



**FOR WORKERS WHO HAVE BEEN LAID OFF OR FURLOUGHED:**

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Please see the guidance below from the [Connecticut Department of Labor](#) regarding layoffs and furloughs:  
<http://bit.ly/CTDOLCOVID>

Some important points:

- Everyone who is currently out of work due to the pandemic is encouraged to file for unemployment ASAP.
- Connecticut is one of six states that doesn't have a waiting period for workers eligible to receive benefits.
- Make sure your employer provides you with a RETURN TO WORK DATE even if that date needs to be extended later. A return to work date on documentation from employers allows DOL to automatically process your application.
- School employees who might otherwise be ineligible for unemployment during school breaks and summer vacation are eligible if furloughed or laid off because of school closings.
- Prorated unemployment benefits, up to 60%, are available to eligible employees who have their hours cut.
- A hotline will be up and running mid-week to answer callers with claim questions.

Thank you to DOL employees who will be working 10-hour days and Saturdays to deal with claims. Governor Lamont and Commissioner Westby have authorized overtime to process claims and assist Connecticut workers during these trying times.

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