

UPDATE # 3/ GENERAL COVID 19 RESOURCES AND INFO / APRIL 2, 2020

SAN MATEO LABOR COUNCIL / COMMUNITY SERVICES

GENERAL INFO

- **The San Mateo County Emergency Operations Center** is fully operational with current information and links to County departments <https://cmo.smcgov.org/eoc>
- **San Mateo County Health** is working closely with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to respond to novel coronavirus and its potential impacts on the Bay Area. Accurate and up to date <https://www.smchealth.org/coronavirus>
- **The entire labor movement** is working nonstop to protect the health and safety of all workers, with Industry Specific Resources and Guidance: <https://aflcio.org/covid-19>

FILE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT!!!

DURING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC, UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS HAVE BEEN EXPANDED

WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT

- **ALL WORKERS** who are furloughed, laid off, hours reduced or without work through no fault of their own because of the COVID-19 pandemic should apply for unemployment benefits.
- Now through July 31, Pandemic Unemployment Compensation will add \$600 a week to the individual benefit amount.
- **ALL WORKERS** includes: self-employed workers, independent contractors, gig workers, freelancers, workers seeking part-time work, and workers who do not have a long-enough work history to qualify for state UI benefits and workers who have exhausted their state UI benefits. (Undocumented workers are not eligible for Unemployment or Pandemic Unemployment)

FILE ON LINE https://edd.ca.gov/Unemployment/Filing_a_Claim.htm

- **Employment Development Department / EDD** the one week waiting period and requirement to seek work is waived for COVID 19 related unemployment. EDD is overloaded, for fastest service, file claims online
- **Paid Sick Leave:** Effective April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, workers in companies with less than 500 employees are entitled up to 80 hours of Emergency Paid Sick Leave and Expanded FMLA leave rights, subject to certain requirements and limits.
- **Paid Family Leave:** 6 weeks if unable to work because you are caring for family member who is ill or who is quarantined because of COVID 19 – requires medical certification. Citizenship and immigration status do not affect eligibility. File online [SDI Online](#)
- **The California Labor & Workforce Development Agency (LWDA)** has inclusive, centralized information about supports and benefit programs for workers affected by Corona/COVID 19 including Unemployment, State Disability, Paid Family Leave, Paid Sick Leave, Workers Comp. <https://www.labor.ca.gov/coronavirus2019/>

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- **Call 211 - Public call center** for all non-emergency and non-medical information
- **Evictions:** San Mateo County established a temporary countywide moratorium on residential evictions for nonpayment of rent due to COVID 19. Call Legal Aid at 650-517-8911 if you receive an eviction notice.
- **Second Harvest Food Bank:**— emergency food, free school meals, apply for CalFresh (**food stamps**) <https://www.shfb.org/get-food/> or 1-800-984-3663
- **Samaritan House**, the Lead Core Agency in San Mateo County, is providing essential services to low-income County residents call 1 (650) 347-3648
- Both the **IRS** and the **California Franchise Tax Board** have extended tax filing date to July 15, 2020 For free tax filing options go to www.earnitkeepitsaveit.org
- **Health Insurance / Covered California:** <https://www.coveredca.com/covid19/#> <https://calmatters.org/california-divide/2020/03/covered-california-extends-enrollment-deadline-health-coverage/>
- **Call 211 for low income energy assistance programs.** PG&E and ATT&T have implemented a moratorium on service disconnection, check with your other utility providers.
- **Scholastic Learn at Home:** Free Resources for School Closures: <https://www.khanacademy.org/math/k-8-grades> <https://www.scholastic.com/parents/school-success/home-learning-resources.html>
- **When the Paycheck Stops:** http://aflcionc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/paycheckBookletNEW_3.2020.pdf
- **Stress and Pandemic:** -Stay informed, stay connected, stay healthy – San Mateo County Health Call Center: 1 800 686 0101 <https://www.smchealth.org/coronavirus>
- **COMPLETE THE CENSUS** – Now more than ever an accurate count is needed to ensure essential local services go to my2020census.gov

