



The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

Proposals from the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee to help keep Americans healthy and provide relief to families, workers and businesses hurt by COVID-19

The CARES Act will help keep Americans healthy by:

- Increasing supply of drugs and equipment, including ventilators and masks
- Increasing hiring for vital health care jobs during the public health crisis
- Speeding development of a vaccine, treatments, and faster diagnostics
- Increasing affordability of health care for COVID-19:
 - Makes all COVID-19 tests free
 - Requires private insurance plans to cover COVID-19 treatments and vaccines
 - Provides \$1.3 billion in immediate additional funding for Community Health Centers, which provide access to health care services for approximately 28 million Americans

The CARES Act will help students who have had their education disrupted by:

- Allowing students to defer student loan payments for 6 months and to keep their Pell grants
- Preventing students who have to leave school as a result of COVID-19 from losing eligibility for future Pell grants, and allowing students to keep unspent money from Pell grants or student loans
- Allowing colleges and universities to continue to pay students for work-study programs even if they are unable to work due to closures
- Allowing federal academic testing and accountability rules to be waived in K-12

The CARES Act will also help provide relief to workers and businesses by fixing and improving the paid leave policies passed by the House of Representatives.

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