

NEED HELP FILING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT? HERE ARE SOME TIPS:

About 18% of American households report at least one member of their family has already either lost their job or had their hours reduced at work because of the coronavirus pandemic. That may leave many looking to file for unemployment insurance benefits to tide them over until the outbreak is over and work resumes.

The good news: The federal government is allowing states to expand eligibility for unemployment benefits because of the impact of COVID-19. **If your employer had to temporarily shut down operations because of coronavirus, you can file. It's best to file as soon as you have news that your job status has changed.**

WHAT ARE THE STEPS TO FILE?

1. Have your information ready to file

- Social Security number, Mailing Address, Telephone number, Email address, Your bank name, address, account number and routing number for direct deposit, Employer's name, address and phone number, First and last day worked with employer, Reason for leaving, Pension or severance package information (if applicable).

2. File online as soon as you can if possible

- File in your state at the following links: IL: bit.ly/2U2wGMr, MO: bit.ly/2xdyyJe, WI: bit.ly/2UojsZB, OH: bit.ly/33xgXZd, IN: bit.ly/3a4WZHC, MI: bit.ly/2QKmlh1

3. Apply even if you're not sure you're eligible

- You also don't have to lose your job to receive unemployment. You can actually receive partial unemployment if your hours have been drastically reduced or if you're unable to work because you've been put into mandatory quarantine during the coronavirus outbreak.

4. Be prepared to wait

5. If you're denied, appeal

- If the agency believes you don't meet any of its requirements, it can deny your claim for benefits. But don't give up!

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