

# **Unemployment Insurance - COVID-19 Resources**

## Members-Only COVID-19 Resources

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As a result of the spread of COVID-19, state agencies handling unemployment insurance are faced with a new set of extraordinary challenges including implementation of new federal programs and an unprecedented volume of claims.

This web page highlights information provided by states on how they are dealing with unemployment insurance issues related to the impact of COVID-19 on their daily operations. The tabs above link to other useful resources from the public and private sectors.

The three links below (Center for Disease Control and Prevention-CDC, Johns Hopkins-JH and World Health Organization-WHO) contain the most accurate and up-to-date information about the virus.

- CDC is responding to the novel coronavirus outbreak
- Johns Hopkins: COVID-19 Global Map
- World Health Organization coronavirus outbreak

## **State Information**

#### Alabama

- Webpage: Unemployment insurance and COVID-19: Claimant and Employer Resources & News Releases
- FAQ: Coronavirus and Unemployment Insurance -
- <u>News Release</u>: Governor Kay Ivey Announces End of Participation in All Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Programs 5/10/21

Alaska

## News Release:

- Webpage: Unemployment Insurance and COVID-19: Program Information and FAQ
- Announcement: Alaska Job Center Events Postponed and Office Closure
- <u>News Release</u>: Alaska joins other states ending participation in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation 5/14/21
- News Release: Alaska Extended Benefits period to end on Dec. 11, 2021-11/22/2021

#### Arkansas

- *FAQ Employers:* Common Questions and Answers for Employers Regarding the Unemployment Insurance Program and the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic
- *FAQ Workers:* Common Questions and Answers for Workers Regarding the Unemployment Insurance Program and the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Notice to Individuals Inquiring About the Availability of Unemployment Insurance Benefits As A Result of the COVID19 Pandemic
- Webpage: Unemployment Insurance and COVID-19: Information on UI, PUA, FPUC, MEUC
- <u>News Release</u>: Arkansas to Opt Out of Federal Supplemental Unemployment Program, Governor Hutchinson Announces 5/7/21
- COVID-19 Resources (Dept. Of Health)

#### Arizona

- Webpage: Unemployment Insurance and COVID-19: Benefit Program Information and FAQ
- Webpage: COVID-19 State Resources: Information for Job Seekers and Employers
- News Release: Governor Ducey Announces "Arizona Back To Work" Ends Federal Pandemic Compensation 5/13/21
- Return to Work Benefit: Back to Work Program 5/13/21
- Returning to Work-Guidance for employers and employees

## California

- <u>Webpage: COVID-19 EDD Resources: Unemployment Insurance, Workforce Development,</u> Additional Resources (Health, Housing, Food)
- Webpage: COVID-19 Resources: Information for Employers and Worker Benefits
- FAQ: Laws enforced by the California Labor Commissioner's Office
- COVID-19 and Your Unemployment--Answers to FAQs

## Colorado

- News Release: Governor Polis Takes Action in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic-10/3/21
- Division of Workers' Compensation COVID-19 Updates
- FAQs: COVID-19 Benefits

## Connecticut

- FAQ: COVID-19 Information for Employers and Workers 1/08/21
- Webpage: COVID-19 State Resources COVID-19 Response
- Return to Work Benefit: Back to Work CT Program 5/17/21

#### Delaware

- Unemployment Benefits FAQs Regarding COVID-19
- Return to Work Guidelines During COVID-19
- Unemployment Insurance Emergency Rules
- COVID-19 Response Center

## District of Columbia

- Webpage: District COVID-19 Resources
- Unemployment Compensation Process
- Accessing Unemployment Benefits Guide (English)

- Accessing Unemployment Benefits Guide (Español)
- COVID-19 FAOs for Employers

#### Florida

- Resource Guide: Reemployment Assistance (Unemployment Insurance) and COVID-19
- Unemployment Important Updates and Information
- Reemployment Assistance Claimant FAQs
- COVID-19 Pandemic Scenarios & Benefits Available

