
The COVID19 Unemployment Update

President Trump declared COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) a National Emergency on March 13, 2020. The declaration provides new guidance and outlines flexibilities that states will have in administering their unemployment insurance programs. The following are the Delaware Division of Unemployment Insurance's latest unemployment updates.

Delaware has released information regarding their response to the effects of COVID-19.

- The state will waive the 1-week waiting period for Unemployment claims to expedite payment of benefits
- The state will also, waive work search requirements and modify the availability requirement

All offices will be closed to the public till the Emergency is lifted.

Claimants MAY be eligible (dependent if they meet monetary eligibility) if:

- An employer must shut down operations and no work is available
- An employer must lay off employees due to the loss of production caused by the Coronavirus
- An employer temporarily lays off employees due to any loss or lack of work due to COVID-19
- An employer must curtail operations temporarily
- An employee is ill because of COVID-19 and unable to work
- An employee is in quarantine because of suspicion of having Coronavirus, at the order of a medical professional
- An employee cannot work because they must care for a family member who is ill with Coronavirus
- An employee who has been forced to quit or take unpaid leave from their jobs to care for children due to the Governor's emergency closure of schools

Delaware's FAQs can be found here: <https://laborfiles.delaware.gov/c19/UI-FAQ.pdf>

To see more information regarding Delaware's response to COVID-19, go here: <https://news.delaware.gov/2020/03/17/the-delaware-department-of-labor-expands-unemployment-benefits-to-workers-affected-by-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

Information contained in the bulletin was gathered both independently, as well as utilizing resources obtained from NASWA and the Department of Labor. CCC is in contact with both national and state representatives regarding this issue and will keep you updated as more information becomes available.