



**Farmworker & Immigrant Worker Hotline**  
**1-800-968-4046**



# **You May Be Eligible for Unemployment Benefits Due to Covid-19**



On October 26, 2020, Michigan passed into law a continuation of Covid-19 eligibility for unemployment benefits until the end of the year, and for up to 26 weeks for each person.

## **Who Is Eligible?**

In addition to normal termination or firing, you may also be eligible for unemployment benefits if you are unable to work because:

- You left work to self-isolate or self-quarantine in response to elevated risk from COVID-19 because you are immunocompromised;
- You displayed a commonly recognized principal symptom of COVID-19 that was not otherwise associated with a known medical or physical condition of the individual;
- You had contact in the previous 14 days with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19;
- You needed to care for someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19;
- You had a family care responsibility resulting from a government directive regarding COVID-19.

You may be eligible for benefits even if you are now working if you applied earlier this year and you were unable to reach a representative.

## **Do I Have to Search for Work?**

Although the work search requirement was previously suspended, you must now be actively searching for work to qualify for unemployment benefits.

- The Agency will require you to actively report updates on your work search.
- Your work search requirement may be modified if you are physically unable to work due to Covid-19 or Covid-19 caretaking responsibilities.



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## **How Much Employer Information Will I Have to Provide?**

Although the Agency recently only considered why you left your most recent job, the Agency again will look at your reasons for separation from all your employers from the past 18 months.

- Be sure to include all information.

## **What If I Am Not A Citizen?**

There are several immigration statuses that may qualify someone for unemployment insurance, such as DACA, TPS, asylees, refugees, parolees, SIJS, withholding of removal, VAWA self-petitioners.

- The Farmworker & Immigrant Worker Hotline is available to potentially provide advice on your particular issues: 1-800-968-4046.
- Find more info: [HERE](#).

## **How Do I Apply?**

You can apply online at [Michigan.gov/UIA](https://Michigan.gov/UIA) using the MiWAM portal or by phone 1-866-500-0017.

- You can also schedule a phone call with a representative through the website if there is a particular time that works best for you.
- Spanish-speaking representatives are available.

## **What If I Am Denied Benefits?**

You will have 30 days to protest or appeal a determination that finds you ineligible for unemployment benefits.

- Call the Farmworker & Immigrant Worker Hotline for more info: 1-800-968-4046.