

## Hardship Resources for Employees Negatively Impacted by COVID-19

At Harris Health System, we understand that anyone can find themselves dealing with financial hardship as a result of a disaster or unforeseen emergency. We have put together a list of resources and community programs that may be helpful in recovering from personal hardship. The resources listed below are external organizations and while our team will continue to periodically update this list, Harris Health System is not responsible for monitoring day to day changes in the hours of operation, availability, or providing quality assurance of these resources.

The Harris Health [Disaster Assistance Program](#) application is also available for Harris Health System employees in need of monetary assistance.

### **Disaster Unemployment Assistance:**

[Texas Workforce Commission](#)

### **Emergency Housing Needs:**

[Houston Area Shelters](#)

### **Food Pantries & Bill Pay Assistance:**

[Directory Listing for Greater Houston Area](#)

[Houston Pantries Only](#)

### **Free Legal Services (Housing/Family Law/ Tax Relief/ Benefits):**

[Baker Ripley](#)

[Beacon Law](#) - specializes in issues surrounding homelessness

[Disability Rights Texas](#) - specializes in issues related to persons with disabilities

[Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program](#)

[Lone Star Legal Aid](#)

[Tahirih Justice Center](#) - specializes in issues affecting non-naturalized citizens

### **Important Texas Agency Sites:**

[CDC – COVID 19 Page](#)

[Harris County Dept of Education](#)

[Texas Dept of Health and Human Services](#)

**Relevant Disaster Orders (COVID 19):**

[March 31, 2020 – Stay Home Order](#)

[30 Day Moratorium Halting Evictions and Utility Shut-offs](#)

**Special Needs Services:**

[Adult Day Care Listing for Autistic Individuals over 21](#)

[Autism Speaks Resources Greater Houston Area](#)

[Autism Services for Under 21 Years of Age](#)

[Avondale House](#)

[Easter Seals Over 21 Autism Services](#)

[Katy Area Autistic Adult Services](#)

[Spectrum of Hope](#)