

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information Directory as of 6 April, 2020

Canterbury City Community Centre understands that this is a difficult time for many in our community and we are working with others to try to provide up to date information on services that can help.

Every effort has been made to ensure the following information is correct at the time of printing, however this is a rapidly changing environment and information is reviewed and added to daily. If you are aware of new information, or of any changes that might need to be made to this Information Sheet, please let us know by email to [customerservice@4cs.org.au](mailto:customerservice@4cs.org.au)

The most up to date copy of this document will be kept on our website <https://www.4cs.org.au/about-us/resources> or call us on 9750 9344 and we can post a copy out to you.

Canterbury City Community Centre is currently closed for face to face contact and support but we are still available during our normal hours of business 9 am to 4 pm by phoning us on **9750 9344** or emailing [customerservice@4cs.org.au](mailto:customerservice@4cs.org.au).

Some of our services in Aged Care are continuing but with different ways of delivery.

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If you suspect that you or a family member may have Coronavirus you should call (not visit) your GP or ring the

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) National Hotline: 1800 020 080**

The Coronavirus Health Information Line provides general information relating to coronavirus (COVID-19) for the general community. The line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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## Telehealth

From 30<sup>th</sup> March to 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020, people can have bulk-billed telehealth (telephone or video) appointments with the following health care providers:

- GPs
- Psychologists
- Midwives
- Nurses
- Psychiatrists
- Pediatricians, speech pathologists, physiotherapists and occupational therapists for services for children with developmental delays
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners
- Social workers and dieticians for eating disorders

For more information, call your health care provider or:

- Canterbury Community Health Centre - **9787 0600**
- Bankstown Community Health Centre - **9780 2899**
- Services Australia - **13 21 50**
- Medicare Benefits Online  
<http://www.mbsonline.gov.au/internet/mbsonline/publishing.nsf/Content/Factsheet-TempBB>

## Coronavirus screening clinics

Coronavirus (COVID-19) screening clinics are also in operation at several hospitals across the region:

- Royal Prince Alfred Hospital 8:00 am - 10:00 pm daily
- Concord Hospital 8:00 am - 6:00 pm daily - across road from ED in Sports Institute Building
- Canterbury Hospital 8:00 am - 10:00 pm daily - access via the After-Hours GP entrance
- St Vincent's Hospital 10:30 am - 6:00 pm daily. Enter via main hospital entrance and follow the green line to the Flu Assessment Clinic (\*All non-emergency presentations for testing of children should go to Sydney Children's Hospital or Royal Prince Alfred Hospital)

- Sydney Eye Hospital Emergency Department, 8 Macquarie St, Sydney, is now offering testing
- Prince of Wales Hospital 10:00 am - 8:00 pm daily - access via Building 14B Avoca St, Randwick
- Redfern Health Centre, 103 - 105 Redfern St, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday to Saturday
- St George Hospital 8:00 am - 6:00 pm daily - Gray Street Kogarah.

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information in Your Language**

- Department of Health Website:  
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/covid-19-resources.aspx>
- News and Information on Corona Virus (COVID-19) is available in 63 languages on the SBS News Website:  
[https://www.sbs.com.au/language/coronavirus?cx\\_cid=edm:gov:200326](https://www.sbs.com.au/language/coronavirus?cx_cid=edm:gov:200326)

# Centrelink Payments

## Supplementary payments

The government will pay a \$750 one off Economic Support Payment if you're living in Australia. You don't need to do anything you will automatically receive the payment from 31 March, with most getting it by 17 April 2020. Then another payment in July.

This includes everyone who receives a welfare payment and those with a pension concession card, seniors card and veteran gold card. Disability Support Pension.

JobSeeker Payment will be the new working age payment from 20 March 2020.

## Coronavirus Supplement - temporary extra income

The supplement is worth \$550 a fortnight (\$275 a week) on top of the income support you already. Payments will begin on 27 April and will be available for at least six months.

