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REPRESENTATIVES  
SATURDAY, JUNE 26  
AT 1 PM FOR A  
TOWN HALL EVENT**

To reflect on the 2021  
legislative session and  
discuss policing in  
Kansas City

Major Kari Thompson,  
KCPD East Patrol  
commander, will discuss  
the importance of two-way  
partnerships between  
police and the community.

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**Please join me and my House colleagues, Representative Michael Johnson and Yolanda Young, for our second joint town hall at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 26, as we report on the major successes and failures of the 2021 legislative session and on legislation we intend to sponsor and support in next year's session.**

**We also will hear from Major Kari Thompson, East Patrol Commander, on the importance of building positive two-way partnerships between police and the community.**

**Please use the link below to join us via Zoom.**

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Jun 26, 2021 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Legislative Town Hall

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**University of Missouri hosted a charity softball game where the donations went to the Central Missouri Foster Care & Adoption Center. The featured teams were the Missouri House of Representatives vs. Missouri Senate, we lost a close game 15-10 but we'll take the next one.**

# WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE

Friday, June 25, 2021

## MEDICAID EXPANSION SETBACK

Cole County Circuit Judge Jon Beetem on June 23 ruled a voter-approved state constitutional amendment expanding Medicaid eligibility is unconstitutional because it attempts to appropriate funding through the initiative petition process.

However, Beetem's conclusion appears to contradict an earlier appellate court decision finding the amendment does no such thing.

**Regardless of which party prevailed at the trial level, the case had always been expected to be appealed to the Missouri Supreme Court, which likely will happen soon. The parties are hoping to get a final ruling by July 1, when the new expanded eligibility requirements are slated to take effect.**

The lawsuit seeking enforcement of the expanded eligibility requirements was filed May 20.

**Under the federal Affordable Care Act, states can raise their Medicaid eligibility threshold to 138 percent of the federal poverty level, and the federal government will pay 90 percent of the cost. After lawmakers refused to do so for several years, supporters used the initiative petition process to take the case directly to Missouri voters, who ratified the expansion measure, Amendment 2, in November 2020. I supported the measure.**

Despite Medicaid expansion being enshrined in the Missouri Constitution, the General Assembly refused to provide funding for the expansion in the state budget for the 2022 fiscal year which also begins July 1. The lawsuit argues Amendment 2 doesn't force the legislature to increase appropriations for Medicaid, known in Missouri as MO HealthNet, but does require the state to expand eligibility and

provide services to the expanded population, as well as prohibiting the state from discriminating between previously eligible and newly eligible persons.

In his opinion, Beetem said the end result is that the legislature would have to appropriate more money for Medicaid to serve the expanded population or the whole program would run out of funding. As a result, Beetem said, Amendment 2 violates a provision of Article III, Section 51 of the state constitution prohibiting appropriating funding through the initiative petition.

“As Plaintiffs readily admitted at argument, under existing law, the choice of the General Assembly is either to fund the expansion or not have a Medicaid program at all,” Beetem wrote. “Without addressing the multiple and serious consequences of terminating the Medicaid program as a whole, given the choices above, Amendment 2 does direct or restrict the General Assembly’s ability to change the appropriation. This result cannot be harmonized to avoid striking down the initiative.”

**However, the Missouri Court of Appeals Western District said last year in *Cady v. Ashcroft* that Amendment 2 absolutely can be harmonized with Article III, Section 51 and ruled the amendment didn’t attempt to appropriate through the initiative process. That case unsuccessfully had sought to block Amendment 2 from going on the ballot.**

“The Proposed Measure does not direct or restrict the General Assembly’s ability to change the amount of appropriations for the MO HealthNet program or to increase or decrease funding for the program based on health-care-related costs,” Judge Mark Pfeiffer wrote for the court in the case. “This interpretation harmonizes the provisions of the Proposed Measure and Article III, Section 51 of the state Constitution rather than creating an ‘irreconcilable conflict’.”

If Beetem’s ruling is overturned and Medicaid expansion is implemented, an estimated 275,000 more uninsured Missourians would be eligible for the program. Expansion would bring about \$1.4

billion in additional federal Medicaid spending into the state for FY 2022, plus secure another \$1.5 billion for Missouri under the latest federal COVID-19 relief package. The case is *Doyle v. Tidball*.

