

Important Update on Applying for Unemployment Insurance Benefits

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Minnesota's Unemployment Insurance team members are processing more applications for unemployment benefits than ever before. It is our top priority to process applications efficiently and effectively, and to ensure that we can deliver for Minnesotans in this time of need.

To ensure our system can handle the increased activity we are experiencing, we are asking that **new** unemployment insurance applicants apply online on an assigned day, based on your social security number (SSN).

If you need to apply for unemployment benefits for the first time, please refer to the schedule below to learn when you are scheduled to apply. You will only be allowed to apply on your assigned day - or on Thursday or Friday if you missed your assigned day.

Application Schedule

The table below lists the day and time to start an application based on the last digit of your SSN. For example: a person with the SSN XXX-XX-XXX6 would apply on Wednesday.

If the last digit of your SSN is:	Day of week you should apply online:
0, 1 or 2	Monday
3, 4 or 5	Tuesday
6, 7, 8 or 9	Wednesday
Any number	Thursday
Any number	Friday

Important Things to Know

- The date of application will not affect the amount of benefits you will be paid.

- If you already have a Unemployment Insurance account, you can still login anytime.
- Please do not call the Unemployment Insurance office to ask about the status of your application. Your online account will be updated when more information is available.
- If you have questions please visit the Need to Know page on the [UIMN.org](https://www.uimn.org) site.

Have more questions about whether you qualify for Unemployment Insurance, how to apply and what the process is? Please visit the [UI Need to Know page](#)