## Reporting for Job Seeker, Youth Allowance and Parenting Payment

Centrelink has suspended all mutual obligations until 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

## Centrelink Jobseeker Payment

You may be eligible for income support if:

- You have recently lost your job
- You are a casual worker, self-employed or sole business trader earning less than \$1,075.00 per fortnight
- You are a carer for someone affected with COVID-19

## Applying for Job Seeker Payment

Waiting periods have temporarily been waived and you do not need to complete a full claim. Please contact Centrelink immediately to register your intent.

**Online** - MyGov Website: <http://www.mygov.org.au>

## Over the phone - Centrelink Contact Numbers

- Jobseekers hotline **132 850**
- Older Australians **132 300**
- Disability Support Pension **132 717**
- Multilingual Phone Service **131 202**

**For more information on how to apply, visit:**

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/jobseeker-payment/how-claim>

## Tutorials

Tutorials and Youtube videos are available on this website which can assist customers with their enquiries: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/subjects/self-service>

## Changes to Payments/Cards

- **Sickness Allowance** - Payment stopped on 20<sup>th</sup> March, transferred to Job Seeker Payment
- **Partner Allowance** - Payment stopped on 20<sup>th</sup> March, transferred to Job Seeker Payment.
- **Wife Pension** - Payment stopped on 20<sup>th</sup> March, changed to either Age Pension, Carer Payment or Job Seeker Payment.
- **Widow Allowance** - Payment stopped on 20<sup>th</sup> March, changed to Job Seeker Payment
- **Widow B Pension** - Payment stopped on 20<sup>th</sup> March, changed to Age Pension.

## JobKeeper Payment

- If you're a part-time worker or a casual employee that has been stood down or had their hours reduced, you could be eligible to receive a minimum fortnightly payment of \$1,500 before tax from your employer. Casual employees must have worked for their employer for a minimum of 12 months to be eligible. Talk to your employer for more information.

## Supplementary Payment Table

Payment/ Card	First Payment (1 x \$750 in mid April)	Second Payment (1 x \$750 in mid July)	Corona-Virus Supplement (\$550 p/fortnight)
Parenting Payment	✓	X	✓
Job Seeker Payment (Previously Newstart Allowance)	✓	X	✓
ABSTUDY (Living Allowance)	✓	X	✓
Youth Allowance	✓	X	✓
Age Pension	✓	✓	X
Disability Support Pension	✓	✓	X
Carer Payment	✓	✓	X
Carer Allowance	✓	✓	X
Farm Household Allowance	✓	X	✓
Pensioner Concession Card (PCC)	✓	✓	X
Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders	✓	✓	X
Bereavement Allowance	✓	✓	✓
Special Benefit	✓	X	✓
Family Tax Benefit	✓	✓	X
Double Orphan Pension	✓	✓	X
Veteran Service Pension including War Widow(er) Pension and Veteran Payment	✓	✓	X
DVA	✓	✓	X
Veteran Gold Card Holders	✓	✓	X

## Emergency Aid

Assistance with food, clothing, household items and financial aid for people struggling to get by:

- Prospect Project Australia - Campsie Sydney Help Hub  
34 North Parade  
Campsie  
Tel: 0402 787 571  
E-mail: [mail@prosperprojectaustralia.org](mailto:mail@prosperprojectaustralia.org)

Delivery and pick up only. Please call to arrange a time.

- St Vincent de Paul  
Main Phone - 13 18 12  
Bankstown - 9796 1179
- Salvation Army  
Main Phone - 1300 371 288  
Campsie - 9718 7933

## Community Pantries and Food Parcels

- Foodbank NSW & ACT - 9756 3099  
Works in partnership with charities and schools to distribute the food to where it's needed most. They can help you find a charity in your area that can support you.
- Addison Road Community Organisation - The Mamma Penny Initiative  
Belmore Youth Resource Centre (free food parcels)  
38 - 40 Redman Parade, Belmore  
Tel: 0423 207 530  
Hours: Friday 9:30 am - 11:00 am
- Lighthouse Community Support (free food parcels)  
Tel: 1300 794 490  
  