## **SPECIAL SESSION UNDERWAY TO RENEW TAX**

A special legislative session to renew a health care provider tax that's essential to funding Missouri's existing Medicaid program got underway in the Senate on June 23 amid uncertainty about its probability for success, with some conservative lawmakers insisting on attaching a ban on Medicaid coverage for certain methods of birth control.

The tax on hospitals and other health care providers known as the Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA) leverages substantially more federal Medicaid funding. Lawmakers typically renew the FRA without controversy, but some Senate conservatives blocked this year's renewal effort.

**If the tax, currently set to expire on Sep. 30, isn't renewed, the funding loss would blow a massive hole in the state budget for the 2022 fiscal year, which begins July 1.**

On June 21, Gov. Mike Parson threatened to cut \$722 million in spending authority from the FY 2022 budget listing drastic cuts to a wide variety of state services including all levels of public education if lawmakers couldn't agree on a renewal bill. The next day, Parson called the special session, noting, "After laying out the grim reality of our state's financial future if FRA is not extended, I believe legislators have now agreed to a compromise that will end this stalemate."

Under the Missouri Constitution, lawmakers can only pass legislation authorized by the governor when convened in special session. In addition to renewing the FRA and related taxes and assessments that are set to expire, Parson also authorized the session to consider prohibiting Medicaid funding for unspecified "abortifacient drugs and devices" that are used to terminate pregnancies and prohibiting funding for abortion facilities under the Uninsured Women's Health Program.

The Senate Appropriations Committee on June 24 recommended Senate Bill 1 introduced by Senator Dan Hageman, committee chair, for passage extending the FRA and related taxes and assessments and banning Medicaid coverage for specified birth control drugs or devices. The bill also bans reimbursement under the Uninsured Women's Health Program for women's health services to an abortion facility or affiliate of such a facility.

Although federal law already prohibits Medicaid from funding abortions, it requires coverage of birth control and prohibits states from discriminating against willing providers of non-abortion women's health services.

### **ST. LOUIS CITY & COUNTY SUE STATE OVER GUN BILL**

St. Louis City and St. Louis County officials filed a joint lawsuit in Cole County on June 22 seeking to block a new state law purporting to declare certain federal gun laws invalid and unenforceable in Missouri and authorizing lawsuits against law enforcement agencies that assist with investigations of suspected violations.

**Since the U.S. Supreme Court long ago established that states have no authority to nullify federal law, a lawsuit challenging Missouri's new law had been expected.**

"This new law is like the state holding out a sign that says 'Come Commit Gun Violence Here,'" St. Louis County Executive Sam Page said in a joint news release with St. Louis Mayor Tishaura Jones announcing the lawsuit.

Jackson County Executive Frank White has asked the County Legislature to authorize the county to join St. Louis City and County as a plaintiff in the suit.

Gov. Mike Parson signed the measure, House Bill 85, into law on June 12. On June 16 Acting Assistant U.S. Attorney General Brian Boynton sent Parson and Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt a letter warning that the state had no authority to interfere in the enforcement of federal law and asking for a response concerning how



Missouri planned to implement its new law.

On June 17, Parson and Schmitt responded with a joint letter saying Missouri is defending its citizens from federal government overreach by prohibiting state and local law enforcement agencies from being used by the federal government to infringe on Missourians' right to keep and bear arms.

**In addition to claiming to nullify certain federal gun laws, HB 85 authorizes alleged violators of those laws to sue local Missouri law enforcement agencies for a \$50,000 civil fine per occurrence, plus attorney fees, for assisting federal authorities in their arrests.**

The bill also subjects law enforcement agencies to a \$50,000 civil fine for each employee they hire who they know previously was employed by a federal agency and knowingly enforced or attempted to enforce any federal gun laws listed in the bill as unconstitutional, or who knowingly gave material aid and support to such efforts after the bill's June 12 effective date.

The case, *City of St. Louis, et al., v. State of Missouri*, hasn't been scheduled for a hearing yet.



**Public Health**

HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT

2400 TROOST AVE  
KCMO 64108

Get your COVID vaccination this weekend at the City Market

The City Market and the Kansas City Health Department are pleased to announce their first vaccine partnership on Saturday, June 26, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The health department's mobile van will be easy to spot in front of the Steamboat Arabia Museum, but if you do not see it, look for a person dressed in a silly vaccination syringe costume to point the way. The vaccination team will be there, rain or shine.

