



### **3 Ways to Supplement Your Income During a Global Pandemic**

Coronavirus has hit the global economy hard, and families everywhere are feeling the effects. If your family's finances have been impacted by COVID-19, you are probably feeling some serious tension right now. You may also be asking yourself some serious questions about how best to supplement your family's income and keep your finances stable, and these answers can help.

#### **What Sort of Work Can I Do From Home?**

The good news here is that there are plenty of jobs that can be fulfilled from the safety and comfort of your home. Some [remote jobs](#) busy parents may want to consider include being a seamstress, virtual assistant, graphic designer, pet sitter or even a brand ambassador. The remote work possibilities really are endless.

Another avenue you may want to explore is becoming a freelancer. Freelancing sites [make it simple](#) for folks to get started in a variety of industries, including the remote positions mentioned above. Just take the time to create a profile, and then you can connect with businesses and entrepreneurs around the world who are looking for help. The beauty of these freelance positions is that they will allow you to work on your own schedule, which can be extremely practical when your kids are out of school. Just keep in mind that working from home can come

with [its own challenges](#), in addition to flexibility and perks. So you may also want to look for other ways to earn income.

### **What Other Jobs May Be Available to Me?**

While many businesses are scaling back hours and employees due to coronavirus shutdowns, [some companies are hiring](#). The list of businesses currently looking for new employees includes essential businesses, like grocery and convenience stores, as well as warehouses, tech companies and shipping services. Many companies are even offering bonuses, benefits and full-time employment, so check out current openings to see if there may be a good fit for your skills and needs.

If you prefer to maintain part-time hours so you can search for more fitting employment, many gig companies are also in need of more employees. Some of the most popular gig jobs right now include grocery and food delivery, both of which allow you to choose your own hours. If you are concerned about safety, you should also know that most delivery companies are offering [contactless deliveries](#) to minimize risks for shoppers and drivers. You can also reduce health and safety risks while working in public with [COVID-safe practices](#).

### **What Financial Assistance is Available to Me?**

When you are struggling to make ends meet, waiting for a paycheck from a new job can be agonizing. So as you search for a source of income to sustain your family through this crisis, also know that [financial help is available](#) if you need it. If you have been laid off due to COVID closings, you should check with lenders to see if you can defer payments on credit cards and loans.

Even if you do find another job, [sticking to a budget](#) will still be important. Smart budgeting can also help stretch relief dollars further, so keep track of spending, clearly define your goals and check in with your budget on a daily, or at least a regular, basis.

Coronavirus has everyone more stressed than usual, but dealing with added financial stress can feel even more staggering. Thankfully, there are employment and financial resources that can help you stay afloat if your family's income has been affected by COVID-19. Know that you don't have to do this alone, and you don't have to struggle to maintain financial stability.

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