



FARMWORKER AND IMMIGRANT WORKER HOTLINE: 800-968-4046

EXPANSION OF MICHIGAN UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS DUE TO COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

WHO CAN APPLY?

ANYONE WHO IS AND/OR HAS BEEN:

- Unable to work because you provide childcare due to a school closing or caretaking for someone who has been exposed to COVID-19 and not already receiving paid family and medical leave or disability benefit; or
- Fired or laid off;
- Immunocompromised or forced to self-quarantine; or
- Place of employment closes due to COVID-19

WHAT IS EXPANDED?

- Benefit periods increased from 20 to 26 weeks;
- Application eligibility period increased from 14 to 28 days;
- Normal work search requirements are suspended

YOU MAY:

- Register online or by phone;
- Be eligible if you're affected by COVID-19 even if you have recently exhausted your benefits;
- Be eligible for an additional \$600/week and an additional 13 weeks of assistance through the federal CARES act;
- Be eligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance through the Federal government if you are an independent or gig worker or if your job offer has been revoked

WHAT IF I'M A FARMWORKER?

- You may be eligible even if your employer tells you that you are not.
- Accurately report all of your earnings from all jobs in the last 15 months, including earnings from other states.
- If you receive a monetary determination that does not include all of your earnings, protest or appeal within 30 days.
- If your benefits were reduced based on seasonal employment and your seasonal employer does not rehire you this year, apply for your retroactive benefits by reopening your benefit year and reporting your seasonal employer's refusal to rehire you.

I'M NOT A CITIZEN OR LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT, CAN I STILL APPLY?

- YES,**
- There are several "immigration benefits" or statuses that may qualify someone for unemployment insurance, such as DACA, TPS, asylees, refugees, parolees, SIJS, withholding of removal, VAWA self-petitioners.
 - You will need to show proof of your employment authorization and meet the eligibility requirements described in this flyer.
 - Read more in our NON-CITIZENS ELIGIBILITY FOR MICHIGAN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE flyer available [here](#).
 - Contact our farmworker and immigrant worker hotline at 800-968-4046 if you are a noncitizen and are unsure about your eligibility for unemployment insurance.

HOW DO I APPLY?

You may be entitled to benefits even if you are at first denied. Follow the included instructions on how to protest and appeal.

Create an MiWAM account at:

https://miwam.unemployment.state.mi.us/ClmMiWAM/_/;

Call this number at:

1-866-500-0017. Spanish-speaking option available.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE File Your Claim By **Last Name**

ONLINE FILING SCHEDULE:



michigan.gov/uia

A-L

FILE CLAIMS

Monday
Wednesday
Friday

M-Z

FILE CLAIMS

Sunday
Tuesday
Thursday

Saturday if you missed your days

WEBSITE IS 24/7

CALL CENTER FILING SCHEDULE:



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8AM-5PM MON-FRI

The day or time of day in which a claim is filed will not impact whether you receive benefits or your benefit amount. Additionally, your claim can be backdated to reflect the date you were laid off or let go due to COVID-19.

FOR FURTHER FILING INSTRUCTIONS, GO TO

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/uia/160_-_Claiming_UI_Benefit_In_Michigan_-_Jan2014_444213_7.pdf.