

Dear Residents:

Due to the current situation regarding the COVID-19 virus, there is temporary relief to those who are unable to work, through the Employment Development Department.

Below are messages from the EDD website regarding steps you can take to temporarily remedy your situation should you be unable to work.

Sick or Quarantined

If you are unable to work due to having or being exposed to COVID-19 (certified by a medical professional), you can <u>file a Disability Insurance (DI) claim</u>. DI provides short term benefit payments to eligible workers who have a full or partial loss of wages due to a non-work related illness, injury, or pregnancy. Benefit amounts are approximately 60-70 percent of wages (depending on income) and range from \$50-\$1,300 a week.

<u>The Governor's Executive Order</u> waives the one-week unpaid waiting period, so you can collect DI benefits for the first week you are out of work. If you are eligible, the EDD processes and issues payments within a few weeks of receiving a claim.

For guidance on the disease, visit the California Department of Public Health website.

Reduced Work Hours

If your employer has reduced your hours or shut down operations due to COVID-19, you can file an Unemployment Insurance (UI) claim. UI provides partial wage replacement benefit payments to workers who lose their job or have their hours reduced, through no fault of their own. Workers who are temporarily unemployed due to COVID-19 and expected to return to work with their employer within a few weeks are not required to actively seek work each week. However, they must remain able and available and ready to work during their unemployment for each week of benefits claimed and meet all other eligibility criteria. Eligible individuals can receive benefits that range from \$40-\$450 per week.

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Other Housing Relief Options

United Way-COVID-19 Community Economic Relief Fund- Can potentially help with rent, bills and food. Residents can call 866-211-9966 and provide their zip code for a list of local agencies to provide assistance.

Rapid Rehousing Program - We are in the process of gathering more data on this program and will keep you informed accordingly.

Local Housing Authority – programs exist that offer temporary assistance in addition to section 8 for those that qualify.