
West Virginia: Unemployment Benefits for Those Affected by COVID-19

Description of Program and Relief

On March 19, 2020, Governor Jim Justice issued an executive order directing WorkForce West Virginia and the West Virginia Department of Commerce to provide unemployment benefits to individuals affected by COVID-19 to the maximum extent permitted by federal law.

The executive order allows WorkForce to:

- Waive the normal one-week waiting period for unemployment benefits
- Waive the able and available work requirement
- Waive the work search requirement
- Grant unemployment benefits to eligible individuals who are requested by a medical professional or employer to be isolated or quarantined even if they are not diagnosed.

Government or Lead Agency

Governor Jim Justice, WorkForce West Virginia, West Virginia Department of Commerce

Dates Available

March 19, 2020, and ongoing for the duration of the Governor's declared State of Emergency due to COVID-19

Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions

Eligibility information can be found here: <https://www.workforcewv.org/covid19>. The executive order indicates that individuals who are separated from employment, have had their hours of employment reduced, or are prevented from working due to either a documented medical condition caused by COVID-19 or due to communicable disease control measures related to COVID-19 are eligible for unemployment benefits to the maximum extent permitted by federal law.

Application Deadlines (If Applicable)

N/A

Contact for More Information

General Information: (800) 252-JOBS

List of Additional Information

For additional information, please click [here](#) for the Governor's executive order or visit:

<https://www.workforcewv.org/covid19>

To file for unemployment, please visit:

<https://uc.workforcewv.org/consumer/?lang=en>