, and other devices so they include both the phone number and the area code. You will still be able to dial just three digits to reach 911 and similar numbers.

Beginning April 9, all local calls made in the 757 area code will not be connected if only seven digits are dialed.

# Virginia Natural Gas



# Natural gas safety and you

Every day, underground pipelines safely transport natural gas—one of the most efficient, reliable and environmentally friendly fuels—to homes and businesses throughout the country. Natural gas is colorless and odorless, so we add an odorant called mercaptan with a distinctive, "rotten egg" type odor for easy detection. However, incomplete combustion of any fuel—charcoal, gasoline, wood or even natural gas—produces carbon monoxide.

## Smell gas?

**Look** for blowing dirt, discolored vegetation or continued bubbling in standing water.

Listen for a hissing or roaring noise of natural gas escaping near an appliance or line.

**Smell** for the distinctive, rotten-egg odor associated with natural gas. Natural gas is colorless and odorless, so we add a chemical odorant. This odorant has a distinctive "rotten-egg" type odor. You should act any time you detect even a small amount of this odor in the air.

#### Act fast!

Do not try to identify the source or stop the leak yourself.

**Leave** the area immediately and move a safe distance away from the potential leak, while avoiding any action that my cause sparks.

**Avoid** using any sources of ignition, such as cell phones, cigarettes, matches, flashlights, electronic devices, motorized vehicles, light switches, or landlines, as natural gas can ignite from a spark or open flame, possibly causing a fire or explosion. Natural gas is non-toxic, lighter than air and displaces oxygen. In severe cases, if not used properly, natural gas can also lead to asphyxiation.

CALL Virginia Natural Gas at 1.877.575.3342 or 911 once you are out of the area of the suspected leak and in a safe place. Stay away from the area until **Virginia Natural Gas** or emergency personnel indicate it is safe to return.

Information about transmission pipelines operating in your community is available through the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) and online at https://www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov/.

Pipeline integrity management is a process for assessing mitigating pipeline risks to reduce both the likelihood and consequences of incidents. We have a comprehensive plan that fully addresses these processes, especially for locations especially for locations deemed high consequence areas. To learn more, visit: virginianaturalgas/integritymanagementplan.

Para solicitar una copia de esta informacion en espanol, llame al **1.866.229.3578** o visite **virginianaturalgas.com/safetyspanish.com/safetyspanish** 

to learn more about natural gas safety! virginianaturalgas.com/sniffy

# Family Investment Center

#### FREE TRAINING PROGRAMS

The Family Investment Center offers free training in the following courses:

- CNA:
- Self Paced Typing;
- Employability Skills Workshops;
- Resume and Interviewing Prep;
- Job Lead Assistance;
- Homeownership.

The Family Investment Center

Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm 757.928.3680

## PROGRAMA LIBRE DE INSTRUCCION

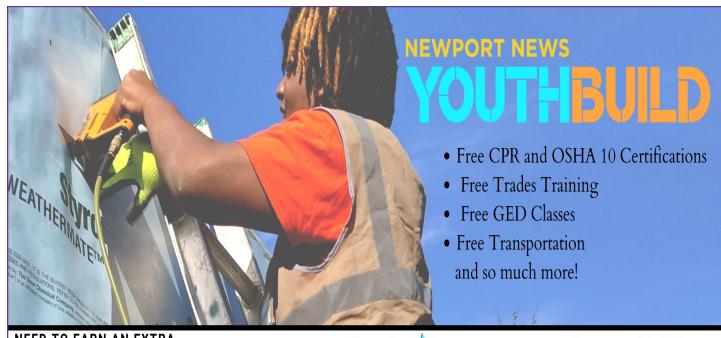
Centro de Trabajo Para la Familia ofierte los Cursos que sigue:

- · Mecanografia;
- Habilidades de obrero;
- Ayuda consu resumen y su entrevista;
- Como se encuentra trabajo;
- Como encontrar y poseer una casa.

