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Unemployment and Disability Information and other State Benefits for Those Impacted by COVID-19

Unemployment Information:

If you have lost work or have had your hours reduced we encourage you to apply for Employment Development Department (EDD) Unemployment Insurance (UI). In California, Governor Newsom has waived the one-week waiting period for benefits and is looking at expanding UI claim offerings in California.

There are multiple ways to claim benefits virtually. Workers do not need to come in-person:

- **Online:** You can file a claim online here.
https://www.edd.ca.gov/Unemployment/UI_Online.htm
- **By-phone:** Representatives are available at the following toll-free numbers, Monday through Friday from **8 a.m. to noon** Pacific time except on state holidays found here https://www.edd.ca.gov/Payroll_Taxes/Holidays.htm
 - English 1-800-300-5616
 - Spanish 1-800-326-8937
 - Cantonese 1-800-547-3506
 - Mandarin 1-866-303-0706
 - Vietnamese 1-800-547-2058
 - TTY 1-800-815-9387
- **By Mail or by Fax:** File your UI claim by accessing the paper Unemployment Insurance Application here
https://www.edd.ca.gov/Unemployment/Forms_and_Publications.htm#FillInForms.

For faster and secure processing, fax the completed application to the number listed on the form. If you mail your application, use the address on the form and allow additional time for processing.

- *How to Apply for UI Benefits (File a Claim)* (YouTube)
 - English - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQKrICx80H8&feature=youtu.be>
 - Spanish - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sPX70waZG5E&feature=youtu.be>
 - Cantonese - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBfVoDQbJRU&feature=youtu.be>
 - Vietnamese - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENIR2Fx1Hoo&feature=youtu.be>
 - Mandarin - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7GN5kap8rJs&feature=youtu.be>

Benefits to Those Quarantined or Sick:

- Paid sick leave law provides time off to many workers. You are entitled to use whatever sick leave you have accumulated.
https://www.dir.ca.gov/dlse/paid_sick_leave.htm
- California law provides for paid family leave, which you may be eligible for if you are providing care for an ill or quarantined family member.
[https://www.edd.ca.gov/disability/Am I Eligible for PFL Benefits.htm](https://www.edd.ca.gov/disability/Am_I_Eligible_for_PFL_Benefits.htm)
- In the event of a particularly long illness, you may be eligible for disability benefits, provided your illness is certified by a medical professional.
[https://www.edd.ca.gov/disability/am i eligible for di benefits.htm](https://www.edd.ca.gov/disability/am_i_eligible_for_di_benefits.htm)
- If you were exposed to COVID-19 while on the job and in the course of your regular duties, you may also qualify for workers' compensation.
<https://www.dir.ca.gov/InjuredWorkerGuidebook/InjuredWorkerGuidebook.html>

Other Worker Resources:

- Sign up for our career portal at <https://workforce.org/portal/> to review local job openings and receive information about helpful workforce programs and services.
- We are working closely with the State of California for additional emergency benefits to workers impacted by this health crisis with more information on our website to follow.

Businesses with Impacted Workers—We are Here to Help

If you are a business owner or HR representative for an employer considering work stoppages, layoffs or furloughs, we encourage you to submit layoff notices online here <https://forms.workforce.org/form-5339245/COVID19-Employee-Support> or call (619) 228-2982. We will get back to you within one business day to discuss information and services that may assist impacted employees, including Unemployment Insurance information, tax assistance, Work Sharing program to avoid layoffs, financial planning, remote career services and more.

Other resources:

If you have health-related questions or concerns contact your healthcare provider.

For questions about COVID-19 or information about community resources, call 2-1-1 <https://211sandiego.org/>

For general information about COVID-19 in San Diego County, visit: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus/>