"City Market is all about the health and wellness of our community, and that's why we're very excited to partner with the KCMO Health Department to help increase Kansas City's vaccination total," Sue Patterson, City Market Director of Communications, said. "More and more patrons are visiting City Market every week, and that makes it even more vital that people get vaccinated so they can be in public places and greatly reduce their chance of getting or spreading COVID-19."

As of June 22, the citywide completed vaccination rate for those 18 years and older was at 36%. The rate is even lower for school-age children 12 years and older. Parents are urged to make their children's vaccinations, including the COVID vaccination, a priority so schools will remain open and their children be allowed to attend.

"Vaccines can spare you from life-altering, long-term side effects, that can persist even after you are considered 'recovered.' You want to

enjoy your summer, not spend it fighting an illness and then fighting the lingering side effects,” said Frank Thompson, health department deputy director. “Don’t be fooled. Although you hear less about it, the disease, and multiple variants are still circulating and spreading. While those who contracted COVID early on had little defense against it, we do now, and should protect ourselves and our city by getting the vaccine that wasn’t an option for them.”

The health department will administer the Pfizer vaccine at the City Market. The Pfizer vaccine requires a second dose three weeks after the first dose, which can be scheduled at the KCMO Health Department, 2400 Troost Ave. Johnson & Johnson’s is one vaccination; it does not require a second dose, and will be available in limited quantities.

Health insurance is not required, but if you do have insurance, please bring your information to process an administration fee. There will be no cost to you. Appointments are not required, but if you’d like to save your spot and get the registration process out of the way, just fill out [this form](#) in advance.



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June 25th | 8:00 PM

KCPD South Patrol Division  
9701 Marion Park Drive KCMO 64137

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# Fifth District

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**JUNE 26, 2021 - 8 AM - NOON**

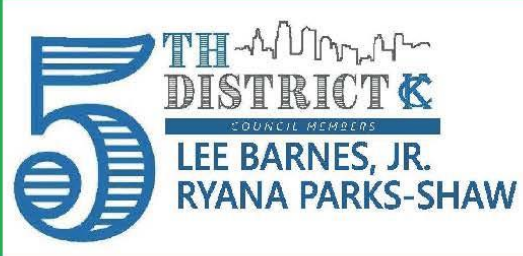
### LOCATIONS

- Southeast High School, 3500 E Meyer Blvd: tires (with or without rims), trash, bulky items, leaf & brush
- 2801 E 80TH ST:  
Trash, bulky items, leaf & brush
- Center Alternative School, 8434 The Paseo: tires (with or without rims), trash, bulky items, leaf & brush, and electronic collection

### ELECTRONICS PRICE LIST

- CRT monitors \$5/ea
- CRT TVs 26" or less \$30/ea
- CRT TVs 27" or greater \$50/ea
- Wood console & true big screen/projection TVs \$50/ea
- LED/LCD/Plasma TVs \$20/ea
- Any freon containing unit \$10/ea

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Robert Woods at 816-513-8442



All staff will be abiding by social  
distancing policy and masks  
should be worn

VACCINATION



# BACK 2 SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

**Saturday, June 5th  
& Saturday, June 26th  
9:30am-2pm**

**Smith-Hale Middle School**  
9010A Old Santa Fe Rd,  
Kansas City, MO 64138

## What to bring

- Letter from your school
- A copy of the child's previous shot record
- Parent or guardian must be present with photo I.D.



Public Health



COMMUNITY BUILDERS OF KANSAS CITY PRESENTS A SAFE, SOCIALLY-DISTANCED, COMMUNITY EVENT

# Come enjoy a free outdoor concert by musicians of the Kansas City Symphony

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021

PARKING OPENS AT 6:30 PM, PERFORMANCE BEGINS AT 7 PM

IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE CBKC OFFICES

4001 Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd (formerly Blue Pkwy), Kansas City, MO 64130



*Bring your lawn chairs and blankets! We thank you for social distancing and wearing a facemask, if you have not received the vaccine, at the concert. Your safety is our primary concern!*

