

If you're filing for **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE** due to the Covid-19 pandemic, **here is what you need to know.**

Information is changing rapidly. For official info check with the state unemployment office.

The fastest way to apply is online at

https://uics.delawareworks.com/Forms/Form_WL1

If you aren't able to apply online,

call the following numbers for options depending on your county:ⁱ

New Castle County: 302-761-6576

Kent & Sussex County: 800-794-3032

The phone lines are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Expect busy signals, long waits, or having to call back.

What you need to file:ⁱⁱ

- Social Security Number
- Telephone Number
- Driver's License or State Motor Vehicle Agency ID
- Union Contact Information
- Contact Information & Dates of Employment of Employers for the Last 18 months
- Education History
- Alien Registration number, if applicable

You **may** be eligible if:*

- Your employer has temporarily shut down due to the COVID-19 outbreak
- You have been ordered to self-quarantine by your doctor
- You have been forced to quit or take unpaid leave to care for children because of school closings or a loved one who has contracted COVID-19
- You have fallen ill from COVID-19 and you are unable to work
- Part-time workers are eligible

If your claim is approved:

To maintain your unemployment benefits, you must:

- File weekly requests for paymentⁱⁱⁱ

How much money can you receive?

- People generally receive half of their weekly wages up to \$400 per week. Benefits can be paid out for as long as 26 weeks.^{iv}

Are unemployment insurance payments taxable?

- Federal taxes owed, not Delaware or local taxes.^v



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ⁱ <https://ui.delawareworks.com/documents/UI%20Claimant%20Handbook.pdf>, Page 3.

ⁱⁱ UI for COVID-19 3.14, Queen Arsem-O'Malley. Delaware.

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^v <https://ui.delawareworks.com/documents/UI%20Claimant%20Handbook.pdf>, Page 22

* <https://news.delaware.gov/2020/03/17/the-delaware-department-of-labor-expands-unemployment-benefits-to-workers-affected-by-the-covid-19-pandemic/><https://news.delaware.gov/2020/03/17/the-delaware-department-of-labor-expands-unemployment-benefits-to-workers-affected-by-the-covid-19-pandemic/>