

Resources for clients in Meriden during COVID-19 Emergency:

1. Food services for everyone 18 and under

- a) Grab and Go breakfast and lunch at no charge to everyone 18 and under. This will be available Monday through Friday until schools re-open. As of Monday, March 23rd there are four food site locations in the city where meals will be served between 11:45am – 12:30pm. John Barry Elementary School, Casmir Pulaski Elementary School, Lincoln Middle School, and Maloney High School. Families will be able to grab the day's lunch as well as the next day's breakfast to eliminate multiple pickups. Families will not be able to remain on the premises to eat.

1. Food resources for adults

- a. New Opportunities, located at 55 West Main St, 3rd Floor Meriden, CT. Phone number is (203) 639-5060, ext 210. Office hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm. **The food pantry hours of operation are from 10:00am – 3:00pm, (Bring your own bags).** They also provide assistance with completing SNAP applications and getting your required documents to DSS for review, or you can call the CT Department of Social Services directly at (860) 704-3100.
- b. Master's Manna, located at 46 North Plains Industrial Road, Wallingford, CT. Phone number is (203) 678-3042. Hours of operation are Monday 3:00pm – 6:00pm, Tuesday 9:00am – 1:00pm, Wednesday 3:00pm – 7:00pm, and Thursday 9:00am – 1:00pm. It is recommended to first resort to a food pantry in Meriden however, they will provide assistance if necessary. You must call before arriving in order to have your name, location, and phone number in the system.
- c. The Salvation Army, located at 23 St. Casmir Drive, Meriden, CT. Phone number is (203) 235-6532. Food pantry hours are Monday – Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm.
- d. New Life Church – The Grace Place, located at 149 West Main Street Meriden, CT. Phone number is (203) 238-9399. Food pantry hours of operation are Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:00am – 4:00pm, and Saturdays 10:00am – 2:00pm.
- e. Saint Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen, located at 617 Main St., Middletown, CT. Phone number is (860) 344-0097. Food pantry hours of operation are Monday – Friday 11:00am – 12:30pm.

2. Housing, rental assistance

- a. People in housing crisis must call 2-1-1 to be connected to local homeless shelters and cash assistance to prevent homelessness. The Connecticut Department of Housing has waived its policy of waiting 30 days to implement an income change for the rental assistance program and federal section 8 vouchers.

For the next 90 days, families already participating in the programs will have immediate adjustments for rental payment. DOH has also increased its rapid exit and rapid rehousing funding by \$735,000 to assist individuals and families leave shelters and find permanent housing.

Attached is the link for Meriden Commons housing. Click on the link and go to applications for a printable application and/or to send to clients. If your client has Catholic Charities involved, they can help push the application along and possibly pay for something.

<https://www.pennrose.com/apartments/connecticut/meriden-commons/>

3. Department of Labor

- a. Behind by 3 weeks for processing the claims
- b. Online system to file a new claim will not close its available
- c. Email for additional questions: dol.webhelp@ct.gov
- d. www.filectui.com

4. Utility Assistance

- a. New Opportunities, located at 55 West Main St, 3rd Floor, Meriden, CT 06450. Phone number is (203) 639-5060, Ext 210. Office hours are Monday – Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm. Providing assistance with heat, gas, electric propane, kerosene, wood pellets through the Energy Assistance Program. Taking applications by phone and walk ins. Call (203) 235-0278 to complete the application by phone.