Presenting the Inaugural Concert of

## Heart of America Winds

Dr. John C. Carmichael, Conductor

Monday, June 28, 2021

7:00 pm

## From This New Beginning

**Oak Park High School**

825 NE 79th Terrace

Kansas City, MO 64118

Christopher Kauffmann, Director of Bands and Guest Conductor



STARTING A NEW TRADITION

Tickets are available at the door  
\$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students/seniors  
Cash and Credit/Debit cards accepted

This concert is brought to you by the HOAW Board of Directors  
Jan Gippo, President





# FOOD GIVEAWAY DRIVE THROUGH

**Be The Reason For Someone's SMILE**

**Venue: Islamic Center Of  
Greater Kansas City  
(8501 E 99 St)  
Time: 10:00am-1:00pm  
Date: 29th june 2021**



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## BLOOD DRIVE

**Presenting donors get a Royals t-shirt or hat!**

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## **Blood Donors are Always Royal.**

Please make a life-saving blood donation at our upcoming blood drive. Present to donate and receive your choice of a limited edition Royals t-shirt or hat.

### ***Can you help us make our goal of collecting 30 units of blood?***

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Tuesday, June 29, 2021

11:00 am - 04:00 pm

Red Bridge Shopping Center - Unit 508  
(Located on the South side of the Shopping Center, facing Sun Fresh)  
508 E 112th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64131

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### **Schedule Your Appointment**

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#### **Schedule an appointment by clicking the link above or contact:**

*Cierra Pritchett – Community Blood Center Representative*

*[cpritchett@cbckc.org](mailto:cpritchett@cbckc.org) or by text or call at 816.352.5372*

Appointments are **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**;  
walk-ins will only be accepted as capacity allows.

Please wear a face mask to your donation. If you do not have one, we will provide you with a mask upon your arrival. Remember to bring a photo ID or donor ID card. For questions about eligibility due to travel outside the U.S., medications or medical conditions call 1.800.688.0900.

To learn more about the importance of donating at this time and to answer your questions about COVID-19, please visit [www.savealifenow.org/coronavirus](http://www.savealifenow.org/coronavirus).

Did you receive the COVID-19 vaccine? You can still donate! To learn more, [click here](#).

**DONORS PRESENTING:**

- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19
- May NOT donate if they have a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May NOT donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

**We do not test for COVID-19. Please see your health care provider if you want to be tested.**



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Director of Operations  
816-305-9614

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[www.BelieveAndBelong.LIFE](http://www.BelieveAndBelong.LIFE)

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# Taking Back Our Youth

Join us for a public townhall focused on reducing violent crime among our youth

July 7 | 6pm

Hillcrest Community Center  
10401 Hillcrest Rd, Kansas City, MO





#### DISTRICT 1

(Virtual) **TUESDAY, AUG. 3, 6 – 8 PM**  
(In-person) **TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 6 – 8 PM**  
NNI - 5340 NE Chouteau Trafficway

#### DISTRICT 2

(Virtual) **MONDAY, AUG. 9, 6 – 8 PM**  
(In-person) **MONDAY, JUNE 28, 6 – 8 PM**  
Northland Cathedral, 101 NW 99th Street (Gym)

#### DISTRICT 3

(Virtual) **FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 6 – 8 PM**  
(In-person) **FRIDAY, AUG. 6, 6 – 8 PM**  
Robert J. Multipurpose FOCUS Mohart Center, 3200 Wayne Avenue

#### DISTRICT 4

(Virtual) **THURSDAY, JULY 8, 6 – 8 PM**  
(In-person) **THURSDAY, AUG. 2, 6 – 8 PM**  
National WWI Museum and Memorial, 2 Memorial Drive

#### DISTRICT 5

(Virtual) **WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 6 – 8 PM**  
(In-person) **TUESDAY, AUG. 17, 6 – 8 PM**  
Southeast Community Center, 4201 E 63rd St

#### DISTRICT 6

(Virtual) **TUESDAY, JULY 13, 6 – 8 PM**  
(In-person) **TUESDAY, AUG. 10, 6 – 8 PM**  
Hillcrest Community Center – 10401 Hillcrest Rd.

# PIAC PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESENT A PROJECT | SHARE YOUR PRIORITIES | ADDRESS REPRESENTATIVES

**The 2021 deadline date to submit a request is August 31.**

The Public Improvements Advisory Committee (PIAC) solicits resident input to make recommendations on citywide and neighborhood portions of the capital budget.

