

# COVID-19 UPDATE

# JOB LOSS AND COVID-19: RESOURCES TO HELP

As COVID-19 continues to spread, you and/or your family members might experience some form of job loss due to the economic fallout of the pandemic. If this happens to you, you may now be eligible for health insurance and unemployment benefits as a result.

## HEALTH INSURANCE:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Covered California has extended the special enrollment period to purchase a health plan through the end of June. Anyone uninsured or who has recently had a change in their household income may qualify for financial help to lower the cost of a plan and enroll in health coverage.

Apply online at <https://www.coveredca.com/apply>. Be prepared with the following information:

- Social Security number
- Immigration documents for non-citizens
- Employer and income information
- Federal tax information

You may be eligible for free or low cost health coverage through Medi-Cal. If you don't file taxes, you may still qualify for insurance through Medi-Cal. People who are undocumented are not eligible for Covered California coverage but may qualify for other programs.

Learn more at <http://coveredca.com>.

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE:

Unemployment insurance (UI) is a program that provides partial income replacement when you become unemployed or have your hours reduced. If you experience some form of job loss due to COVID-19, take the following steps:

- File a claim in the first week that you lose your job or have your hours reduced.
- File online before 10 p.m. PT on weekdays at <http://edd.ca.gov/unemployment>, or by calling 1-800-300-5616 between 8 a.m. and 12 noon PT.
- Be prepared to provide the following information:
  - Last employer information
  - Last date worked and the reason you are no longer working
  - Gross earnings in the last week you worked
  - Information on all employers you worked for during the past 18 months
  - Citizenship status

## STAY INFORMED

**If you want to learn more about COVID-19 and sheltering at home in Alameda County, call 2-1-1 for help or visit [acphd.org](http://acphd.org).**

**Check and subscribe to Public Health's website and social media pages:**

**Website:** <http://www.acphd.org>

**Twitter:** @Dare2BWell

