
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 Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development's latest unemployment updates.

Wisconsin has proposed an emergency order which modifies unemployment benefits for those affected by 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
- The state has not extended unemployment benefits to anyone quarantined or medically diagnosed with COVID-19.
- In the event that the workplace has been closed (this includes voluntary closures and mandated closures by a state official), a worker can collect unemployment benefits, if they are considered eligible(able and available for work).
- A return-to-work date must be presented to a worker for the claim to be considered a temporary layoff.
- If an employer has had to cut hours due to a lack of production resulting from COVID-19, a worker can collect partial benefits for working hours lost.
- At this time, Wisconsin has not relieved Employers of unemployment charges related to COVID-19

The state has developed a list of FAQs and it can be found here: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui.htm>

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.