

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH NEWS BULLETIN

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The purpose of this bulletin is to share information with community-based organizations that serve and support the members of Virginia Premier, so that together we can increase their stability and independence.

Virginia Premier is a managed Care Organization that not only provides medical benefits but also addresses needs related to social factors that affect health, known as the Social Determinants of Health.

* The **Virginia Moratorium on evictions** has been extended to June 1, 2022. People at risk for eviction must act now.
  + The Rent Relief program still has funding and may be able to help. Renters or landlords can apply at the DHCD Rent Relief Program page: <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/rmrp>
  + Virginia Premier members can connect with free online education for landlord/tenant education and other financial education and counseling by contacting their .



* Virginia Premier works with our members to address immediate needs, and also build stability for the future.
  + Members can connect with their care coordinator for assistance with tuition or books for GED and ESL classes
  + Virginia Premier’s Housing Support Specialists assist members to find housing that fits their needs and budget

**If you are interested in joining our efforts as a preferred community provider specializing in social needs, please contact us.**

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<https://www.governing.com/now/virginia-eviction-moratorium-extended-until-june-2022>

Booster COVID-19 vaccinations are approved for people who are immunocompromised

Full FDA Approval has been granted for all people over the age of 12

**Search for Statewide Vaccine Clinics at this link:** [Find a Vaccination Clinic | Virginia](https://vaccineappointments.virginia.gov/appointment/en/clinic/search?clinic_date_eq%5Bday%5D=&clinic_date_eq%5Bmonth%5D=&clinic_date_eq%5Byear%5D=&commit=Search&location=23666&q%5Bvenue_search_name_or_venue_name_i_cont%5D=&search_radius=999#search_results#search_results)

**Did you know?** People who qualify for Medicaid also qualify to receive a free cell phone with 4.5GB data, unlimited texting and 350 talk minutes per month. During the pandemic emergency and until further notice, minutes and data are also unlimited. One phone per household. Virginia Premier members should apply at [www.safelink.com](http://www.safelink.com) or call 877-631-2550.