

# RELIEF FOR WORKERS AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS ACT

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AND DO ABOUT THE CARES ACT



The federal CARES Act was signed into law March 27, 2020. The Act provides enhanced Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) for New Yorkers. Here's what you need to know.

### IF YOU ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR UI BENEFITS:

#### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- **Do Nothing.**  
Your benefits will automatically be updated. **Please do not call**, it will only make it difficult for others to reach an agent.

#### WHAT YOU MAY QUALIFY TO RECEIVE

- 26 weeks of UI benefits.
- An additional \$600/week until 7/31/2020. (Beginning 4/5/2020)
- An additional 13 weeks of UI benefits if you are still unemployed after 26 weeks.

### IF YOU ARE FILING A NEW UI CLAIM:

#### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- Apply online at [labor.ny.gov/signin](http://labor.ny.gov/signin).
- You may also call **1-888-209-8154** if you do not have access to a computer.

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### IF YOU ARE NOT TRADITIONALLY ELIGIBLE FOR UI BENEFITS:

#### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- Check your eligibility for PUA [labor.ny.gov/ui/pdfs/pandemic-unemployment-assistance.pdf](http://labor.ny.gov/ui/pdfs/pandemic-unemployment-assistance.pdf)
- If you believe you are eligible, apply online at [labor.ny.gov/signin](http://labor.ny.gov/signin).
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### IF YOU'VE EXHAUSTED 26 WEEKS OF BENEFITS AFTER 7/1/2019:

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### MORE INFORMATION:

See Frequently Asked Questions About UI During the Coronavirus Emergency:  
[labor.ny.gov/ui/coronavirus-faq.shtm](http://labor.ny.gov/ui/coronavirus-faq.shtm)

To apply for UI benefits file on these days:

Filing for UI benefits is based on your last name.

**A - F file on Monday | G - N file on Tuesday | O - Z file on Wednesday**

Missed your day? File on Thurs-Fri-Sat

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## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)



*Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) provides payment to workers not traditionally eligible for unemployment benefits (self-employed, independent contractors, workers with limited work history, and others) who are unable to work as a direct result of the coronavirus public health emergency.*

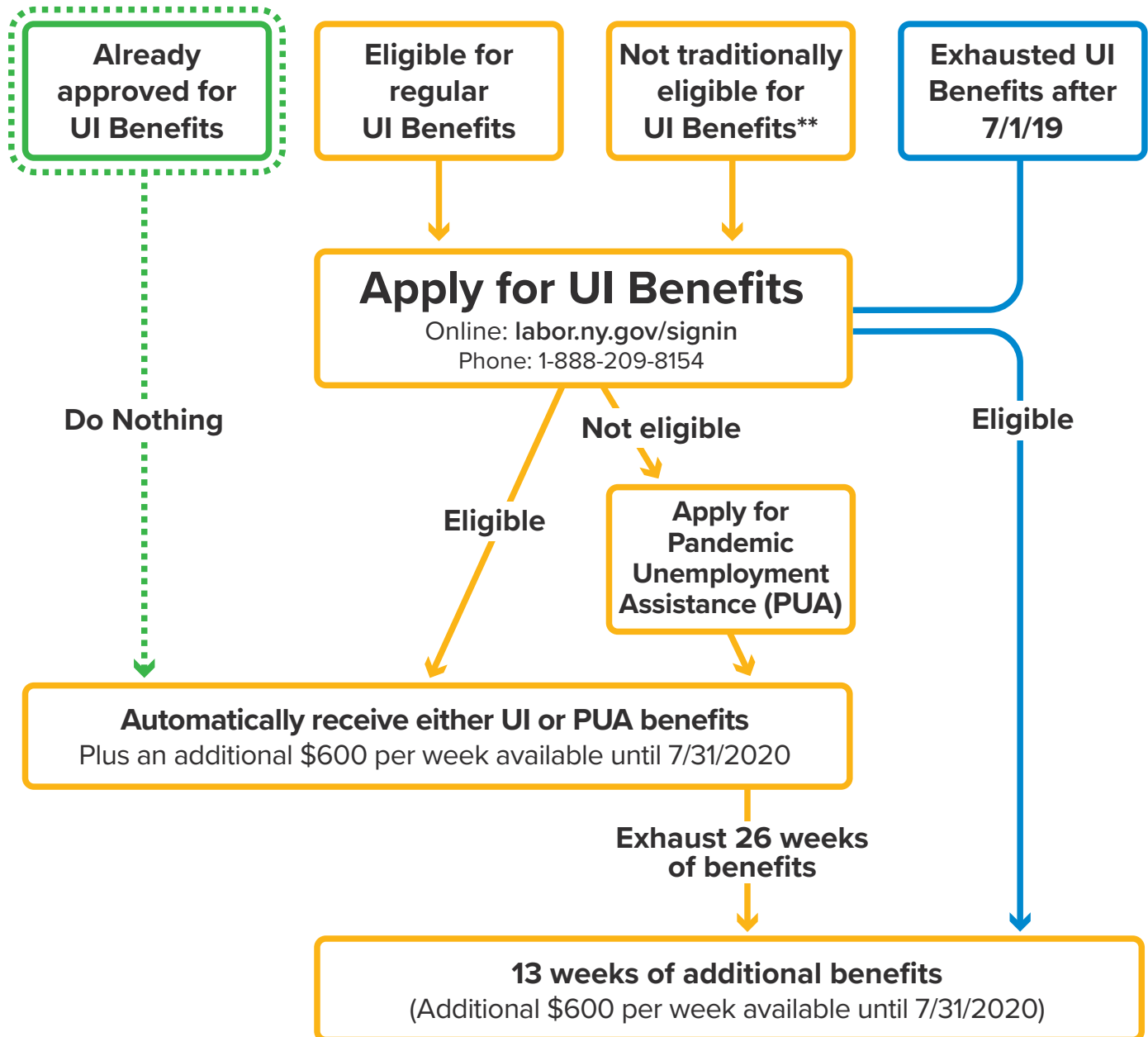
COVID-19 SCENARIOS	COVERED	NOT COVERED
Diagnosed with COVID-19 or with COVID-19 symptoms and seeking diagnosis		
Member of household has been diagnosed with COVID-19		
Providing care for family or household member diagnosed with COVID-19		
Primary caregiver for child unable to attend school or another facility closed due to COVID-19		
Unable to reach place of employment due to an imposed quarantine or because advised by medical provider to self-quarantine due to COVID-19		
Scheduled to commence new employment and cannot reach workplace as direct result of COVID-19		
Became major breadwinner because head of household died from COVID-19		
Quit job as a direct result of COVID-19		
Place of employment closed as a direct result of COVID-19		
Self-employed / Independent Contractors / 1099 filers / Farmers – and affected by COVID-19		
Seeking part-time employment but affected by COVID-19		
With insufficient work history and affected by COVID-19		
Otherwise not qualified for regular or extended UI benefits and affected by COVID-19		
Individuals that can telework with pay		
Individual receiving paid sick leave or other paid leave benefits (regardless of meeting a category listed above)		

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