In addition to coming to the hearings, citizens can also tell PIAC about needed public improvements by completing a PIAC application request form. These forms will be available at the hearings or are available from the Capital Improvements Program by phone: (816) 513-1173 or by emailing [piac@kcmo.org](mailto:piac@kcmo.org).

[KCMO.GOV/PIAC](https://www.kcmo.gov/piac)



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*Speak Easy Sessions are opportunities for residents to speak directly to City officials and staff. Expect an interactive session and lots of discussion. We want your ideas to help us run the city better. For more information and other sessions, visit [kcmo.gov/speakeasy](https://www.kcmo.gov/speakeasy).*



# Sixth District Household Hazardous Waste Collection

**July 31, 2021: 8 AM - NOON**

**LOCATION:**

- **RUSKIN HIGH SCHOOL  
7000 E 111TH ST.  
KANSAS CITY, MO, 64134**

**Accepted items:**

- Automotive products
- Antifreeze
- Batteries
- CFL light bulbs
- Fertilizers
- Flammables
- Fuels
- Hazardous Cleaners
- Hazardous Liquids
- Household Cleaners
- Lawn and Garden Products
- Paint
- Pesticides
- Photographiic Chemicals
- Pool Chemicals
- Solvents
- Thinners
- Used oils

**Unacceptable Items:**

Appliances, Asbestos, Containers larger than 5-gallons, Explosives, Ammunition, Fireworks, Medical waste and needles, Prescription drugs, Propane bottles that are over one pound, Fire extinguishers, Butan and Freon, Tires, and Yard waste

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Sixth District



**For more information,  
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# WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT



## What is it?

A temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic.

The benefit provides:

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband services;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

## Who is eligible?

A household is eligible if one member of the household:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in certain government assistance programs;
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch or breakfast program;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.



## How do I apply?

There are three ways to apply for the Emergency Broadband Benefit.

### 1 Contact your Preferred Participating Provider Directly

Ask your provider if they participate in the EBB, or use our online tool to find a participating company near you.



### 2 Online

Use the online application at [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.fcc.gov/GetEmergencyBroadband.org)



### 3 By Mail

Print an application in English or Spanish. Complete the application and send with proof of eligibility to:

**Emergency Broadband Support Center**  
P.O. Box 7081  
London, KY 40742

For additional information, **Call 833-511-0311**, or visit [fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit)

# KCMO EMERGENCY RENT & UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Tenants can apply for emergency rent relief through a new **\$14.8 million assistance fund**.

The funds will be distributed through existing community agencies that specialize in providing these services. Funding is provided by the second Congressional COVID-19 relief package.



*Income and eligibility requirements include:*

## Who is Eligible?

An eligible renter household has at least one person who:

- Has qualified for unemployment benefits, or experienced a cut in income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Is at risk of experiencing homelessness. Risk factors include:
  - Has past due utility bills or rent or has an eviction notice
  - Is living in unsafe or unhealthy conditions
- Has a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median income (AMI)

## Income

Household income is determined as either the household's total income for calendar year 2020 or the household's monthly income at the time of application.

## Eligible Expenses

- Current and past due rent
- Current and past due utility bills
- Trash removal

Emergency rent assistance **CANNOT** be used for telephone, cable or internet.

## APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE

<https://gkcasistanceprogram.org/>

For more info and other neighborhood services visit:

[KCMO.GOV/RentHelp](https://kcmo.gov/RentHelp)



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## KCMO EMERGENCY RENT & UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

### RENT/UTILITY ASSISTANCE

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- **CHES, Inc.** - (816) 533-7417
  - **Mattie Rhodes** - (816) 471-2536
  - **Community Assistance Council (CAC)**  
(816) 763-3277 ext. 108
  - **Metro Lutheran Ministries**  
(816) 285-3137 (North)  
(816) 285-3139 (South)
  - **Reconciliation Services** - (816) 931-4751
  - **Guadalupe Center** - (816) 421-1015
  - **reStart, Inc.** - (816) 472-5664 or  
rentassistance@restartinc.org
  - **Hope Faith** - (816) 540-6915
  - **Journey to New Life**  
(816) 960-4808 or agrove@jtnl.org
  - **Save, Inc.** - (816) 531-8340
  - **United Way of Greater Kansas City**  
Call 211
- Link to online application:*  
[www.mlmkc.org/rent---utility.html](http://www.mlmkc.org/rent---utility.html)
- **Community Linc** - (816) 531-3727
  - **Greater KC Housing Information Center** - (816) 931-0443

