



NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

The North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board and its Job Center partners understand the current pandemic crisis is taking a toll on local businesses and employees in our communities. NCWWDB wants both businesses and workers to know about resources available during this time.

As businesses are forced to temporarily lay off workers due to required closures or limited work hours, workers should consider filing for Unemployment Insurance through the Department of Workforce Development. Unemployment Insurance, or UI, is a monetary benefit to eligible employees who experience job loss. To learn more about UI and how to file, visit <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/information>. On this website, workers will find information and videos on how to apply for benefits. The requirements for UI have recently changed since Governor Evers issued an Emergency Order on March 17, 2020.

Individuals are encouraged to apply for UI online. Individuals can file their claim from a home computer or a smartphone. Individuals who need assistance with accessing a computer and/or the internet can still visit a local job center; however, the COVID-19 situation has changed the way services are provided in the local job center. Job center staff must ensure the safety of staff and customers by limiting the number of individuals in the center at a given time. If the Resource Room is crowded, customers may be asked to wait outside or in their vehicle until there is adequate space to maintain social distancing. Job Centers are only providing UI and job search services at this time. It is important to check the website or call your local job center to make sure it is still open for business. Some job centers are closing its doors due to lack of staff to provide services. **Do not go to the job center with a cough or fever.** Instead, call the Job Center Help Desk at (888) 258-9966. Job Search and other employment assistance is also available on www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com.

The North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board is dedicated to serving businesses and workers during this difficult time. NCWWDB will continue to engage local employers, educators, and community organizations to more effectively align workforce development resources. NCWWDB is currently working with DWD to secure additional Dislocated Worker funds to assist with the ongoing crisis. As funds become available, information will be made public.

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