

## Unemployment Information:

Please see below for helpful information and links for the various changes to unemployment insurance. Additional information can be found online at: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/>

1. [Information for employers](#)

Under Assembly Bill 1038, UI payments for COVID-19 related layoffs will not result in any charges to the employer's "experience account". The benefits will be paid from the UI trust fund. However, if the UI trust fund balance drops below \$1.2 billion on June 30<sup>th</sup>, solvency tax rates may be increased. The current balance of the UI trust fund is \$1.9 billion.

2. [Information for regular employees](#)

If you are unemployed and have worked for a covered employer (an employer who pays UI tax) in the last 18 months please apply for regular UI benefits.

3. [Information on "Surge Payment"](#)

Provides most individuals an emergency increase of \$600 per week in unemployment benefits

*NOTE: Wisconsin plans to start making payments the week of April 26, 2020. Claimants DO NOT need to take action for the additional \$600 per week benefit.*

4. [Information for people not otherwise eligible for UI](#)

Provides up to 39 weeks of unemployment benefits to people not otherwise eligible for regular UI (e.g. self-employed, independent contractors, workers with limited work history).

*NOTE: Wisconsin plans to start taking applications the week of April 21, 2020. There is no need to call the Unemployment Help Center at this time. DWD is asking you to wait to file because the system is not yet set up to accept your application. [For up to date information click here.](#)*

5. [Information for people who remain unemployed after they have exhausted their regular UI benefits](#)

Provides an additional 13 weeks of emergency benefits for people who remain unemployed after they have exhausted their regular UI benefits.

6. Unemployment Wait Week: The wait week will retroactively be waived during the COVID-19 pandemic. This means prior applicants will receive payment for the initial week.