## Georgia

- Webpage: COVID-19 Unemployment Insurance Programs and Recent Legislation
- *News Release:* Governor Kemp, State Labor Commissioner Announce Economic Recovery Plan Ends Federal Pandemic Unemployment Programs 5/13/21
- COVID-19 Individual FAQs

#### Guam

- Unemployment Home
- Frequently Asked Questions

#### Hawaii

- Fact Sheet: COVID-19 Labor Benefits
- COVID-19: EMPLOYER UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FAOS
- COVID-19: LABOR FAQs
- News Release: STATE ANNOUNCES END OF ALL FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
- Hawaii Unemployment Information

## Idaho

- Webpage: COVID-19 State Resources Idaho
- Webpage: COVID-19 Idaho Department of Labor Resources Employers, Job Seekers, Claimants
- *News Release:* Gov. Little ends Idaho's participation in all federal pandemic unemployment compensation programs 5/11/21
- REVISED: Claimant FAQs about Unemployment Insurance and COVID-19

#### Illinois

- Webpage: COVID-19 and Unemployment Benefits
- FAQs for Claimants

#### Indiana

- Webpage: Unemployment Insurance Program Information for Claimants and Employers
- Webpage: COVID-19 DWD Resources for Job Seekers and Employers
- Resource Guide: COVID-19 State Resources Indiana
- FAQ: Unemployment Insurance and COVID-19 3/9/21
- DWD to host statewide unemployment insurance webinars for Hoosiers impacted by COVID -
- News Release: Indiana will end federal pandemic unemployment benefits 5/17/21

#### Iowa

- Webpage: COVID-19 IWD Resources: Unemployment Insurance
- Podcast: Mission Employable Podcast New Episodes Every Tuesday
- News Release: Iowa to end participation in federal unemployment benefit programs, citing strong labor market and recovering economy 5/11/21
- COVID-19 and Unemployment Benefits for Workers
- COVID-19 and Unemployment Benefits Information for Employers

#### Kansas

- Webpage: COVID-19 KDOL Resources for Employers and Workers with Additional State Resources (Executive Orders, Health, Child Care, TANF, SNAP, Food Assistance)
- UI and Covid: FAQ (English)
- UI and Covid: FAQ (Spanish)

## Kentucky

- Press Release: Gov. Beshear Announces Return-to-Work Incentive 6-24/21
- What you Need to Know: Unemployment Insurance

#### Louisiana

- Webpage: LWC Program Information for Job Seekers and Employers
- Webpage: COVID-19 Information by LWC Divisions: Unemployment Insurance, Workforce Development, Workers' Compensation, Medicaid
- News Release: Unemployment Insurance information for Workers and Employers 4/27/20
- Frequently asked questions about COVID

## Maine

- Resource Guide: Workers and Businesses on COVID-19
- Webpage: COVID-19 State Resources Maine
- CARES Act Programs Set to Expire
- COVID 19 Unemployment & Related Federal Programs

## Maryland

- Webpage: Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning includes information about local office services/availability
- Webpage: Unemployment Insurance Program Information UI, PUA, FPUC, PEUC, MEUC
- FAQ: Unemployment Insurance and COVID-19
- COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions Work Sharing Unemployment Insurance
- Coronavirus/COVID-19 Information Financial Regulation

## Massachusetts

- <u>Legislation S.2599</u>: An Act authorizing waiver of the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits
- Webpage:Public Health Guidance & Directives Businesses and employers about unemployment and return to work guidance
- Department of Unemployment Assistance
- DUA Employer Customer Service Resources

## Michigan

- Webpage: COVID State Resources Michigan info for residents/communities, health care professionals, childcare and school administrators, employers and workers
- MI Safe Start Employee Guidance
- MI Safe Start Employer Guidance

#### Minnesota

- Webpage: COVID-19 Resources for Employers, Business
- Guidance Sheet: Worker protections related to COVID-19
- Webpage: COVID-19 State Resources Minnesota

