
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 Louisiana Workforce Commission's latest unemployment updates.

As of March 17, 2020, Louisiana has released information regarding their handling of Unemployment Claims and Workforce Solutions attributed to the effects of COVID-19. It is noted that claimants in a any of the situations below will be eligible for Unemployment Benefits:

- Work hours have been reduced because of lack of work due to COVID-19
- The workplace closes temporarily, and compensation is not provided
- Instruction to go to work, and not receiving payment while at home

Important Notes regarding the Governor's Proclamation:

- Partial Benefits will be allowed for claimants who see a reduction in hours due to COVID-19.
- Work Search Requirements have been waived
- The 1-week Waiting Period has been waived to expedite payment of benefits to claimants
- Reimbursable Employers: Non-Charges may be granted for unemployment claims effected by COVID-19

Employers have been urged to seek out other alternatives to Layoffs, if possible.

Contact EmployerServices@lwc.la.gov or 225-326-6999 with questions.

For more information, go here: http://www.laworks.net/Downloads/PR/COVID_19_Information.pdf

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.