

COVID-19: SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER IN PREGNANCY

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FIVE KEY SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

- **Economic Stability**- food insecurity, housing insecurity, unemployment, poverty
- **Education**- language/literacy, high school graduation, enrollment in higher education, childhood development / education
- **Social and community context**- discrimination, incarceration, civic participation and social cohesion
- **Health and Health Care**- Access to health care and primary care, health literacy
- **Neighborhood and Built environment**- access to healthy food, crime and violence, environmental conditions, quality of housing

<https://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topics-objectives/topic/social-determinants-of-health>

PERSONS WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

Already experience at least one social determinants
of health prior to pandemic.

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COVID-19 PANDEMIC & SHUTDOWN

COVID-19 pandemic and the shutdown of businesses in NY & NJ has caused curtailment of hours, layoffs, and furlough of workers.

- US jobless claims were 3.84 million on 4/30/2020; topping 30 million claims for the past 6 weeks.
- As per WABC news on 4/27/20 New Jersey has accepted 1 million unemployment benefit applications in the past 6 weeks which was double the application for the entire year in 2019.
- Governor Murphy was interviewed and reported
“There’s still a backlog, I know”

ACCESS TO FREE MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

- 1-866-202-HELP(4357)
- Free, confidential support related to Coronavirus outbreak
- 8 am-8 pm, 7 days a week by live trained specialists



TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES

- NJ Transit App (<http://njtransit.com/app>)- online purchase of tickets
- Limiting capacity (50%)
- Access Link (www.accesslink.njtransit.com)
 - Must wear face covering to ride
 - Only traveling to essential places: doctor's appointment, dialysis, laundry and grocery shopping

FOOD BANKS HIT HARD AMID COVID-19 EPIDEMIC

- Some food banks are closing amid the pandemic:
 - Decrease in volunteer work force
 - Lack of personal protective equipment for volunteer staff
 - Decrease in food and monetary donations
 - Competition for food orders from vendors

Reference Politics: Tuesday 4/28/2020

HOUSING HEADLINES

- 'Coronavirus Preference' For Newark Public Housing Wait List
 - Already on the Newark Housing Authority wait list for public housing? You may get bumped up if you've been impacted by COVID-19.
 - www.newarkha.org and click on the COVID-19 public housing waiting List Preference Form

Source: Newark Patch
Politics and Government
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