Please call to arrange pick up or delivery time.
- Mountaha's Helping Hand (free food parcels)  
2/15-17 Gartmore Avenue  
Bankstown  
Tel: 0405 610 693  
Hours: Thursday and Saturday, 9:30 am - 12 noon

- Greenacre Area Community Centre  
87 Waterloo Road  
Greenacre  
Tel: 9750 7982

Pick up food parcels available Friday 12pm onwards by appointment only. Parcels cost \$2 and you must live in Canterbury-Bankstown Area and show Centrelink Card. Priority is given to people with large families or single parent families.

Please call to check availability and make an appointment.

- Riverwood Community Centre (free food parcels)  
151 North Belmore Road  
Riverwood  
Tel: 9533 0100

Please call to check availability and make an appointment.

- Asylum Seekers Centre  
43 Bedford Street  
Newtown  
Tel: 9078 1900

Please call to check availability and make an appointment.

## **Low Cost Groceries**

- The Staples Bag (affordable groceries)  
449 Canterbury Rd, Campsie  
Tel: 9787 6832  
Hours: Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

## **Supermarkets**

- Woolworths Priority Assistance Service offers dedicated delivery windows to eligible customers including seniors, people with a disability and those with compromised immunity or who are required to self-isolate. Register here:  
<https://www.woolworths.com.au/shop/discover/priorityassistance>
- Coles Online Priority Service: <https://www.coles.com.au/customernotice>



## Bill Help

Electricity Vouchers are by appointment only. Please call the organisation to arrange a time.

- Muslim Women Association Lakemba  
Tel: **9750 6916**
- Metro Assist Campsie  
Tel: **9789 3744**
- Metro Assist Bankstown  
Tel: **8709 0200**
- Exodus Foundation  
Tel: **8752 4633**

## Accommodation

- Link to Home **1800 152 152** (free call, 24 hours)  
Temporary accommodation for those experiencing homelessness. Housing are providing additional resources for those who need to self-isolate or who are in a domestic and violence situation
- Rental Arrears Haymarket Foundation - Sydney Homeless Early Intervention Scheme (SHEIS) is offering remote assistance to single clients aged over 18 years, who are at risk of homelessness. If you would like to refer a client who is at risk and requires support, please call **9197 9720**
- Find a Bed [https://www.facebook.com/Findabedau/?hc\\_location=ufi](https://www.facebook.com/Findabedau/?hc_location=ufi)  
They are compiling a list of empty homes which can be used for self-isolation purposes.

## Renting

There will be a 6-month eviction moratorium from the end of March to end of August.  
For concerns, contact:

- Southern Sydney Tenants Advice and Advocacy Services  
Tel: **02 9787 4679**

Hours: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Fridays.

## **Specialist Services**

Most organisations receptions are still operating, with services moved from face-to-face to email, phone or Skype where possible.

### **Elderly Support Services**

- My Aged Care - 1300 536 707
- Canterbury Meals on Wheels - 02 9718 3093
- Bankstown Food Services - 02 9707 9646
- Inner West Meals on Wheels - 02 8745 0086

### **Migrants, Asylum Seekers and Refugee Support**

- Telephone Interpreter Service - 132 450
- Asylum Seekers Centre - 9078 1900
- Immigration Advice and Rights Centre - 8234 0700
- Migrant Employment Service - 8002 1203

### **Families and Children**

- Parent Line - 1300 130 052
- Kids Help Line - 1800 551 800
- Sydney Local Health District Campsie - 9515 0030
- Family Advocacy and Support Services (FASS) Sydney Family Court  
Monday to Friday from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm, and 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.  
Tel: 9287 7505 or [slcp@swslc.org.au](mailto:slcp@swslc.org.au)

### **Disability Support**

- NDIS - 1800 800 110

More information can be found on the NDIS website:

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/coronavirus/participants-coronavirus-covid-19>

The Council of Disability has an Easy to Read guide for Staying Safe from COVID-19:

<https://cid.org.au/resource/viruses-and-staying-healthy/>

## **Mental Health Support**

Managing stress during COVID-19

- Head to Health- <https://headtohealth.gov.au/covid-19-support/covid-19/psychological-tips>
- Red Cross 'Look After Yourself'- <https://www.redcross.org.au/get-help/emergencies/looking-after-yourself>

If you are in distress:

- Mental Health Line - 1800 011 511
- Suicide Call Back - 1300 659 467
- Lifeline - 13 11 14
- Beyond Blue - 1300 22 4635
- Multicultural Mental Health Australia - (02) 6285 3100
- Head Space Bankstown (People aged 15-25 years) - 9393 9669

If you are worried you may harm yourself or someone else or need immediate help for someone else in this situation, please call 000.

## **Women's Health Centre's**

- Bankstown Women's Community Health Centre - 9790 1378
- Leichhardt Women's Community Health Centre - 9560 3011

## **Domestic Violence Support**

- Domestic Violence Line- 1800 656 463 (24 hours)
- Legal Aid Domestic Violence Unit- (02) 9219 6300
- MensLine - 1300 789 978
- Aboriginal Family Domestic Violence Hotline - 1800 019 123
- Muslim Women's Association - 9750 6916
- Linking Hearts Multicultural Family Services - 9786 4404

## **Legal Advice**

- Legal Aid Bankstown - 02 97074555
- Law Access NSW - 1300 888 529
- Salvos Legal - 02 8202 1500
- Welfare Rights Centre NSW - 9211 5300
- Marrickville Legal Centre - 9559 2899

## **Justice of Peace**

- Service NSW has Justice of Peace on staff. Call 13 77 88 to make an appointment at your nearest branch.

## **Online Resources and Groups**

- Canterbury Bankstown Service Directory <https://cbdvsd.com.au/service-directory/>
- Ask Izzy online database of services supporting people <https://askizzy.org.au/>
- Love in the time of Covid-19 [www.facebook.com/groups/680463122494391/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/680463122494391/)

## Emergency Numbers

- **1800 Respect: 1800 737 732**  
24hr counselling support for victims of sexual assault & domestic violence
- **Domestic Violence Helpline: 1800 656 463**  
24hr counselling support and accommodation for victims escaping violence
- **MensLine Australia: 1300 789 978**  
24hr counselling support for men experiencing emotional, health, relationship issues
- **Parent Line NSW: 1300 1300 52**  
24hr parenting support for families with children aged 0 - 18yrs
- **Tresillian NSW: 1300 272 736**  
24hr parenting support for families with children aged 0 - 5yrs
- **Mental Health Access Line: 1800 011 511**  
24hr crisis support for families experiencing mental health challenges
- **Your room – Alcohol & other drug support: 1800 250 015**  
24hr counselling support around alcohol & substance use
- **Lifeline: 13 11 14**  
24hr crisis support for suicide prevention
- **Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800**  
24hr support for children 5-25yrs and their carers/parents
- **My Forever Family - Carer support: 1300 782 975**  
Support for carers; Mon-Fri - between 9am-5pm
- **Link2Home: 1800 152 152**  
24hr support for people at risk or who are homeless
- **Child Protection Helpline: 132 111**  
24hr child protection reporting hot line
- **NSW Ageing and Disability Abuse Helpline: 1800 628 221**  
Help for aged and people with a disability. Mon - Fri between 9:00 am -5:00 pm
- **Services NSW Hotline: 13 77 88**  
24 hour hotline for latest updates on essential services, cost of living assistance, financial support for businesses and rules about social distancing.

## **Contacting Canterbury City Community Centre**

Phone: **9750 9344**

Email: [customerservice@4cs.org.au](mailto:customerservice@4cs.org.au)

Website: [www.4cs.org.au](http://www.4cs.org.au)

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