**Delaware: Unemployment Benefits**

**Description of Program and Relief**

In light of the COVID-19 emergency, the Delaware Secretary of Labor issued new guidelines to enhance the flexibility of Delaware’s unemployment insurance program to provide cash assistance to Delaware workers whose employment has been impacted directly by COVID-19 and who would not typically qualify for benefits.

**Government or Lead Agency**

Delaware Department of Labor and Division of Unemployment Insurance

**Dates Available**

Effective immediately

**Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions**

The new Unemployment Insurance guidelines issued by the Secretary of Labor describe eligibility as follows:

1. workers will be eligible to receive unemployment benefits if an employer needs to curtail or shut down operations temporarily because of the Governor’s State of Emergency declaration or COVID-19;

2. a worker who has been ordered by a medical doctor to self-quarantine as a result of, or due to risk of exposure to, COVID-19 will be eligible to receive unemployment benefits;

3. parents or guardians who have been forced to quit or take unpaid leave from their jobs to care for children due to the Governor’s emergency closure of schools will be eligible for benefits;

4. workers who have been forced to quit or take unpaid leave to care for a loved one who has contracted coronavirus COVID-19 will be eligible for benefits;

5. workers who fall ill from COVID-19 and are unable to work; and

6. workers who have been forced to work part-time due to risk of exposure to COVID-19 will be eligible for benefits.
Application Deadlines (If Applicable)

Not applicable.

Contact for More Information

For more information about eligibility and to file for unemployment benefits please visit: https://ui.delawareworks.com/.

List of Additional Information

For additional information please visit this webpage or call (302) 761-8446.