
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. This bulletin is intended to answer frequently asked questions and provide links to resources related to the effect of COVID-19 on employer unemployment programs.

As of March 16, 2020, Georgia has filed emergency legislation in response to COVID-19. The changes are as follows:

- The state will be waiving all work-search requirements for claims filed on or after March 14th, 2020. This will remain in effect until Public Health State of Emergency is declared over or 120 days from the adoption of the rule
- Employers must file partial unemployment claims online
- An employer shall file a partial unemployment claim for every claimant which works less than full-time due to a partial or total company shutdown due to COVID-19
- Any employer found in violation of this legislation shall pay the full amount of benefits paid to the claimant.

The state has also announced that it has suspended in-person requirements pertaining to Unemployment Insurance.

To see the full article presented by the state, go here:

<https://dol.georgia.gov/blog/new-information-filing-unemployment-partial-claims-and-reemployment-services>

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.