

IHSS COVID 19 Pandemic Pay FAQ

1. What are the criteria for receiving the county COVID-19 Pandemic Pay?

The county is using the same guidelines as the state, which includes:

A current/active Santa Clara County IHSS provider who has provided IHSS services to a recipient for a minimum of two months between March 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021.

2. How much is the pandemic pay?

Santa Clara County is paying \$500.00 to IHSS providers who meet the state criteria. This is in addition to any state payment you may also receive.

3. Is the pandemic pay taxable?

Independent Providers are responsible for paying any applicable taxes. Please consult a financial advisor for more information.

4. Will the state Pandemic payment be included in my W2 for 2022?

Yes. Since the state payment is issued in 2022, the payment will be included in your W2 for 2022.

5. Will the county payment be included in my W2 for 2022?

No. The County payment will not be taxable and therefore will not be included in your W2 for 2022; however, you should consult a financial advisor for more information.

6. Who do I contact if I feel I should have received pandemic pay?

Please send your question to IHSSpandemicpay@ssa.sccgov.org.

7. I received the County Pandemic Pay but have misplaced/lost the check. What do I need to do?

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