TELETHERAPY Require insurance companies to allow for teletherapy, which is not automatically covered

INSURANCE

and mitigate future risks.

coverage.

by CMS.

PROGRAM (CHIP)

Temporarily freeze CHIP redetermination

compliance and increase CHIP eligibility threshold

HEALTH INSURANCE

Open a nationwide Marketplace Special Enrollment

Period that allows for the uninsured and those with

non-ACA plans to gain access to comprehensive

by the changes that were announced recently

Allow teletherapy and pay for it even if it's only

internet access and even in areas with service,

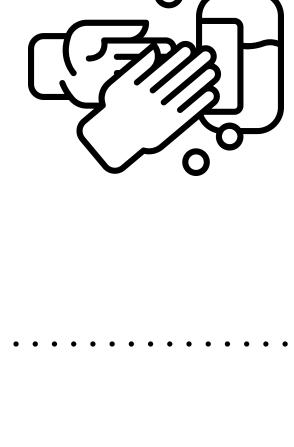
by phone. Many areas of the state don't have

individuals may not have internet access.

to 400% FPL ongoing to increase current access

As families attempt to navigate schooling and working from home, caring for children who are affected by daycare and school closures, or quarantining, access to communications and internet, natural gas, electricity, and running water will be even more critical.

UTILITIES



RESTORE **ALL UTILITIES** Restore access to all utilities, including

communications and water, to those households currently without service.

households currently lacking access.

INTERNET **SERVICE** Provide access, through hot spots or other means, to broadband internet service for those communities and

CARE

Access to healthcare is essential

for screening and treatment. For

our most vulnerable populations,

medical conditions and the elderly,

it is also necessary that they have

access to healthcare that keeps

them as healthy and resilient as

possible. Medicaid expansion has

to healthcare but those who

remain uninsured, those who

elected for non-ACA compliant

coverage, and those who have

burdensome requirements for

retaining their coverage need

further protection.

given millions of Americans access

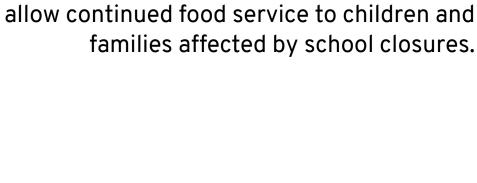
such as those with pre-existing

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION **ASSISTANCE** PROGRAM (SNAP) Access to nutritious foods is critical to health and well-being. Certain groups will be especially vulnerable as access to school meals and other services are shut down. Policymakers should take steps to ensure that no-one goes hungry

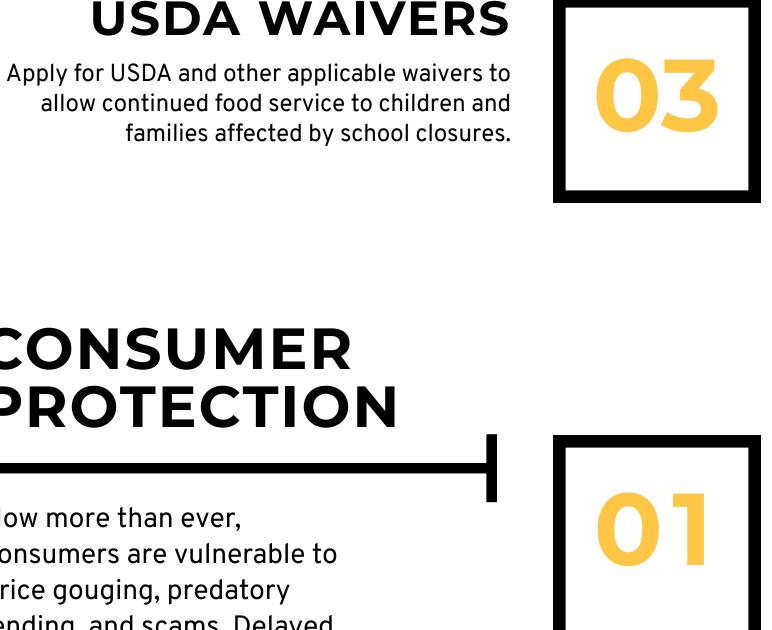
and that Hoosiers can maintain their health

through nutritious food options during the

pandemic and beyond. **STREAMLINE ACCESS** Streamline application processes and extend renewal processes for existing SNAP caseload.



