
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.

Ohio

As of March 17th, 2020, Iowa has issued an executive order which extends unemployment benefits to those effected by COVID-19.

Benefits now extend to:

- Eligible individuals who are requested by a medical professional, local health authority, or employer to be isolated or quarantined as a consequence of COVID-19, even if they are not actually diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Employees who have been layoff due to the closure of a business, due to COVID-19

Important Notes for Employers:

- The state has waived the 1-week waiting period for Unemployment claims to expedite payment of benefits
- The state will mutualize benefit charges for contributory employers. Reimbursable employers will follow existing charging requirements under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4141.
- The state will waive penalties for late reporting and payments during Ohio's emergency declaration period.

To get more information, go here: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ouio/CoronavirusAndUI.stm>

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.