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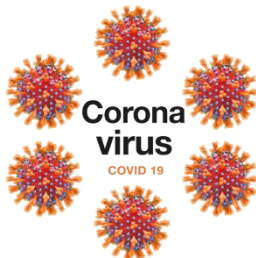


## **Work and Income – Getting help to pay for essential costs**

**1 April 2020 update**



At the moment everyone is staying home to stop the spread of **COVID-19**.

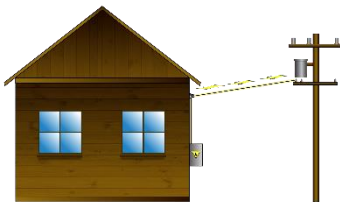


**COVID-19** is a virus that can make people sick.

It is also called **Coronavirus**.



We know that this is making it hard for some people to pay for their **essential costs** right now.



**Essential costs** are the important things we need money for like:

- food
- medicine
- rent
- electricity bills.



WORK AND INCOME  
TE HIRANGA TANGATA

Work and Income **may** be able to help you by giving you some money to pay for your essential costs.

You can find out about the ways that Work and Income might be able to help on their website:



[www.workandincome.govt.nz/eligibility/urgent-costs/index.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/eligibility/urgent-costs/index.html)



If you do not have internet access you can call us on this number:

**0800 599 009.**



A lot of people are calling Work and Income at the moment.



This means if you call us you might have to wait a long time before you can talk to us.



Please be kind while waiting to speak to someone.



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