Centro de Trabajo Para La Familia

Lunes - Viernes 8 de le mana - 4:40 de la tarde

> 757.928.3680 ingles 757.928.6146 espanol



**NEED TO EARN AN EXTRA** 

Plus possible bonuses



**BETWEEN 18-24? NEED YOUR GED? WANT TO LEARN A TRADE?** 

## PLEASE CALL 757-386-6113 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Newport News YouthBuild is a program of Volunteers of America Chesapeake & Carolinas, with grant funding provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment & Training Administration. The total cost of the Newport News YouthBuild program is \$1,760,090. \$1,408,072 (80%) is funded through a U.S. Department of Labor – Employment and Training Administration grant. The other \$352,018 (20%) is funded through State and Local resources.









# Conronavirus Update from the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank

During times of crisis, the Foodbank plays an important role in meeting community needs. In response to the coronavirus, the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank has been working to provide food to people who might otherwise go hungry.

The Foodbank's Mobile Food Pantry Program is distributing food in high-traffic spots across the peninsula and they are working with partner agencies to ensure people receive the food they desperately need. The team from the Foodbank's Culinary Training Program is preparing breakfast and lunch grab-and-go bags for children throughout our local area. The Foodbank has also hosted several large-scale public food distribution events to help individuals and families struggling to locate healthy meals. During a distribution event in Newport News last week, they provided food to support 500 households.

If you are struggling to get the food you and your family need, please visit the Get Help page on the Foodbank's website to locate a mobile food pantry or partner agency that can help. Please call prior to visiting to confirm hours of operation, as distribution plans change quickly and without much notice.

Due to the increased demand for food in grocery stores, the Foodbank has seen a significant decrease in food pick-ups and store donations, which means personal donations are even more important. You can still drop food donations off at their Hampton headquarters at 2401 Aluminum Avenue. All donations are quarantined for 72 hours before they are available to be distributed. You can make a monetary donation to help purchase truckloads of supplies, donate through YouGiveGoods or purchase through online retailers to ship items directly to the Foodbank's doors. For additional information on any of these options, you can contact Tracy Hansbrough at thansbrough@hrfoodbank.org.

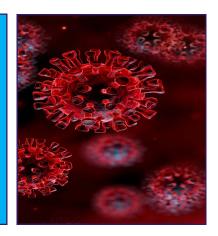
#### **NEWPORT NEWS HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Call center is open 8 AM - 6 PM

Please call 757•594•7069

If you have questions about where to get tested if you are experiencing

COVID-19 symptoms.



We encourage you to self-report illness or quarantine if you are not feeling well. This will prevent spreading the COVID 19 to your loved ones and friends.



# safety Corner

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT— SYMPTOMS

Symptoms can be physical, psychological, or both. Keep in mind that older children may not talk about the problem, because they fear or want to protect the offender. Or they don't believe they will be taken seriously.

### General symptoms

Certain general symptoms may suggest that a child is experiencing some type of abuse or neglect include:

- Slower-than-normal development. The child does not show the abilities and skills normally found in other children the same age, such as starting to talk or socialize with others. Some children regress, which means they slip backward, losing skills they had before.
- Failure to thrive. This is a term that means the child isn't gaining weight or height the way he or she should. Although this can be caused by a medical problem, it can also be a sign that the child is not being well cared for.
- Unusual interaction with a parent. The parent may not be interested in the child.
   Or the child may be constantly trying not to upset the parent. The child may actually be afraid of the parent.
- Mental health problems, such as having low self-esteem, anxiety, depression, or thoughts of suicide.
- Suddenly getting lower grades in school.
- Behaving in a way that isn't appropriate or that causes problems. In a young child, this could mean being unusually fussy, being afraid, or not being interested in activities. Children often act out what they have seen or experienced, such as violence or sexual activity. Older children may act out in unusual ways, such as having sex, fighting, using drugs, or running away.

Should you have any questions or concerns, contact Safety & Security at 928-2660.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA) is to create affordable housing, viable neighborhoods, and opportunities for self-sufficiency that enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Newport News.



