

Changes to Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Benefits

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The Pennsylvania Office of Unemployment Compensation recently provided important information on employees impacted by COVID-19.

Employees may be entitled to unemployment compensation benefits if:

- The employer temporarily closes or goes out of business because of COVID-19.
- The employer reduces an employee's hours because of COVID-19.
- The employer has told the employee not to work because the employer feels the employee might get or spread COVID-19.
- The employee has been told to quarantine or self-isolate, or the employee lives/works in a county under a government-recommended mitigation efforts.
- Contributory employers who are temporarily closed because of the COVID-19 virus will be granted relief from charges and their unemployment compensation tax will not increase.

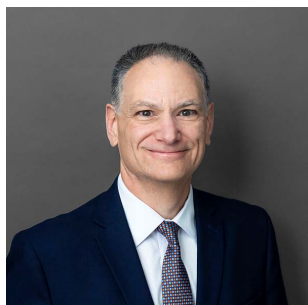
The one-week waiting period to receive unemployment compensation benefits has been suspended and employees do not need to prove they have applied or searched for a new job to maintain their benefits.

Employees are also not required to register with CareerLink.

If anyone has any questions on these new rules, please [contact me](#) or anyone in the [Barley Snyder Employment Practice Group](#).

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