



## **COVID-19 AND UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION**

### **Who is eligible?**

You may be eligible for unemployment compensation if you are an employee and:

1. Are unable to work because your doctor, health agency, or employer requests that you isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19; or
2. Your employer lays you off due to the loss of production caused by COVID-19.

You do NOT need to be diagnosed with COVID-19.

You do NOT have to be totally unemployed. If your hours of work are reduced, you may still be eligible for some unemployment compensation.

### **Do I need documentation?**

Documentation is NOT required, but may be helpful. If you do not have documentation, you should not wait to file-- file immediately. If possible, you should ask your doctor, health agency, or employer for something in writing that you have been requested to isolate due to COVID-19 concerns OR that your hours of work have been reduced due to COVID-19.

### **What if I am a tipped employee?**

If you are a tipped employee and the employer did not include tips in the wages, you will need to file an affidavit with your tipped wages for ODJFS to review and determine the benefit amount due. If the employer includes tips in your wages, there is nothing for you to do.

### **What if I want to isolate myself but nobody has asked me to do so?**

If you do not have any COVID-19 symptoms but want to isolate or quarantine because of COVID-19, you may NOT be eligible for unemployment compensation.

## How to apply:

- Online: <http://unemployment.ohio.gov>, 24 hours/day, 7 days/week.
- Telephone: 877-644-6562 or TTY 1-614-387-8408, Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm

## You will need:

- Your Social Security number
- Your driver's license or state ID number
- Your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address
- Name, address, telephone number, and dates of employment with each employer you worked for during the past 6 weeks of employment
- The reason you became unemployed from each employer
- Dependents' names, Social Security numbers, and dates of birth
- If claiming dependents, your spouse's name, Social Security number, and birth date
- If you are not a U.S. citizen or national, alien registration number and expiration date
- Your regular occupation and job skills

## How to qualify

To qualify, you must have worked at least 20 weeks and earned at least an average weekly wage of \$269 in the past 4 or 5 calendar quarters. If you are unsure, you should still apply and this information will be verified.

## No waiting week or work search

If you qualify because your doctor, health agency, or employer requests that you isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19, you will not be required to meet the work search requirements to get unemployment compensation.

Whether you are totally unemployed, partially unemployed, or participating in the SharedWork Ohio Program, you can receive unemployment compensation starting the first week.

### **FRANKLIN & MADISON**

Call (614) 241-2001 or Toll Free 1-888-246-4420

1108 City Park Avenue, Columbus, OH 43206

Office Hours: 8:30am-5:00pm Monday-Friday

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150 Oak Street, Marion, OH 43302

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