



The Coronavirus Assistance for American Families Act

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With the second wave of the coronavirus pandemic spreading in the winter and during the holiday season, it is crucial that any coronavirus package include an additional round of economic impact payments, commonly known as direct payments. Direct payments are popular and bipartisan – [about three-quarters](#) of Americans, evenly distributed by party affiliation, want these payments. Not only did direct payments help our economy, but by June, it prevented [over 8 million](#) Americans from falling into poverty.

That's why we need a second round of payments that targets assistance to the families of greatest need, especially during a time where financial hardship is at its most extreme and perilous. These payments will ensure families can afford a healthy meal, keep homes heated, and pay for needed expenses that were put off due to the worst recession to face the U.S. since the Great Depression.

The Coronavirus Assistance for American Families Act:

- Provides \$1000 direct payments to each adult and each dependent equally. A couple filing jointly would receive \$2,000; a family of four would receive \$4,000.
- Includes eligibility for adult dependents, such as those with disabilities and college students.
- Offers family-centric payments:
 - A family of four would receive \$600 more than under the CARES Act.
 - These payments would provide single parents, especially those with multiple children, more assistance than under the CARES Act.
 - Families that care for elderly or disabled relatives are also eligible for assistance.

The country is in a recession, and a second round of direct payments can help address some of the financial crises currently faced by millions of Americans:

- In August, as many as 40 million renters were [at risk of eviction](#). Research shows many Americans are evicted for [unpaid rental debts of \\$600 or less](#).
- [More than half](#) of U.S. households with annual incomes below \$100,000 have reported serious financial problems; two-thirds of households, including a person with a disability, reported financial hardship.
- Nationally, [more than 50 million people](#), including 17 million children, are projected to experience food insecurity due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Coronavirus Assistance for American Families Act will help Americans navigate the uncertainty of the winter and holiday season. If you would like to cosponsor this bill, contact:

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