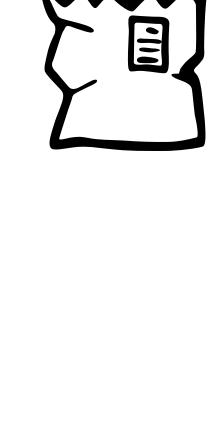
PROTECTION Now more than ever,



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FOOD ACCESS

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consumers are vulnerable to price gouging, predatory lending, and scams. Delayed and delinquent bills that appear on their credit reports

CONSUMER

could also cause serious and long-lasting harm to their ability to secure access to credit, jobs, housing, and insurance



CREDIT

DEBT

COLLECTION

garnishments and repossessions.

Stop all debt collection activities, including wage

and/or low-cost loans.

SCAMS

REPORTING Freeze negative credit reporting and require loan forbearance periods with no interest or fees.

The Attorney General and other regulators should

alternative resources. Create a centralized hub of

resources and institutions willing to offer assistance

warn consumers about scams and predatory lending,

encourage them to file complaints, and direct them to



or take unpaid leave to care for loved ones affected by the virus.

closures, and workers who have been forced to quit

Expand access to unemployment insurance to

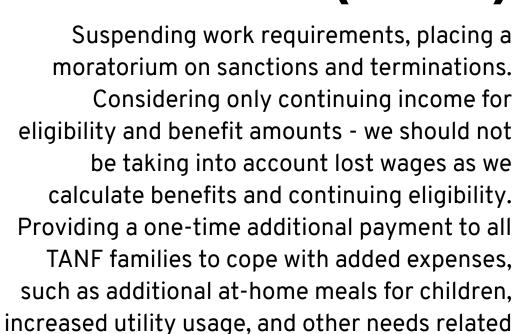
workers who are required to self-quarantine,

take unpaid leave due to emergency school

parents or guardians who were forced to quit or

workers whose employers temporarily shut down,

PAID SICK DAYS Enact an emergency paid sick days rule to cover workers in occupations with high public contact that often lack paid sick leave, such as leisure and hospitality, food services, child care, transportation, and home health. **EXPAND ACCESS TO**



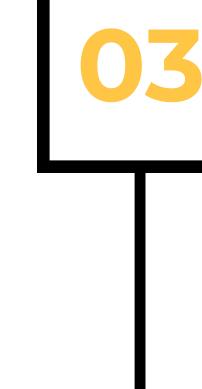
TEMPORARY

(TANF)

to COVID-19.

ASSISTANCE TO

NEEDY FAMILIES



health crisis that is making going to work and work activities difficult. Hoosiers will need access to alternative sources of income as they take leave without pay, see

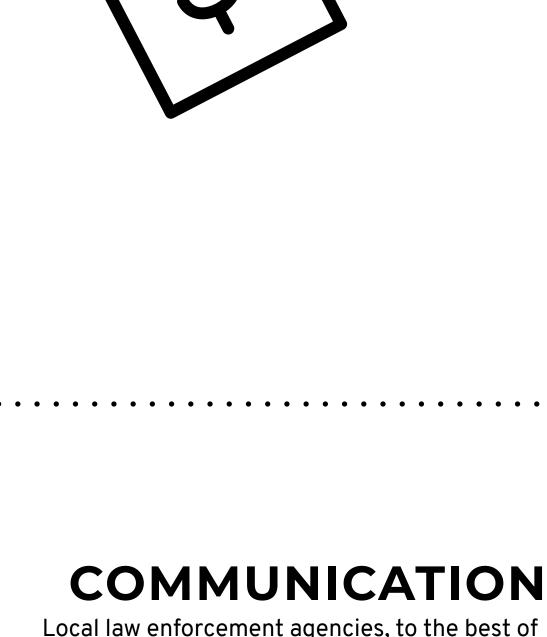
shifts cut, or lose their jobs

Income matters to vulnerable

families and at no time is this

more true than during a public

altogether. Hard-hit businesses will need support as well.



