

How to apply for unemployment

I have had overwhelming requests for direction when filing for unemployment. Rightfully so. Because the vaccine is now a “condition for employment” and many of us have been terminated for noncompliance, it is suggested that we are ineligible. Please go through the process anyway as all of this will need to be documented before further action steps can be taken.

First step is to watch these tutorial videos.

<https://www.maine.gov/unemployment/videos/>

And educate yourself on the facts.

<https://www.maine.gov/unemployment/claimsfaq/>

Please watch the CLAIMANT VIDEO first and then click on file a claim.

Once you have completed this, the next level of advocacy will come from your Representatives. Reach out to your state representatives, specifically the Republican ones. They have been working with constituents for the last year and a half dealing with unemployment issues. Republican staff have been trained on how to help navigate the unemployment aspects. It is unknown if Democrats have this training and I would encourage you to reach out to them and ask.

Below is a list of known Reps willing to assist you:

Rep Heidi Sampson - Heidi.Sampson@legislature.maine.gov

Sen Lisa Keim - lisa.keim@legislature.maine.gov

Rep Shelley Rudnicki - Shelley.Rudnicki@legislature.maine.gov

Rep BillyBob Faulkingham - William.Faulkingham@legislature.maine.gov

Rep Sheila Lyman - Sheila.Lyman@legislature.maine.gov

Rep Peggy Jo Stanley - PeggyJo.Stanley@legislature.maine.gov

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Rep Sherm Hutchins - Sherman.Hutchins@legislature.maine.gov

Rep Laurel Libby- laurel.libby@legislature.maine.gov

Also, you may call the House Republican Office and they will be happy to help as well. That number is 207-287-1440.

“These people are in my heart as I lift them in prayer that a door opens for them and they are given blessings that overshadow this horrible situation.”

Heidi Sampson