



## **UNEMPLOYMENT**

On March 17, Governor John Carney announced additional unemployment insurance guidelines for workers whose income is being impacted by COVID-19.

**You may be eligible for Unemployment Insurance if you:**

- **are out of work because your place of employment has closed;**
- **have been quarantined by a healthcare professional;**
- **can demonstrate a reduction in hours and earnings; or**
- **are taking unpaid leave to care for your child because of the emergency closure of schools.**

**Delaware emergency rules waive the requirement to be able and available for work during the State of Emergency if the reason is a result of COVID-19.**

To file an initial online application click [here](#).

You can visit the Department of Labor's [website](#), email questions to [uiclaims@delaware.gov](mailto:uiclaims@delaware.gov) or call 302-761-8446 for additional information.

### **Federal Income Taxes**

The 2019 federal income tax filing and payment deadlines have been [extended](#) to July 15, 2020. This relief is automatic, taxpayers do not need to file any additional forms or call the IRS to qualify.

You can visit the IRS's [website](#) for further and updated information on the IRS's response to COVID-19, and a list of available relief programs.

### **Delaware Personal Income Taxes**

The Delaware Division of Revenue (DOR) has [extended](#) the 2019 tax filing and payment deadlines for all taxpayers to July 15. The DOR continues to process filings and encourages taxpayers to file as soon as possible.

Online filing for most returns available at: <https://revenue.delaware.gov/file/>. Contact the [Division of Revenue](#) for assistance.

## **HOUSING**

The Delaware State Housing Authority created the **Delaware Housing Assistance Program (DE HAP)** in order to assist residents of Delaware who are facing financial hardships as a result of the COVID-19 health crisis. The program provides emergency housing assistance to renters affected by shutdowns, closures, layoffs, reduced work hours or unpaid leave due to the COVID-19 health crisis.

Information on eligibility and FAQ's can be found [here](#).

The Delaware Justice of the Peace Court has [postponed all landlord and tenant proceedings](#) until after May 1, including eviction proceedings.

For questions, please visit <https://courts.delaware.gov/> or contact the Justice of Peace Court Administrative Office at: 302-323-4530.