

Employment Resources

Unemployment Assistance

New York State is waiving the 7-day waiting period for Unemployment Insurance benefits for people who are out of work due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) closures or quarantines. Visit the [New York State Department of Labor website](#) for more information.

- NYS DOL is implementing a new filing system based on the first letter of the applicants last name (alphabetical order). If you are filing a new unemployment insurance claim, the day you should file is based on the first letter of your last name. Visit the [New York State Department of Labor website](#) for more information.

Worker Layoffs ("WARN Notice")

The New York State Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act requires businesses to give early warning of closing and layoffs.

- Information is available on the [New York State Department of Labor website](#).
- The NYC Workforce Development Board can help businesses understand their reporting requirements. Individuals also can contact Chris Neale, Director of the NYC Workforce Development Board, at (212) 676-3009.

Alternative to Worker Layoffs

Shared Work is a program employees can receive partial Unemployment Insurance benefits while working reduced hours.

- Visit the [New York State Department of Labor website](#) for more information.