

EMPLOYEES AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS

Please be advised, Pennsylvania workers whose employment has been affected or may be affected by COVID-19, the Coronavirus, may qualify to receive Unemployment Compensation or Workers' Compensation benefits. On March 16, 2020, Governor Wolf instructed the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry to loosen traditional requirements in response to this public health emergency, including waiving the waiting period and work search requirements. According to the Department of Labor and Industry:

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (UC) BENEFITS

You may be eligible if:

- Your employer temporarily closes or goes out of business because of COVID-19;
- Your employer reduces your hours because of COVID-19;
- You have been told not to work because your employer feels you might get or spread COVID-19; or
- You have been told to quarantine or self-isolate, or live/work in a county under government-recommended mitigation efforts

Apply:

- [Online](#)- it's the fastest and easiest way to get started

Important info:

- If you are eligible for UC, you will receive two approval letters and a four-digit PIN
- Your PIN will arrive in the U.S. mail – keep it in a safe, easy to remember place
- If approved, your first benefit payment should arrive within four weeks of filing for UC
- Continue filing your bi-weekly claim (every two weeks) – even while waiting for approval

- Find call center hours and other vital info at www.uc.pa.gov; learn all UC benefit requirements by visiting the [self-service guide](#); or use UC [LiveChat](#) or email uchelp@pa.gov
- COVID-19 & UC [FAQs](#)

WORKERS' COMPENSATION (WC) BENEFITS

- Two filing options: If you believe you may have been exposed to COVID-19 in your workplace, you may be eligible for Workers' Compensation (WC) by either:
 - Notifying your employer to file a typical "disease-as-injury" WC claim, which requires you to provide medical evidence that you were exposed to COVID-19 in the workplace
 - Notifying your employer to file an "occupational disease" WC claim, which requires you to show that COVID-19 is occurring more in your occupation/industry than in the general population

Claims:

- All WC claims (including COVID-19) are thoroughly reviewed, and decisions are made based on the facts and merits of each claim and the law
- If your COVID-19 claim is denied, you may file a petition with the WC [Office of Adjudication](#)
- Learn more about [Workers' Compensation and the Injured Worker](#)
- COVID-19 and WC [FAQs](#)

ADDITIONAL HELPFUL CORONAVIUS INFORMATION

- Additional useful information relating to coronavirus including FMLA, small business loans, and county assistance offices can be found [here](#)