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**Subject:** Resources for CASA's Displaced College Students



CASA Directors and Staff,

I hope everyone in the CASA network is safe and healthy during this difficult time. In order to provide much needed support for CASA's foster youth in college, I would like to share some resources for those of you that have displaced college students. If anyone is aware of any additional resources, please do share so we can inform the CASA network.

**Feeding America (find your local food bank):**

<https://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank>

**Filing for Unemployment:**

This form details exactly how individuals would need to file for an unemployment insurance claim with the Georgia Department of Labor under the current conditions, utilizing their online system.

<https://dol.georgia.gov/document/document/how-file-unemployment-claim/download>

**Laptops for remote learning:**

ONE SIMPLE WISH urgent: if you are in foster care or ever were, and need a laptop for remote learning email [info@onesimplewish.org](mailto:info@onesimplewish.org) we are here to help [onesimplewish.org](http://onesimplewish.org). I is not guaranteed you will get a laptop.

**Internet Access:**

Comcast is offering Xfinity Wi-Fi free for everyone through Wi-Fi hotspots, all customers will receive Unlimited data for not additional charge. They will not disconnect customer's internet service or assess late fees if you let them know you can't pay your bill during this time.

<https://corporate.comcast.com/covid-19>

<https://www.internetessentials.com/>

Spectrum plans to offer free internet to students without access as the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, forces some schools to switch to online learning. Beginning March 16, the company commits to offering free internet for 60 days to households with K-12 or college students who don't already have a Spectrum subscription. It is also opening its Wi-Fi hotspots for public use. To enroll, call 1-844-488-8395. Or for more information, click [here](#).

<https://corporate.charter.com/newsroom/charter-to-offer-free-access-to-spectrum-broadband-and-wifi-for-60-days-for-new-K12-and-college-student-households-and-more>

AT&T said it would waive internet data overage fees for customers who have capped data plans. <https://about.att.com/pages/COVID-19.html>

Verizon issued a statement saying it would waive any late fees and not terminate any service for the next 60 days. <https://www.verizon.com/about/news/our-response-coronavirus>

### **Mental Health Services:**

NAMI is operating a mental health hotline if you are experiencing anxiety or other wellness needs call 800-950-6264 or text 741741! They also provide a whole list of resources; <https://www.nami.org/getattachment/Press-Media/Press-Releases/2020/COVID-19-and-Mental-Illness-NAMI-Releases-Importan/COVID-19-Updated-Guide-1.pdf?lang=en-US>

### **Enterprise (College Student Travel Assistance & Military/Government Travel Assistance):**

With colleges and universities announcing campus closures in response to coronavirus (COVID-19) concerns, Enterprise wants to make it easier for students to get home to their families by reducing the age minimum and waiving the young renter fees for rentals through May 31, 2020. <https://www.enterprise.com/en/car-rental/deals/young-driver.html>

Enterprise has reduced the minimum age to rent from 21 to 18 for all members of the military and U.S. government employees renting for personal needs through May 31<sup>st</sup>. <https://www.enterprise.com/en/car-rental/deals/military-government.html>

### **Together We Rise (Housing Assistance):**

Posted on Instagram and Facebook: "URGENT: If you are or know of a foster youth that is staying at a college dorm room that is going to be closed due to the coronavirus, please email [info@togetherwerise.org](mailto:info@togetherwerise.org) and we will provide or help you find housing during this transition."

### **U-Haul (Free Storage):**

U-Haul is offering 30-day free storage to displaced college students nationwide. Must be 18 and with a valid driver's license to operate vans and trucks. <https://www.pennlive.com/coronavirus/2020/03/u-haul-offers-30-day-free-storage-for-displaced-students-as-coronavirus-forces-colleges-to-close.html>

### **The Hope Center:**

[Hope 4 College](https://www.hope4college.com/) has a variety of resources for college students related to health care, food, emergency aid, and housing. The link below is directed toward colleges and universities, but has some good resources. [https://hope4college.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/BTFP\\_SupportingStudentsDuringCOVID19\\_v2\\_Final.pdf](https://hope4college.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/BTFP_SupportingStudentsDuringCOVID19_v2_Final.pdf)

### **Information from Embark Georgia:**

Information from [Edquity](https://edquity.co/COVID-19.pdf): <https://edquity.co/COVID-19.pdf>  
Schoolhouse Connection is sharing info: <https://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/>  
Free ZOOM usage: [https://www.forbes.com/sites/alexkonrad/2020/03/13/zoom-video-coronavirus-eric-yuan-schools/?fbclid=IwAR3cf5wia901C47hs\\_ktH8lvBLq6lhqoe0Y9Zag0CR56NqSSdUOLDaxE1yQ#5bac1ce04e71](https://www.forbes.com/sites/alexkonrad/2020/03/13/zoom-video-coronavirus-eric-yuan-schools/?fbclid=IwAR3cf5wia901C47hs_ktH8lvBLq6lhqoe0Y9Zag0CR56NqSSdUOLDaxE1yQ#5bac1ce04e71)

Possibly eligible for free charter Wi-Fi: <https://corporate.charter.com/newsroom/charter-to-offer-free-access-to-spectrum-broadband-and-wifi-for-60-days-for-new-K12-and-college-student-households-and-more>

**College Specific Information/Resources:**

Information about colleges or universities in the University System of Georgia your specific CASA kids/young adults attend can be found at <https://www.usg.edu/coronavirus>. Select “Our Institutions” at the top and then “Map and Information” for the list of schools.