Prioritize forms of aid that will replace lost earnings, especially to those least likely to have savings, paid leave, or the ability to work from home.

the self-employed, and small business owners.

Provide direct, robust stimulus to working families,

DIRECT & ROBUST

STIMULUS

ACCOUNTABILITY Any stimulus to companies should be accompanied by expectations that they will keep workers employed and offer paid sick leave.

that national law enforcement agencies know when and where support should be provided.

tracking of bias-motivated crimes as a priority so

Local law enforcement should continue, to the best

of their ability, to maintain the reporting and

their ability, should maintain regular proactive

communication with communities of color,

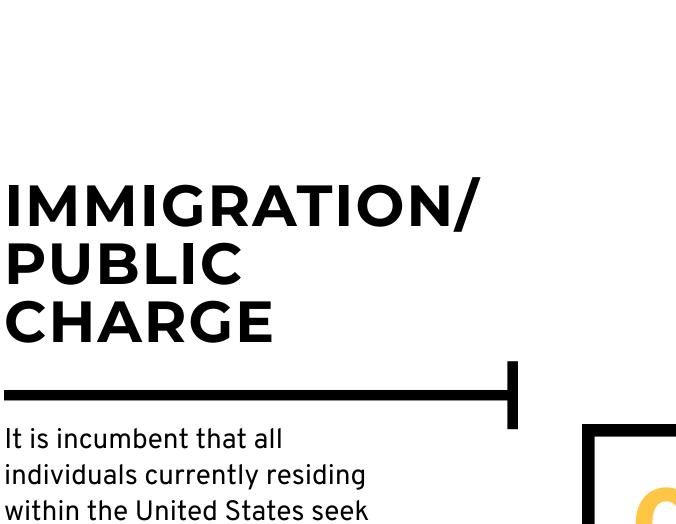
immigrant communities, and minority faith

BIAS CRIMES

communities.

PREPAREDNESS FOR 501c ORGANIZATIONS Congress should continue to support programs and federal grant opportunities for non-profit organizations to better secure their facilities and be better prepared for

emergencies and emergency management.



CIVIL RIGHTS

National emergencies like the

increases in antisemitic,

and violence. Already,

organizations like the

seeing hateful messages,

proliferating online.

COVID-19 outbreak often lead to

xenophobic, and racist rhetoric

Anti-Defamation League and the

Southern Poverty Law Center are

memes and conspiracy theories

IMMIGRATION/ **PUBLIC** CHARGE It is incumbent that all

any and all medical attention that they believe they need without fear of retribution. On March 17, 2020, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services published guidance stating that all immigrants with symptoms that resemble COVID-19 should seek necessary medical treatment and that treatment would not negatively affect any immigrants' future public charge determination, even if treatment that is provided is paid for by a public benefits

program such as Medicaid.

other.



COMMUNICATION

All elected officials should

publicly share information

determination on public charge

regarding the USCIS

and encourage all immigrants to seek any necessary medical treatment they may need.

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We recognize that this list is by no means comprehensive, but represents some of the initial policy considerations from advocates who care about and are regularly engaged in safeguarding the physical and financial well-being of Hoosiers. We hope state officials will consider these recommendations. It is time for us to bring all available resources together and take care of each

Moving forward, leaders should look to create a policy environment that supports public health &

financial stability by making housing and health care more accessible, boosting the quality of U.S.

jobs, and enacting and enforcing strong civil rights and consumer protections.

protect and advocate for children, people with disabilities, senior citizens and

hard-working families who are trying to make a better life for themselves