

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

You may be able to get **\$600 OR MORE** in **weekly** unemployment benefits.

Two ways you can be eligible for unemployment benefits during the pandemic:

	<u>Georgia Unemployment Insurance (UI)</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)</u>
What is it?	State benefit for unemployed workers		Federal benefit for those who are out of work due to the pandemic
How long can I receive?	Up to 26 weeks		Up to 39 weeks
Who is eligible? You are eligible if you:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked in GA the past 12 to 18 months • Earned a minimum amount of wages • Unemployed due to no fault of your own 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job closed or hours reduced due to pandemic • Unable to start new job due to pandemic • Self-employed, gig worker, 1099 worker, church employee whose work activity is limited by pandemic • Have COVID-19 • Have COVID-19 symptoms and seeking medical diagnosis • Living with someone with COVID-19 symptoms or diagnosis • Told to quarantine • Have a child or dependent who cannot attend school or another facility due to pandemic • Ineligible for UI because of few wages

- **Apply** for benefits online at <https://dol.georgia.gov/unemployment-benefits> or by phone to the local unemployment office.
- **Must** apply for UI and be denied to be considered for PUA. You will receive additional information to apply for PUA from the Georgia Department of Labor (DOL).
- If you qualify for either UI or PUA, you may receive up to \$365 **plus** \$600 per week.
- Can earn up to \$300 gross wages per week and receive unemployment benefits.
- Can receive social security retirement or survivors benefits and unemployment benefits.
- Once approved, you **must** certify weekly with DOL to continue receiving benefits.
- Contact **GLSP** at glsp.org or **1-833-457-7529** (1-833-GLSPLAW) for help with benefit denials or questions.