### LEGAL SERVICES FOR EVICTIONS

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- **Heartland Center for Jobs & Freedom**  
(816) 278-1092
- **Legal Aid of Western Missouri**  
(816) 474-6750

### OTHER SERVICES

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- **Mid America Assistance Coalition (MAAC Link)** –  
Utility assistance only - (816) 474-5112
- **Community Capital Fund**  
<https://www.ccfkansascity.org/essential-services>

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**NOTE:** Residents of the CCED Sales Tax District in Kansas City, Missouri—*the area bounded by Ninth Street on the north, Gregory Boulevard on the south, The Paseo Boulevard on the west, and Indiana Avenue on the east*— may apply for up to \$3,000 through the Essential Services Fund. to help cover rent, mortgage, utility, grocery, transportation, or quarantine-related hotel expenses.

*Information regarding rent/utility assistance and legal services for evictions.*  
**Call (816) 513-3026 or Contact Tiffany Drummer**

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# Important SNAP Dates

## Steps for return to regular SNAP/Food Stamp benefits

Starting later this summer, the Department of Social Services (DSS) will take gradual steps to ease Missouri's return to regular SNAP/Food Stamp benefits. If you receive SNAP benefits, you will get a letter in July letting you know when each SNAP change will occur.

Since March of 2020, you received Pandemic Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (P-SNAP) benefits each month that maximized your SNAP amount based on the size of your household. You also get a temporary 15 percent SNAP benefit increase through September.

Here are the SNAP changes that will start at the end of summer:

- FSD will restart SNAP recertification interviews on August 1, 2021 for recertifications received on or after that date.
- August will be the last month for P-SNAP benefits that maximize benefits based on the household size.
- September will be the last month to get the [temporary 15 percent SNAP increase](#).
- Starting October 1, regular SNAP benefits will resume and you will get just the regular SNAP benefit amount your household is eligible to receive.

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Check out our [media release](#) for full details.

## How to Apply

For your ease, you can apply for SNAP benefits 24/7 online by visiting [MyDSS.mo.gov](https://mydss.mo.gov), or sending a completed application and verification documents by email to [FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov](mailto:FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov), or by fax to 573-526-9400.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

- It is important for you to report to the Family Support Division (FSD) if you now have an income above the maximum limit (contact information below).

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- If you are an able-bodied adult without a dependent, you must report any change in your circumstances to FSD (contact information below).

**Questions:**

- Visit [myDSS.mo.gov](https://myDSS.mo.gov) to start a chat and get immediate answers to basic questions that are not specific to your case 24 hours a day.
- Call the FSD Information Line at **855-FSD-INFO** or (855-373-4636) Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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## South KC Mobile Food Pantries

With so many people out of work due to the coronavirus pandemic, a growing number of families in south Kansas City are being forced to rely on community food pantries such as Community Assistance Council's to have enough to eat.

Fortunately, Harvesters (the community food network) brings the semi-truck that serves as its mobile food pantry to five sites in south Kansas City monthly to distribute fresh produce and other healthy food to families in need. The sites are:

**Center District Warehouse**, 8701 Holmes Rd., from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the second Friday of each month. Persons should go to the entrance to the Center Administrative Office and drive through the bus parking lot to the warehouse where volunteers will load the food. Persons should take the Troost Ave exit. The event is sponsored by the Center Education Foundation in partnership with the Center School District.

**Evangel Church**, 1414 E. 103<sup>rd</sup> St., from 7 to 8:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month. Persons may remain in their vehicles, and food will be brought to them.

**United Believers Community Church**, 5600 E. 112th Terr., with vehicles lining up at 8:30 a.m. and contactless food distribution running from 9 to 11 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month.

**Colonial Presbyterian Church**, 9500 Wornall Rd., with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and food distribution running from about 8:30 to 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month. Families are asked to bring two cardboard boxes for volunteers to put the food in.

**Center School District**, 8701 Holmes Rd., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. as long as food is left on the third Saturday of the month. Persons should drive through the bus parking lot to the district warehouse. The event is sponsored by Three Trails Community church in partnership with the Center School District.



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