# FILING A COMPLAINT...

Here is the Customer Service
Hotline Number:
757-928-6060 or 757-928-3680

A TENANT HOTLINE IS A FREE SERVICE FOR TENANTS LIVING IN PROPERTIES OWNED AND MANAGED BY THE NEW-PORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY. WHEN FILING A COMPLAINT, YOU MUST STATE YOUR FULL NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER AND SPEAK AS SLOWLY AND CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE.

WE WILL CALL YOU BACK WITHIN 48 HOURS REGARDING YOUR CONCERNS.

THANK YOU

# REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE



We all know the heartache and devastation that drugs can bring to our families.

If you or anyone you know and love is affected by substance abuse help is available.

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Program Name	Services	Payment
Tidewater Area Hot Line 459-8467	Narcotics Anonymous	No fees
Narcotics Anonymous VA Regional Hot Line 1-800-777-1515	Support group for recovering substance abusers.	No fees
Hampton Roads Clinic Reflections 827-8430	Outpatient Counseling I.V. Methadone Maintenance 30-45 day Residential Facility	Sliding fee Scale Medicaid
Project Link 245-0217	Case management and coordination services for prenatal abuser	Sliding fee Scale Medicaid
Al Anon/Alateen 1-888-425-2666 AA Hotline 595-1212	Support group Alco- holism-friends/ relatives and teens.	No fees
	12 Step Program	No fees
Peninsula Area Help Line 875-9314	Narcotics Anonymous	No fees
Advanced Recovery Systems 1-888-338-1433	Alcohol, Eating Disorders and Substance Abuse	Private Insurance







# FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICES

**TIRED OF PAYING HIGH TAX PREPARATION FEES?** 

**College Students** 



**Teenagers** 

# NEED HELP COMPLETING YOUR TAX RETURN?

**FREE Tax Preparation** 

**Part-Time Employees** 



**Seasonal Employment** 



For more details on tax preparation, please call FIC at 757-928-3680



## **General Overtime Guidelines**

Maintenance staff will respond to the following calls:

- 1. Gas Leaks;
- 2. Electrical Problems;
- 3. Smoke Detector:
- 4. Power Outages (only at Pinecroft, Ashe Manor, Spratley House and Marshall);
- 5. No Heat between 5:00 pm on Friday and 8:00 am on Sunday or holidays if the next day is a working day. If the next day is not a working day, accepts calls until 6:00 p.m.;
- 6. Floods and Sewer Problems;
- 7. Broken Windows;
- 8. Collapsed ceiling or damaged roofs;
- Commode stopped up (if two in apartment hold to next day if that is a normal business day);
- 10. Lock Out/Lock Change;
- 11. Damaged Exterior Doors;
- 12. Fire.

Note to Residents: If you believe the situation can wait until the next day, call first thing in the morning.



All tenants should contact their rental office about proper installation of cable and satellite television before being installed by the company.

# After Hour Guidelines

## **Public Housing**

Marshall	(757) 928-6154
Spratley House	(757) 928-6187
Ashe Manor	(757) 928-6187
Aqueduct	(757) 833-5700
Pinecroft	(757) 269-4300
Orcutt Townhomes I	(757) 928-6187



\*Marshall

(757) 928-6181

## Tax Credit Properties

Oyster Point/Brighton	(757) 269-4307
Brighton	(757) 591-3280
Cypress Terrace	(757) 833-5720
Orcutt Townhomes III	(757) 928-6187
Lassiter Courts	(757) 928-2690
Great Oak	(757) 592-7448
Jefferson Brookville	(757) 928-2690

#### \*USE ONLY AS AN ALTERNATE NUMBER

Please use this number ONLY after 5:00 pm (757) 247-0484



# Do You Want to Place Your Order for Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests?



Residential households in the U.S. can order one set of 4 free at-home tests from USPS.com. Here's what you need to know about your order:

- Limit of one order per residential address
- One order includes 4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
- Orders will ship free starting in late January

## Order online by going to covidtest.gov

\* If you don't have internet access, ask a friend or family member for their assistance.



The waiting list for housing assistance at the Warwick SRO is open for single room occupancy only.

Please call (757) 928-6060, Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to schedule an appointment.





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