

The Employment Development Department ([EDD](#)) provides a variety of support services to individuals affected by COVID-19 in California. For faster and more convenient access to those services, we encourage the use of our [online options](#).

- If you're unable to work due to having or being exposed to COVID-19 (certified by a medical professional), you can [file a Disability Insurance \(DI\) claim](#).

Reduced Work Hours

If your employer has reduced your hours or shut down operations due to COVID-19, you can [file an Unemployment Insurance \(UI\) claim](#). UI provides partial wage replacement benefit payments to workers who lose their job or have their hours reduced, through no fault of their own. Workers who are temporarily unemployed due to COVID-19 and expected to return to work with their employer within a few weeks are not required to actively seek work each week. However, they must remain able and available and ready to work during their unemployment for each week of benefits claimed and meet all other eligibility criteria. Eligible individuals can receive benefits that range from \$40-\$450 per week.

The [Governor's Executive Order](#) waives the one-week unpaid waiting period, so you can collect UI benefits for the first week you are out of work. If you are eligible, the EDD processes and issues payments within a few weeks of receiving a claim.

Self-Employed

The available benefits are insurance programs. To be eligible, either you or an employer had to make contributions in the past 5 to 18 months. It is possible these contributions were made at a prior job, or if you were misclassified as an independent contractor instead of an employee. We encourage you to apply for the benefit program that is most appropriate for your situation. Visit [Self-Employed/Independent Contractor](#) to learn more.

- If you're unable to work because you are caring for an ill or quarantined family member with COVID-19 (certified by a medical professional), you can [file a Paid Family Leave \(PFL\) claim](#).
- If your child's school is closed, and you have to miss work to be there for them, you may be eligible for Unemployment Insurance benefits. Eligibility considerations include if you have no other care options and if

you are unable to continue working your normal hours remotely. [File an Unemployment Insurance claim](#) and our EDD representatives will decide if you are eligible.

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- [San Diego Legal Aid Society](#) is still operating and providing services. Contact them for questions about eviction, fair housing, etc.
- [SDG&E Suspends Service Disconnections](#) for Nonpayment as a Part of Its Coronavirus Response
- [Cox Communications Statement on Coronavirus](#)
- [College Students: U-Haul Offers 30 Days Free Self-Storage amid Coronavirus Outbreak](#)

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FOOD SOURCES

- The [San Diego Food Bank](#) is still open and continuing operations as normal.
- [Feeding San Diego](#) is working diligently to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and provide food resources to those impacted.
- [San Diego farms](#) are providing food during the COVID-19 pandemic while farmer's markets are closed.
- [Mama's Kitchen](#), the Home Delivered Meal Program is designed for individuals that have been diagnosed with a critical illness and are unable to independently prepare their own meals.
- [San Diego Community Food Resources](#)
- [Taking Care of Your Mental Health in the Face of Uncertainty](#)

Tax Assistance

Employers experiencing a hardship as a result of COVID-19 may request up to a 60-day extension of time from the EDD to file their state payroll reports and/or deposit state payroll taxes without penalty or interest. A written request for extension must be received within 60 days from the original delinquent date of the payment or return.

For questions, employers may call the EDD Taxpayer Assistance Center.

- Toll-free from the U.S. or Canada: 1-888-745-3886
- Hearing impaired (TTY): 1-800-547-9565
- Outside the U.S. or Canada: 1-916-464-3502