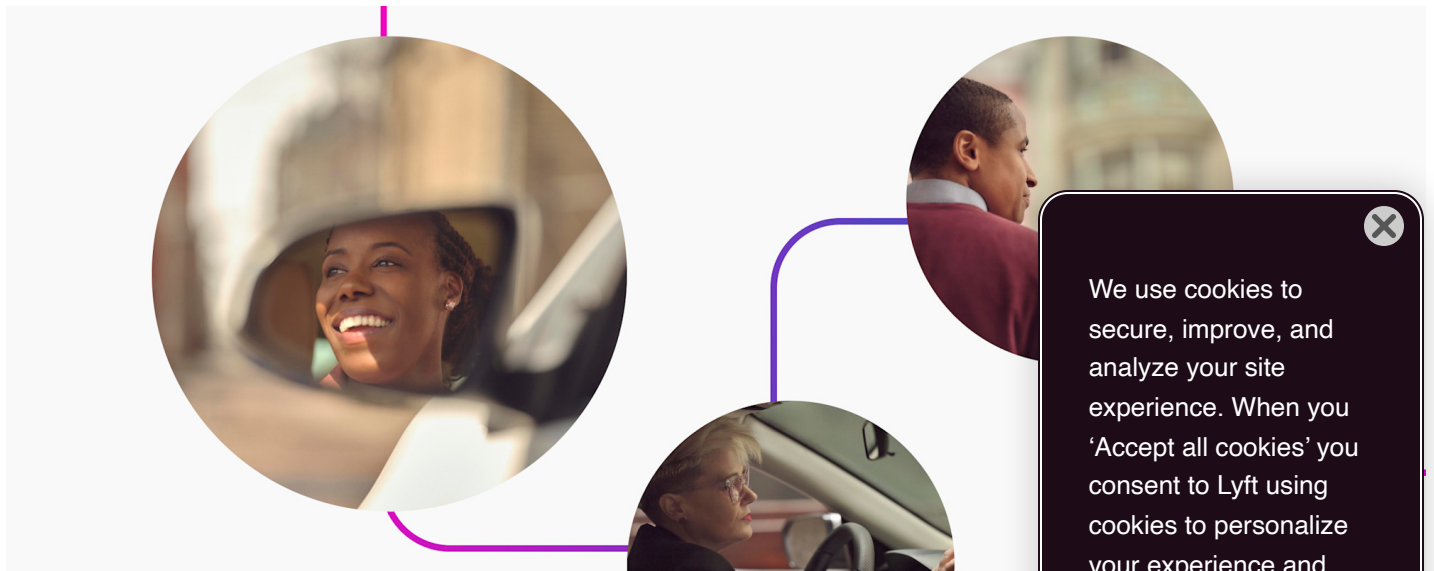


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A Note for the Lyft Driver Community



Yesterday, federal legislation was signed into law that intends to slow the spread of coronavirus and provide assistance to millions of working families across the country who are affected by coronavirus.

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What we do know is that Lyft drivers represent an army of everyday citizens, most of whom work long hours at regular jobs -- as teachers, engineers, artists, mechanics, students -- or as caregivers, parents and grandparents. When you choose to drive with Lyft, even for just a few hours each week, you provide essential services to your community: linking people with jobs, family, health care, and other critical services. In fact, forty percent of Lyft rides start or stop in low income communities.

Many cities and regions have announced shelter-in-place orders which restrict movement and large gatherings. Despite these restrictions, travel may be allowed for essential activities such as grocery and food pickup and delivery, medical visits, and attending critical public safety jobs. In this time of uncertainty and isolation, we are heartened that our community has stepped up to ensure that seniors are able to travel to medical appointments and families are able to pick up groceries. Thank you!

Here's what we know about resources available to the Lyft community in the initial federal aid passed by Congress and how this new law may apply to the Lyft driver community.

Most Lyft drivers use our platform as supplemental income while working as full time or part time employees elsewhere. For those of you who fall into this category, you may be eligible for an expansion of existing paid leave under this new law. The federal bill requires employers (those issuing W2s) to provide two weeks of paid leave for employees due to illness, obtaining a diagnosis, caring for a child due to school closings, or compliance with a recommendation or order of a health care provider or public official.

Other drivers who are self-employed, own your own business, and file taxes may be eligible to receive a refundable tax credit for days you were unable to earn income due to COVID-19 related illness, to comply with self-isolation or care for a child whose school has been closed due to coronavirus. The tax credits allow for self-employed drivers to claim a refundable credit against their total tax liability for up to \$511 per day for days you were unable to work because of COVID-19 related issues, up to 10 ten days total.

In addition to the recently-enacted federal legislation, Lyft is providing support for drivers should they be diagnosed with COVID-19 or put under individual quarantine by a health agency. This helps support drivers financially when they can't drive for our riders' health. These funds will be given to affected drivers who are self-employed, health officials or who contact our support team to self-report and prove they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or put under individual quarantine by a health agency. We will provide funds to affected drivers based on the rides they completed on the platform over the last four weeks.

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The entire team at Lyft will remain focused on enhancing passenger, driver and public safety. We will continue to monitor the situation and will keep you updated as things change.

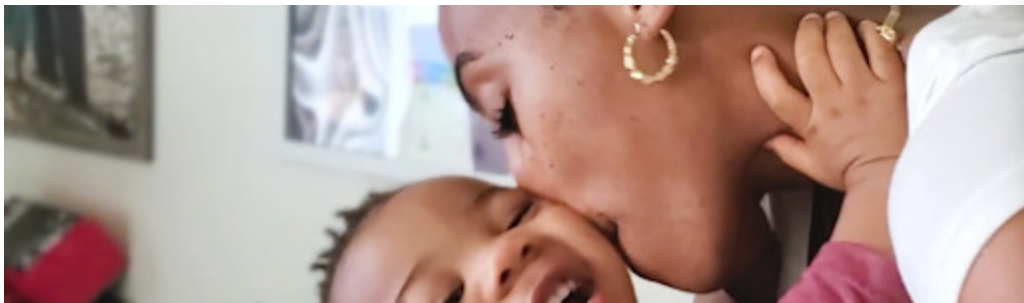
We are very appreciative to have you as part of the Lyft Community. Thank you for all you do.



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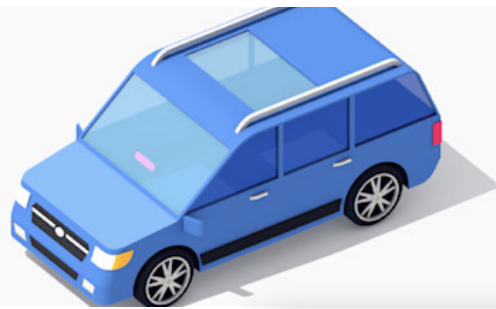
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