
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 Utah Department of Workforce Service's latest unemployment updates.

Utah has released information regarding their handling of unemployment claims attributed to the effects of COVID-19. It is noted that claimants in any of the situations below *MAY* be eligible for Unemployment Benefits:

- Employer temporarily ceased operations with the expectation of a return to work
- Employer permanently ceases operations due to COVID-19
- Employee is quarantined, but not showing symptoms, and will return to work
- Employee is able and available (not showing any symptoms of COVID-19), but unable to go to work because place of employment has been quarantined
- Hours reduced do to work location slow down (eligible for partial benefits)

Claimants are likely not eligible for benefits if:

- Employee is on paid leave,
- Claimant is not able and available, including if they have COVID-19

For more information, go here: <https://jobs.utah.gov/covid19/uifaqemployees.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.