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Senator Ranzenhofer's COVID-19 Unemployment Assistance Information

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The ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has severely damaged many small businesses and left thousands of hard working Western New Yorkers unemployed. As your State Senator, I am working to provide critical support to employees who are out of work and struggling small businesses.

Recent changes have been made to the **New York State Unemployment Assistance Program** as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, more residents-including some small business owners-are eligible for benefits. Attached you will find information that may be helpful in answering any questions you may have. Please feel free to share this information throughout the community.

[Unemployment Flowchart](#)

[Unemployment Need-to-Know](#)

[Pandemic Unemployment Assistance \(PUA\) Checklist](#)

In addition, the state is waiving the 7-day waiting period for Unemployment Insurance benefits for people who are out of work due to COVID-19 closures or quarantines.

Those who need to apply for unemployment can do so here <https://www.ny.gov/services/get-unemployment-assistance>.