LASP Legal Aid of Southeastern PA

How to file for Unemployment Compensation during coronavirus

If you lost your job or your hours were cut because of coronavirus (COVID-19), you should apply for unemployment compensation at: **https://www.uc.pa.gov**, or call the statewide toll-free number: **888-313-7284**.

You may be eligible if:

- Your employer temporarily closes or goes out of business because of COVID-19;
- Your employer reduces your hours because of COVID-19;
- You have been told not to work because your employer feels you might get or spread COVID-19;
- You have been told to quarantine or self-isolate;
- You left work because you were being asked to do unsafe things or lacked childcare, as long as you told the employer first; or
- You were an independent contractor or self employed.

File a claim: https://www.uc.pa.gov/unemployment-benefits/file/

- **File your first claim;**
- **Reopen a claim** (if you filed for unemployment compensation benefits within the past year, you can reopen your claim);
- **File a bi-weekly claim** (once every two weeks, you must report any hours you worked, any paid time off, and pay you received. Also available through 888-255-4728.) File a bi-weekly claim even if you haven't received benefits yet.

(NOTE: As of March 16, 2020, the PA government recommends that you **file claims online (https://www.uc.pa.gov) for faster processing. To ask a question about your claim, email uchelp@pa.gov** (suggested due to high call volume and UC Live Chat requests).

If you need help applying, or if your claim is denied:

Contact Legal Aid of Southeastern PA (LASP) at 877-429-5994,
Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., or apply online 24/7 at www.lasp.org/apply-here.

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