COVID-19 Response:
Employees and Individuals:  Paid Sick Leave and Unemployment Benefits

- What are my options if I am sick or quarantined or must care for someone sick or quarantined because of COVID-19?

The Families First Coronavirus Response (FFCR) Act established emergency paid sick leave - up to 80 hours of paid sick leave for full-time employees and the equivalent of 2 weeks of paid sick leave for part-time employees. Paid leave would be at 100 percent pay.

For caretakers, the FFCR Act offers emergency paid sick leave of 80 hours of paid sick leave for full-time employees and the equivalent of 2 weeks of paid sick leave for part-time employees. Paid leave would be at 2/3 pay.

- What are my options if I have to care for a child because of COVID-19 related school closures?

The FFCR ACT expanded the Family and Medical Leave Act, allowing up 12 weeks of leave at 2/3 pay.

- What are my options if I am laid off because of COVID-19?

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act allots $250 billion in funding for expansion of unemployment benefits.

- This includes self-employed individuals, independent contractors (gig workers), and sole proprietors.
- Unemployment Insurance extended to 39 weeks and the minimum weekly pay increased by $600, on top of the maximum amount available at the state level.