

NEWS RELEASE

March 17, 2020 – Due to growing concerns related to the COVID-19 virus, the Prowers County Annex will be closed to the public until April 17th for all non-essential services. The Prowers County Department of Human Services reminds county residents that applying for public assistance programs does not require a visit to the Prowers County Annex.

Prowers County Department of Human Services wants to advise all county citizens that there are resources already in place to keep the community healthy and safe amid the news of COVID-19 cases in Colorado. Everyone has a role to play to prevent the spread of the disease and protect yourself and others.

The Colorado Program Eligibility and Application Kit (PEAK) at <https://coloradopeak.secure.force.com/> has everything you need to:

- Learn about public assistance programs
- Complete an application
- Manage benefits

PEAK is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via internet access on a smartphone, tablet, or computer. PEAK is safe and secure, which means your personal information is protected. You may also Google “Colorado PEAK” to reach this site.

The MyCoBenefits app is available through the Apple and Android app stores. The app can make it easier to report changes, upload important documents using the mobile device camera, check EBT balances and review transactions and expenses.

- Programs include
- Food Assistance (SNAP)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP)
- Aid to Needy Disabled (AND)
- Colorado Works (CO Works also known as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families or TANF)
- Health First Colorado (Colorado Medicaid)
- Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)
- And many more

There is a smartphone app called PEAKHealth, for current Medicaid and CHP+ members who have a [Colorado.gov/PEAK](https://colorado.gov/PEAK) account.

The first time you use PEAK, you will need to enter a valid email address to create a PEAK account. This will allow you to save your application and finish it later, track your application status and use other online tools. Older residents who may be at higher risk for COVID-19 may be particularly interested in applying and managing benefits online.

- Click **Am I Eligible** to see if you might qualify for programs.
- The **Apply for Benefits** button allows you to complete one online application for multiple benefit programs.
- Use **Manager My Account** to view benefit information, report changes, pay premiums, and read letters we send you.

It is very important to stay home if you are not feeling well or are sick, but there is a lot that can be accomplished from the comfort of your home to apply and manage public assistance benefits. Contact the Prowers County Department of Human Services at 336-7486 for more information.