
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 Nebraska Department of Labor Office of Unemployment Insurance's latest unemployment updates.

Nebraska Governor, Pete Ricketts has issued an Executive Order to permit the loosening of eligibility requirements for unemployment insurance benefits in response to the effects of COVID-19. In line with federal guidance, Governor Ricketts is allowing the Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) to waive the following requirements for claims filed between March 22 and May 2. This time-frame will be evaluated as the situation with COVID-19 progresses.

- Work Search Requirements have been waived for all workers filing for unemployment, not just those affected by COVID-19
- The state will waive the 1-week waiting period for Unemployment claims to expedite payment of benefits
- Employers will be eligible for relief of benefit charge as a result claims paid as a result of COVID-19

For more information regarding changes made to Nebraska's Unemployment Legislation, go here: <https://governor.nebraska.gov/press/gov-ricketts-issues-executive-order-loosen-unemployment-insurance-eligibility-requirements>

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.