## Mississippi

- Webpage: COVID-19 MDES Resources for Workers and Businesses
- COVID-19 Official Public Health Information & Resources

#### Missouri

- Webpage: Unemployment Insurance Information for Businesses & Workers: Federal Legislation, Workers' Compensation, Discrimination
- Webpage: COVID-19 Resources Information on Job Center Open Status

• News Release: Governor Parsons announces Missouri to end all Federal Pandemic Related Unemployment Benefits - 5/11/21

#### Montana

- Webpage: COVID-19 Resources Guide for Employers and Employees
- News Release: MT to launch return to work bonuses, return to pre-pandemic unemployment programs to address workforce shortage 5/4/21

#### Nebraska

- Webpage: COVID-19 Resources for Workers and Employers
- FAQs-eligibility and more
- Announcement: Federal Programs ended 06/19/21

#### Nevada

• Webpage: Unemployment Insurance and COVID-19 - Information for Claimants and Employers

## New Hampshire

- Webpage: NHES Homepage Information: Office Open Status, Tax Rate Information, Fraud Alerts, Worksearch Waiver Status
- Return to Work Benefit: Summer Stipend Program Return to Work Bonus 5/18/21
- FAQs for Claimants
- COVID-19 Affected Unemployment Rate
- NH Employment Security FAQs

#### New Jersey

- Webpage: COVID-19 Resources for New Jersey Businesses
- Webpage: Worker Benefits/Protections and COVID-19 New Jersey
- <u>Is vaccination or testing required for workers at health-care facilities and other high-risk congregate settings?</u>
- News Release: Governor Murphy Announces Return and Earn Incentive Program-9/27/21
- Division of Unemployment Insurance

#### New Mexico

- Webpage: Unemployment Insurance and COVID-19 Information for Workers
- <u>Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC)</u>: <u>Application Information Acceptable Documentation Guide</u>
- Return to Work Benefit: Return-to-Work Support Payments 7/2/21
- Return to Work Support Payment

#### New York

- Webpage: Unemployment Insurance Filing Information Recent Updates/Guidance
- Webpage: COVID-19 State Resources New York
- Expiration of Federal Unemployment and Pandemic Benefits
- News Release: Governor Hochul Expands Vaccine Mandate to Include Staff in OMH and OPWDD Hospital Settings- 10/5/21

#### North Carolina

- Webpage: Unemployment Insurance and COVID-19 -- includes Helpful Benefit Program Diagram
- Webpage: COVID-19 State Resource North Carolina
- State Supplemental Benefit: North Carolina Increased Benefit Amount
- News Release: NC Reinstates Certain Unemployment Benefits Requirements

#### North Dakota

- FAQ: Unemployment Insurance and COVID-19 5/15/20
- <u>News Release</u>: North Dakota to restore pre-pandemic unemployment programs to address statewide workforce shortage 5/10/21
- COVID-19 Resource: Job Service North Dakota
- COVID-19 Business and employer Resources

#### Ohio

- Resource Hub Tool: Unemployment Insurance Benefits and COVID-19: Employee, Expanded Eligibility, and Employers
- Ohio Nonprofit Reimbursing Relief Grants -
- News Release: Ohio stop participation in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)

  Program 5/13/21
- News Release: COVID-19 Update: Hospital Situation, Vaccine Incentives, School Bus Drivers
- UI Step-by-step guide

#### Oklahoma

- FAQs for individuals
- FAQs for Employers

## Oregon

- Timeline of COVID-19 Events
- UI FAQs
- UI Media

## Pennsylvania

- Information for workers and employers
- Information for Pennsylvania employees impacted by COVID-19
- News Release: New Unemployment System Now Online 6/08/21
- Am I Eligible for UC?

