



Webinar Recording: Financial Peace of Mind in the Age of Coronavirus

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Financial Literacy Survey Highlights Areas of Most Urgent Concern as COVID-19 Reached the United States

BY NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR CREDIT COUNSELING (NFCC)

NFCC recently released the results of the 2020 Financial Literacy Survey, which offers a unique snapshot of our state of financial health on the eve of the coronavirus pandemic. Sponsored by Discover, the survey found encouraging news regarding savings and awareness of the overall benefit of receiving expert financial guidance. Conversely, the results showed an increase in Americans who carry credit card debt from month to month as compared to the past eight years, as well as concern among a sizeable minority about long-term financial stability, including retirement savings.

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5 Things to Ask Yourself Before You Spend Your Stimulus Check

BY LILA QUINTILIANI, MILITARY SAVES

For years, [Military Saves](#) has been advocating that savers should have a plan for their money. The stimulus check (technically called the Economic Impact Payment) that many Americans are receiving right now is no different. But these are turbulent times, and we are in uncharted waters. Before you make any decisions about spending, you should

consider these points.

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Department of Defense Financial Education Website for Military Spouses

BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

The Department of Defense (DoD) has launched MilSpouse Money Mission™, a new financial education resource for all military spouses just in time for Military Spouse Appreciation Month. MilSpouse Money Mission was created to be the DoD's primary resource to provide military spouses with the trusted information they need to lead their families to stronger financial futures.

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Military Families Don't Have Enough Savings to Endure a Financial Crisis

BY REBEKAH SANDERLIN, MILITARY FAMILY ADVISORY NETWORK

More than one-fourth (27.4%) of actively serving military families have less than \$500 in savings, and 23.4% have no financial assistance plan, according to survey data released by the Military Family Advisory Network (MFAN). These statistics raise serious concerns around the abilities of military families to weather a looming financial crisis resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Take Advantage of Online Learning Resources While Schools Are Closed

BY MILITARY ONESOURCE

Keep your children engaged and learning outside the classroom with online resources available through the [Morale, Welfare and Recreation Digital Library](#) and through the Department of Defense's [Tutor.com](#) eligibility expansion, through June 30, 2020. These resources are available free of charge to military service members and their families.

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Resources for Military Families During COVID-19

BY BRUCE MCCLARY, NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR CREDIT COUNSELING (NFCC)

The COVID-19 pandemic has created panic, confusion, and economic uncertainty. These challenges can impact military families in unique ways, and military families may not know where to turn for help. Fortunately, there are resources dedicated specifically to service members, veterans, and their families. Here are some programs and service providers that can help those who are serving or have served navigate this difficult time.

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BBB Scam Alert: US Census Scam Preys on Stimulus Confusion

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

The 2020 United States Census is happening at the same time as a global pandemic, shelter-in-place orders, and government stimulus payments. With so much going on at once, scammers are using the unique circumstances to create confusion. Their goal is to get their hands on your personal information, which they then use to steal your identity.

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BBB Scam Alert: Puppy Scams take COVID Twist

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

BBB is receiving [Scam Tracker](#) reports of potential pet owners being told they have to pay extra for a crate or insurance to have a pet shipped because of the coronavirus. Victims were also asked to provide an alternate payment, such as a gift card, or mobile banking option that was not part of the original transaction. These are red flags that the dealer is not legitimate and they probably don't have the pet they are pretending to sell.

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New Fraud Prevention Activity Sheets for Older Adults

BY ERIN SCHEITHE, CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Older adults are disproportionately affected by the coronavirus. And they're more likely to fall into [scammers' sights](#). But there is something you can do right now to help older adults protect themselves from fraud. Download our [fraud prevention activity sheets and handouts](#) and send them to older adults by email. Or share them in person from a safe

social distance.

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COVID-19 Ruined My Travel Plans. Now What?

BY NAMUKOLO KASUMPA, FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

If COVID-19 canceled your travel plans, you are likely disappointed and wondering about refunds, credits, or vouchers for plane tickets, cruise bookings, tours, and more. Even if your scheduled travel is months away, you might be weighing your options. And many travel service providers seem to be working to address concerns about upcoming trips.

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