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***Protecting Rights During the COVID-19 Epidemic:
Resources For Connecticut Residents***
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Access to State Benefits and Protections

- A terrific [factsheet](#) (covering public assistance, unemployment, HUSKY health insurance, utilities, food, and housing) by Center for Children’s Advocacy Medical-Legal Partnership
- Utilities: Families facing imminent shutoff notices or whose utilities were shut off should call the Public Utility Regulatory Authority (PURA) at 1-800-382-4586
- Families that need information about special education rights should try CPAC, (860) 739-3089, <http://cpacinc.org/>
- Information [here](#) from the CT Department of Labor about unemployment benefits.
- Information [here](#) about the new special enrollment period for those without health insurance, via AccessHealthCT
- Information [here](#) on what to do about price gouging

Vulnerable Populations

- Urgent Action Needed to Protect Individuals in Connecticut’s Prisons and Jails from Coronavirus-19 Pandemic – [open letter](#) by Yale Global Health Justice Partnership, Stop Solitary CT, Sex Workers and Allies Network, ACLU CT, Connecticut Bail Fund, and the Katal Center for Health, Equity, and Justice
- Worth Rises is also working on [efforts](#) in CT and nationally to make phone calls for incarcerated people free
- Recommendations around actions to protect the homeless and housing insecure [here](#)

Quarantine and other restrictions on liberty

- [Summary](#) of quarantine and other public health powers in CT
- [ACLU of Connecticut](#) is a group you might contact with legal concerns in this regard

Achieving A Fair and Effective COVID-19 Response

- [Open Letter](#) from experts in public health and law to federal, state, and local leaders about what is needed in the COVID-19 response (Mar. 2, 2020)