

CARES Act

Federal Funding & Assistance Guidance

Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act recently passed by the Federal Government, employees are eligible for federal unemployment benefits in addition to unemployment assistance available at the state level.

Employees who do not qualify for unemployment benefits / assistance at the state level

- **MAY BE**, employees who are ineligible for state unemployment benefits may be eligible for federal unemployment benefits (Pandemic Unemployment Assistance - PUA) if they are partially or fully unemployed because:
 - they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are experiencing symptoms and seeking a diagnosis
 - a member of their household who has been diagnosed with COVID-19;
 - a child who is unable to attend school because it is closed as a direct result of the COVID-19 public health emergency and care by the school is required for the individual to work;
 - are unable to reach work due to quarantine; unable to work because they have been advised by a health care worker to self-quarantine;
 - were scheduled to begin work but no longer have a job or are unable to reach work;
 - become the head of household or breadwinner because the head of their household has died as a direct result of COVID-19;
 - forced to quit their job as a direct result of COVID-19; or
 - their place of employment closed as a direct result of COVID-19.
- **Benefit Amount (PUA):** Not less than half of the state's average weekly benefit amount and not more than the state's maximum weekly benefit
- **Max Benefit Period:** 39 weeks
- Employees who are not eligible for state unemployment benefits can apply for federal unemployment benefits through the state unemployment agency. Please consult your state unemployment agency for more information.