



Resources Available to Employees Affected by CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



Have your hours been reduced at work? Have you been laid off due to COVID-19?

The Hallandale Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (HBCRA) understands that employees in many different industries are facing a tremendous amount of uncertainty caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The HBCRA would like to provide you with information that you can utilize if your hours at your place of employment are reduced or if you are unfortunately laid off due to factors associated with COVID-19.

The following are important resources that are available to you during this time on a Federal, State and Local level.

FLORIDA UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS WEBSITE [CLICK HERE](#)

Within one week of becoming unemployed, you should begin the claims process to receive your reemployment assistance benefits. The date your application is finished determines when you will begin receiving benefits. Claims always begin with the Sunday prior to the completion of the application. For example, an application completed on Wednesday will take effect on the Sunday before that Wednesday.

All claims in Florida must be completed online. The process takes about 30-60 minutes to complete, and must be completed within 72 hours of beginning, or you will have to restart the process.

DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE [CLICK HERE](#)

Disaster Unemployment Assistance is a federally funded benefit program that assists individuals who become unemployed because of a disaster as a direct result of a Presidentially declared major disaster.

In order to qualify for this benefit your employment or self-employment must have been lost or interrupted as a direct result of a major disaster declared by the President of the United States. You must have been determined not otherwise eligible for regular unemployment insurance benefits (under any state or Federal law).

In the event of a disaster, the affected state will publish announcements about the availability of Disaster Unemployment Assistance. To file a claim, individuals who are unemployed as a direct result of the disaster should contact their State Unemployment Insurance agency. Individuals who have moved or have been evacuated to another state should also contact the state agency. Applications for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) must be filed by an individual within 30 days of the announcement of the availability of DUA in the state. Individuals must follow the instructions in the announcement and file for DUA based on the filing methods used by the state (i.e. in person, mail, telephone, or internet).

**** Please contact your congressional delegation as well as the President and recommend that they declare this COVID-19 a disaster.**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM [CLICK HERE](#)

Reemployment Assistance (also called reemployment assistance insurance) provides temporary wage replacement benefits to qualified individuals who are out of work through no fault of their own. If you need assistance, contact the Reemployment Assistance Contact Center at 1-800-204-2418 during the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST, Monday through Friday.

FLORIDA UNEMPLOYMENT GUIDE - REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE [CLICK HERE](#)

Unemployment benefits are designed to help workers temporarily bridge an income gap caused by a loss of employment due to no fault of their own. Some people find themselves with reduced hours or are only able to find part-time employment after being laid off when what they truly want and need to pay their bills and remain financially solvent is full-time work.

This guide provides a step by step account of what you need to do in order to receive reemployment assistance from the State of Florida,

RAPID RESPONSE SERVICES FOR WORKER [CLICK HERE](#)

Being laid off from your job is one of the most traumatic events you can experience in life. However, you do not need to go through this transition alone. Working with your employer, some services and resources can be brought to you on-site at your company before your layoff date. These services and resources are part of a program called Rapid Response, which will customize services and resources to your needs and the needs of your company, to get your back to work as soon as possible and minimize the disruptions in your life that a layoff will cause.

During Rapid Response, specialists trained to help you cope with job change will gather information about your current skills, your career interests, and other needs and begin to organize the services necessary to help you return to work. At orientation meetings, you will be informed about services and benefits designed to help you get back on your feet, including:

- Career counseling and job search assistance
- Resume preparation and interviewing skills workshops
- Local labor market facts and figures
- Unemployment insurance
- Education and training opportunities
- Health benefits and pensions

Local services that may be available to you include use of computers, telephones, and fax machines for your job search; financial planning and stress management workshops; financial support for training; income support if your job was lost due to foreign trade; and special services for veterans and adults with disabilities.