

# TAMWORTH DAILY BULLETIN

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**NH Employment Security Unemployment update:** On March 30, following the critical efforts and guidance of the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security, Governor Chris Sununu signed the Relief for Workers Affected by Coronavirus [CARES] Act agreement which provides New Hampshire with 100 percent funding from the U.S. Department of Labor to support benefit payments to people receiving unemployment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Federal CARES Act provides the following enhancements to the benefits available under Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #5:

Granite Staters affected by COVID-19 currently drawing from the State's Unemployment Insurance fund will in many instances be shifted to the Federally funded Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. We are still awaiting Federal guidance on this and will provide more detail as received. All claimants will not need to take any new, additional actions, and should continue to file as they have been through the standard state mechanism.

For those eligible under Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, there will be an increase of the minimum weekly benefit amount from \$32/week to \$168/week, which includes people earning less than \$15,500 during their base period.

An additional \$600 per week to be added to an individual's weekly benefits for all weeks claimed starting this week — 100% federally funded.

Extends the length of time a person can receive benefits by 13 weeks, totaling 39 weeks — 100% federally funded.

Please review the department's website at [WWW.NHES.NH.GOV](http://WWW.NHES.NH.GOV) for updates as to when to expect to start receiving these benefits. **Individuals can file for benefits by going to the department's website or by calling the Unemployment Assistance hotline at (603) 271-7700.**

**NH Supreme Courts update:** ORDER SUSPENDING NON-EMERGENCY  
IN-PERSON COURT PROCEEDINGS

Following Governor Sununu's March 26, 2020 extension of the COVID-19 State of Emergency and pursuant to the emergency powers granted under RSA 490:6-a, the New Hampshire Supreme Court, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, issued an order suspending non-emergency in-person court proceedings and limiting courthouse entrance to those filing certain emergency requests, through May 4, 2020.

Please call the Trial Court Information Center at 1-855-212-1234 with any questions and check the NH Judicial Branch website at [www.courts.state.nh.us](http://www.courts.state.nh.us) for updated court information.

**NH Department of Environmental Services update:** NHDES is still conducting business during Stay-at-Home order. During this time, most of NHDES staff are working remotely. Contacting staff via email is recommended. While this provides for some challenges, the health and well-being of our staff (and our many customers and stakeholders) remains our top priority. NHDES does not expect this to cause any significant delays in completing work under our statutory guidelines and timeframe.

For all COVID-19-related NHDES program updates and announcements, please visit the NHDES website at <https://www.des.nh.gov/covid19/index.htm>. This page will be updated frequently to keep you as informed as possible.

**NH DHHS news:** The priority of the Department of Health and Human Services is to ensure the health and safety of all those we serve. In an effort to slow the spread of illness, beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020 until further notice, the Bureau of Family Assistance, the Bureau of Child Support Services, and the Bureau of Employment Supports will be conducting all interviews by phone. If you have any questions about an upcoming appointment, please contact the Customer Services Center at 1-844-275-3447.

**Questions about COVID-19? Call the NH Hotline at 2-1-1.**