

Out of Work or Sick Because of Coronavirus ?

There is a Way to Pay Rent. There is Help Available.

NEW Federal Law Increases Unemployment Money

CARES Act¹ Unemployment Benefits Available² to You

The CARES Act provides a **boost** in unemployment benefits, which means more money is available to you if you otherwise qualify because the CARES Act:

- Increases your normal benefit by **\$600/week through July 31, 2020**, meaning you may get \$600 per week in addition to whatever you would have received under existing state laws;
- **expands** the money payment duration **from 26 weeks to 39 weeks**;
- eliminates the waiting period of one-week so you can **get the money immediately**.

The CARES Act **temporarily makes money available to you even if you did not qualify before**, if you:

(1) are normally not eligible for unemployment because you are self-employed or you are an independent contractor for example, or you have exhausted your unemployment payments; and you

(2) can truthfully certify that you are able and available to work, but unable, or unavailable to work or telework because you:

- are diagnosed with COVID-19, or experiencing symptoms or seeking a diagnosis of COVID-19; or
- have a member of your household that has been diagnosed with COVID-19; or
- are providing care to a family member with COVID-19; or
- have primary caregiving responsibility for a child who is unable to attend school due to COVID-19; or
- cannot reach your place of work because of a quarantine on advice of a health care provider to self-quarantine; or
- has become a breadwinner after the head of household has died from COVID-19; or
- has had to quit working as a direct result of COVID-19; or
- has a work location that is closed as a direct result of a COVID-19 declared emergency.

To Learn if You Qualify for Unemployment Money in Virginia:

<http://www.vec.virginia.gov/unemployed>

To file a UI claim online:

<http://www.vec.virginia.gov/unemployed/online-services/apply-for-unemployment-benefits>

To file a claim by telephone number:

1-866-832-2363

To Learn if You Qualify for Unemployment Money in Any State:

The US Department of Labor has the following website available so that individuals can find their State of residency and contact the correct agency in their State to file for unemployment payments: <https://www.careeronestop.org/WorkerReEmployment/Toolkit/find-unemployment-benefits.aspx>

¹ The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

² You Must be Impacted by COVID-19 according to the new law to qualify. Use Links provided to see if you qualify.