

## How to file for Unemployment Compensation during coronavirus

If you lost your job or your hours were cut because of coronavirus (COVID-19), you should apply for unemployment compensation at: <https://www.uc.pa.gov>, or call the statewide toll-free number: 888-313-7284.

### You may be eligible if:

- Your employer temporarily closes or goes out of business because of COVID-19;
- Your employer reduces your hours because of COVID-19;
- You have been told not to work because your employer feels you might get or spread COVID-19;
- You have been told to quarantine or self-isolate;
- You left work because you were being asked to do unsafe things or lacked childcare, as long as you told the employer first; or
- You were an independent contractor or self employed.

### File a claim: <https://www.uc.pa.gov/unemployment-benefits/file/>

- File your first claim;
- Reopen a claim (if you filed for unemployment compensation benefits within the past year, you can reopen your claim);
- File a biweekly claim (once every two weeks, you must report any hours you worked, any paid time off, and pay you received. Also available through 888-255-4728.) File a biweekly claim even if you haven't received benefits yet.

**NOTE:** As of March 16, 2020, the PA Dept. of Labor & Industry recommends that you **file claims online** (<https://www.uc.pa.gov>) **for faster processing.** To ask a question about your claim, email [uchelp@pa.gov](mailto:uchelp@pa.gov) (suggested due to high call volume and UC Live Chat requests). The department's Facebook page (@PALaborIndustry) contains latest updates.

### If you need help applying, or if your claim is denied:

Contact Legal Aid of Southeastern PA (LASP) at 877-429-5994, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., or apply online 24/7 at [www.lasp.org/apply-here](http://www.lasp.org/apply-here).