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What kind of support can inhabitants of Riga receive during an emergency?

Crisis allowance

Riga municipality may grant crisis allowance to a person or family who, due to an emergency situation, is unable to provide for their basic needs. For the residents of Riga municipality, the crisis benefit is foreseen in the amount of 128 euros per person.

Other types of support

Vulnerable residents of Riga have the opportunity to receive allowance to ensure the guaranteed minimum of the income level and housing allowance to pay for housing expenses as well as allowance for health care and others.

Warm food

Those in difficulty have the possibility to receive warm food to take away in their own dishes every working day. There are currently ten hot food dispense places in different districts of Riga serving about 900 portions per day. There are soup kitchens in four places serving about 650 portions per day in total.

Social care services at the place of residence

The municipality, in cooperation with non-governmental organizations, involves volunteers in providing social assistance to people who are in self-isolation and who do not have any persons who could help with food supply.

Options for self-isolation

Riga City Council has gathered the information on the hotels and hostels that would be ready to receive residents for self-isolation. In total, these hotels can accommodate around 2,000 people in self-contained accommodation, offering rooms with a range of beds from 20 to 74 euros per day.

Other forms of municipal support during an emergency

The municipality provides store cards for the purchase of food for these school and kindergarten pupils who are from poor, low-income families and those in the municipal family support register. Schoolchildren at the special education institutions will receive food packages worth a total of 75 euros.

Riga municipality has also postponed the term of real estate tax payment from March 31 to May 15 and lowered the tariff for water management services and heat energy tariffs in Riga.