

# Resources for Blue Mountain Community Students

## During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

This is a list of suggested resources for Blue Mountain Community College Students to access if they have unanswered questions. While this list may have many resources it is not exhaustive, it is meant to provide a high-level overview of key resources with direct links for contact.

**Food Resources:** Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon is an excellent website that provides a comprehensive summary on [accessing food resources](#) in these unprecedented times. Students who receive SNAP benefits will not have any interruption in their benefits. For any students who are finding themselves struggling to have adequate nourishment the SNAP program has an online application program, therefore there is no need to go into the state offices. Additionally, this website includes the Oregon Food Bank's [Find Food Page](#) which includes a list of references for easy access. BMCC has a good supply of grocery items that will be distributed to students if they desire: To access The Den for food resources please call 541 278-5965. We will make every attempt to fill your needs, we will then bag your order and we will set a designated time and meet you in the parking lot to deliver them to you.

- **Healthcare:** The [Oregon Health Authority](#) provides frequent updates on the CoVid-19 Virus and it has within its website information on how to apply for healthcare benefits.
- **Filing for Unemployment:** The CoVid-19 virus is having a staggering impact on our economy in the United States. This break down of the United States and World Economy greatly impacts our students. Many students who were working at jobs off campus to make ends meet now find themselves unemployed due to local closures. Information about filing for unemployment benefits may be easily located on the [Oregon Unemployment Insurance](#) website. There are other options available for students to utilize through the Oregon

Employment Office that may help with college and when seeking new employment.

- **Childcare:** During this challenging time many students will have the added problem of how to ***access and pay*** for childcare. The Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program has expanded to meet the needs of pandemic times. Eligibility for the programs through DHS has eliminated co-pays and increased the income-eligibility from 185% of the Federal Poverty Level to 250% which is an increase of 85% of the medium wage. Students may access the ERDC app and mail/submit it to your local DHS office. More information may be found by calling 211 or the DHS phone line at 1-800 699-9074.

#### **Various Community Resources:**

- 211 info can help you find services
- CALL 211 or 1 866-698-6155
- TEXT your zip code to 898211 (TXT211)
- EMAIL [help@211info.org](mailto:help@211info.org)
- CAPECO 1 800 752-1139 or 541 276-7541
  1. CAPECO has numerous programs to assist people with current needs, from food and nutrition to housing and energy assistance.