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:
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:
• 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

Note: If asked on the application “Are you employed through union hiring hall?”, answer “NO”

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 payment

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.

Are unemployment insurance payments taxable?
• Federal taxes owed, not Delaware or local taxes.
***See the “Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Benefits” information below for details about expanded unemployment compensation benefits under the recently passed federal law***

**Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Benefits Under the New Federal CARES Act**

1. **Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUC) and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation:**
   a. For workers who qualify for normal unemployment compensation benefits under their state program.
   b. Benefits:
      - An additional $600 a week (until 7/31/2020) on top of state unemployment benefits.
      - Benefits are available for an additional 13 weeks beyond what the state provides.

2. **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance:**
   a. For workers who do not qualify for regular unemployment compensation. You may qualify if you:
      - Are looking for part-time work
      - Have already used up your unemployment benefits
      - Do not have enough earnings to qualify for normal unemployment
      - Are self-employed
   b. You are not working because:
      - You cannot start work or get to work because of the emergency;
      - Your worksite is closed due to the emergency
      - You are diagnosed with COVID-19, have the symptoms of COVID-19 or self-quarantine under the direction of a health-care provider;
      - A member of your household has COVID-19 or you are caring for a member of your household with COVID-19;
      - You have to take care of a child whose school or childcare facility is closed
      - You are the major earner in your household because the head of household died from COVID-19
      - If you had to quit your job as a direct result of COVID-19
   c. Requirements:
      - You must certify that you are partially or fully unemployed and unable to work because of one or more of the reasons listed above
      - Cannot work from home
      - Are not receiving any paid sick leave
   d. Benefits:
      - Benefit amount is $600 per week (until 7/31/2020) plus ½ of the state’s average weekly unemployment benefit, except for those who were eligible but exhausted state unemployment benefits, the benefit amount is $600 per week plus the full amount the state benefit.
      - Benefits are available for a maximum of 39 weeks (including any weeks which a worker received state unemployment benefits).