#### Puerto Rico

- COVID-19 UI information (in Spanish)
- Covid-19 Resource Center

## Rhode Island

- Unemployment Insurance Home
- Covid-19 Information

## South Carolina

- Department of Employment and Workforce homepage including UI information.
- Access to statewide centers
- News Release: South Carolina to Return to Pre-Pandemic Unemployment Program to Address Workforce Shortages - 5/6/21
- COVID-19 Resources

#### South Dakota

- Families First Coronavirus Response Act: What does it mean for employers?
- Employers: Use SIDES for fast, secure online unemployment filing
- Labor Department Accepting Unemployment Claims from Workers Affected by COVID-19
- COVID-19 Resources
- COVID-19 Reemployment Assistance Eligibility Determinations
- News Release: South Dakota to End Federal Pandemic Unemployment Benefits 5/12/21
- State Government Resource Directory--Covid-19 Information

#### Tennessee

- COVID-19 Resources for Employers, Employees and FAQs
- News Release: Gov. Lee ends all federally funded pandemic unemployment compensation programs pushes return to work, economic recovery 5/11/21
- Pandemic Unemployment

## Texas

- COVID-19 Resources Employers
- COVID-19 Resources Job Seekers

- <u>News Release</u>: Governor Abbott Announces End to Federal Pandemic-Related Unemployment Benefits 5/17/21
- Common Questions from Employers on Reopening Texas
- Texans Return to Work Roundtable

## U.S. Virgin Islands

- US Virgin Islands Department of Labor Homepage with UI and COVID-19 Information
- New Policies to Serve and Safeguard During the COVID-19 State of Emergency
- Unemployment Insurance
- Unemployment Insurance News

#### Utah

- Webpage to Navigate COVID-19 State Resources: Unemployment Insurance, Child Care, Other Assistance (food, rental, energy, medical), Refugee Services
- News Release: Gov. Cox to end Pandemic Unemployment Payments 5/12/21
- Covid-19 Unemployment Insurance

#### Vermont

- COVID-19 FAQ
- Vermont Unemployment Insurance Homepage
- Press Release: Act 91 DATE DETAILS
- UI UPDATES [NEWSFEED]
- Employer Vaccine Mandates and UI

## Virginia

- COVID-19 Resources
- Office closings due to Coronavirus
- Attention Workers Whose Job Has Been Affected by the Coronavirus
- News Release: Federal Unemployment Benefits to End September

## Washington

- Employment Security Department Home page with links to resources
- ESD COVID-19 Response: including link to emergency rules for unemployment insurance
- Employment Security Department COVID-19 Information
- Resource list for businesses & workers impacted by COVID-19
- PASSED: WA HB 2965 Concerning the State's Response to the Novel Coronavirus
- PASSED: WA HB 2739 AN ACT Relating to Adjusting Certain Requirements of the Shared Leave Program and Declaring an Emergency
- Covid-19 Information for Workers

## West Virginia

- COVID 19 Resource Information
- News Release: WV to end participation in federal supplemental unemployment benefit program 5/14/21
- Covid-19 and Employment Updates
- WV Coronavirus Information
- Governor Jim Justice Issues Executive Order 11-21 (WorkForce West Virginia shall not recover or attempt to recover unemployment benefits that were incorrectly but non-fraudulently distributed to claimants)

#### Wisconsin

- DWD Launches New Links in Spanish and Hmong Related DWD COVID-19 Information
- Employment & Training COVID-19 Public Information job center status
- How to File for Benefits Online: Employees & Employers
- Department of Workforce Development Information for the Public including Unemployment and Employment and Training

- Department of Workforce Development Information for Partners including employers regarding unemployment insurance
- News Release: DWD Reminds Wisconsin Residents That Federal Extended Unemployment Benefits End-9/4/2021Covid-19: Wyoming Department of Health

## Wyoming

- News Release: Gov. Gordon announces WY will end participation in federal supplemental unemployment benefits 5/12/21
- Support and Resources for the Covid-19 Pandemic
- Change in UI Filing Due to COVID-19
- Covid-19: Wyoming Department of Health

Does your state have more information to post here? Contact COVID@naswa.org