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COVID-19 and Unemployment Insurance Benefits

As a result of an executive order issued by Governor Mike DeWine, there have been several changes made to the process of filing for and claiming unemployment benefits in response to COVID-19. A summary of the key considerations can be found below. More information can be found in the provided links.

Employers – What You Should Know

- Workers will immediately qualify for unemployment benefits if their employer is required to close as a result of COVID-19
- Workers who are laid off due to the loss of production caused by COVID-19 are immediately eligible for unemployment benefits.
- For most employers, any charges for unemployment benefits resulting from COVID-19 will be mutualized, meaning that they will not be applied specifically to the employer's account. This will limit the impact that the payment of these benefits has on the employer's unemployment tax rate.
- For more information, please follow the link below:
<http://jfs.ohio.gov/ouio/CoronavirusAndEmployers.stm>

Employees – What You Should Know

- Employees that are laid off due to employer loss of production or forced shut-down are immediately eligible for unemployment benefits
- Employees should file for unemployment with the state where their place of employment is located.
- Employees working within Ohio can apply for unemployment benefits either online through <https://unemployment.ohio.gov/> or calling toll free 1-877-644-6562.
- Employees working within Indiana must file claims for unemployment online. Online filing information can be found at <https://www.in.gov/dwd/2362.htm>
- Employees working reduced hours due to lack of work may be eligible for benefits. Any earnings from employment during the week claimed will not reduce the amount of benefits paid if the earnings exceed 20% of the claimant's weekly benefit amount. Earnings over 20% of the weekly benefit amount will reduce this benefit amount dollar for dollar
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