

# *Workforce Development Board of Tompkins County*



## **WORKFORCE RESOURCES FOR BUSINESSES, EMPLOYEES AND THE TOMPKINS COUNTY COMMUNITY**

This is a challenging time for all of us, and we welcome your questions and concerns as we work with Federal, State and Local agencies to provide workforce tools and support to the businesses in our community.

**Rapid Response Team.** The New York State Department of Labor's Rapid Response Team is available to you at this time, both in-person and via remote communication. The Rapid Response Team is a valuable resource to you as a business and an employer. The Team will assist employees in re-gaining employment and potentially shorten the duration of their Unemployment Insurance (UI) payments, and your overall cost.

Our Southern Tier Region Rapid Response Coordinator is:

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Additional information may be helpful:

Rapid Response for Businesses

<https://www.labor.ny.gov/formsdocs/factsheets/pdfs/p481BUS.pdf>

Rapid Response for Employees

<https://labor.ny.gov/formsdocs/factsheets/pdfs/p481WKR.pdf>

Business Services

<https://labor.ny.gov/formsdocs/factsheets/pdfs/p469.pdf>

**The Shared Work Program.** As a first step for businesses considering changes to staff time, we recommend the Shared Work Program which helps you keep trained staff and avoid layoffs. Employees can receive partial Unemployment Insurance benefits while working reduced hours. Full-time, part-time and seasonal employees are eligible.

<https://www.labor.ny.gov/ui/employerinfo/shared-work-program.shtm>

This program is taking calls from local businesses. Please call 518 549 0496.

**Unemployment Insurance (UI).** The State of New York has announced a waiver to the 7-day waiting period for unemployment insurance for people who have been laid off due to the virus.

How to File for Unemployment Insurance:

<https://www.labor.ny.gov/formsdocs/factsheets/pdfs/P800.pdf>

The fastest and most secure way to file a claim for Unemployment Insurance benefits is on the Department of Labor website at [www.labor.ny.gov/signin](http://www.labor.ny.gov/signin)

**Child Care.** Trained referral specialists at the Child Development Council can help your employees to identify child care options. To request a child care referral, please call:

- Tompkins County 607 273 0259
- Cortland County 607 753 0106

For the most comprehensive and personalized service, please call during office hours 9 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

For additional information, contact the Tompkins Workforce New York Career Center (Ithaca Commons) at 607 272 7570, of the Tompkins County Workforce Development Board at 607 274 7526.