

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
state.md.us/NetClaims**

If you have to apply by phone, then dial (410) 949-0022 if you are calling from the Baltimore area or out of state, or 1 (800) 827-4839 if you are calling from Maryland but outside the Baltimore area. Call center hours are 7:30am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday. Expect long wait times.

What you need to file:

- Your Social Security Number.
- Your mailing address and telephone number.
- The name, birth date and SSN of all dependents under age 16.
- If you are not a citizen, proof of your immigration status.
- The business name, address, and dates of employment for all your employers in the last 18 months.

You **may** be eligible if:

- You are temporarily laid off or your hours are reduced
- You have to be quarantined
- You have to leave your job due to risk of exposure to COVID-19 or to care for an infected relative

If your claim is approved:

To maintain your unemployment benefits, you must:

- File weekly requests for payment
- Actively search for work, including applying for at least 3 jobs a week
- Report all wages earned or payments received each week

How much money can you receive?

People generally receive about half their weekly wages up to a maximum of \$430 a week. Benefits can be paid out for as long as 26 weeks.

Are unemployment insurance payments taxable?

Yes, you must pay both federal and Maryland state taxes on your unemployment benefits.



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