

## **COVID INFORMATION FOR WORKERS**

The City of Burbank Employment Connection (BEC) is a satellite office of the Verdugo Jobs Center (VJC) in Glendale. Clients of BEC may utilize services provided by the VJC.

For the most up to date information on COVID-19, please refer to the [CDC COVID-19 website](#). State of California updates are located [here](#). Local updates from the County of Los Angeles can be found [here](#).

Our federal partners have made us aware of several cyber threats related to COVID-19. To avoid cyber attacks, do not click on any links to information about COVID-19 from unfamiliar sources.

### **Verdugo Jobs Center Operations**

In compliance with state order as well as to ensure the health and safety of our community:

- The VJC's facilities remain closed to the public.
- You can still meet with your Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) or Employment Network (EN) counselors by making an appointment. Please be aware that all WIPA and EN contact information remain the same at the VJC. If you do not have their information, please call (818) 937-8000.
- VJC case managers are available to provide virtual assistance. Call (818) 937-8000 or email [AskVJC@glendaleca.gov](mailto:AskVJC@glendaleca.gov).

### **Career Services**

If you have lost your job or have had your hours reduced, we strongly encourage you to take steps now to secure employment.

The VJC is currently offering the COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Program for Workers, where individuals in the Verdugo region whose jobs have been impacted by COVID-19, and who access our career and training services, may be eligible to receive assistance with rent, utilities, transportation, and other expenses as needed. Please visit our [program webpage](#) for full details.

The VJC releases an Employment Opportunities newsletter biweekly, which lists jobs in all industries in the LA area for those looking for full-time, part-time, or temporary work. Sign up through the form located at the sidebar of the VJC main page.

HVAC Techs and Managers (Simi Valley). Additional resources to assist in job search:

- [OnwardCA](#) was created with the assistance of Governor Newsom's office and features a matching system to connect Californians with resources and jobs.
- The City of Los Angeles has created a new website to help workers displaced as a result of COVID-19 to find jobs. [Access it here](#).

### **Unemployment Insurance (UI)**

UI Online is still the fastest way to apply for unemployment insurance. [Click here](#) for information on how to file an UI claim, and what to expect after filing your claim.

For general or technical support, [contact the Employment Development Department](#).

### **UI Resources**

[EDD Video Tutorial: How to Apply for UI Benefits](#)

The VJC has compiled a list of frequently asked questions about unemployment insurance:

- [English](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [Armenian](#)
- [Korean](#)
- [Tagalog](#)

If you have already filed your claim, visit the [COVID-19 Unemployment Insurance Claims page](#) for next steps.

[Visit the EDD's FAQs page for additional answers to questions about unemployment.](#)

### **Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)**

Provides an additional 13 weeks of payments if you've used all of your available UI benefits. [Click here to learn more.](#)

### **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance**

The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) Program provides benefits to unemployed Californians including:

- Independent contractors
- Self-employed individuals
- Business owners
- Those who do not qualify for regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits
- Those who qualified for regular UI benefits, but have already collected all of those benefits.

[Click here to learn more and apply.](#)

[Click here for answers to frequently asked questions \(FAQs\) about the PUA program.](#)

### **Benefits Information**

[Click this link](#) (scroll to bottom) to view a simple chart listing the benefits that may be available to you, including Disability Insurance, Paid Family Leave, and Unemployment Insurance. [Click here](#) for answers to frequently asked questions about benefits.

This [Benefit Finder](#) questionnaire can help you discover benefits that you and your family may be eligible to receive.

Per [Executive Order N-29-20](#) issued on March 17, Governor Newsom allowed Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CalWORKS, Cash Assistance for Immigrants and In-Home Supportive Services recipients to continue receiving program benefits for three months without interruption or a reassessment of their eligibility.

### **Healthcare Coverage**

For workers and their families who have had a lapse of employment or who have become unemployed during the outbreak, [COBRA Continuation Coverage](#) may be the right choice for you. [View FAQs about this option.](#)

You can also enroll in a Covered California health insurance plan outside of open enrollment due to COVID-19. [Learn more here.](#)

[View questions and answers for dislocated workers about retirement and health care coverage](#), compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor.

### **Current Employees**

Per [Executive Order N-31-20](#), signed by Governor Newsom on March 17, while written notice is still necessary, some workers can now be let go without 60 days' notice as long as the layoffs were caused by coronavirus-related "business circumstances that were not reasonably foreseeable at the time that notice would have been required." This is intended to permit employers to act quickly in order to mitigate or prevent the spread of coronavirus.

- For information about job protection and employment discrimination, visit the [California Department of Fair Employment and Housing](#) website.
- Information about employee leave options, compensation and salary can be found at The [California Labor Commissioner's Office](#).

### **Emergency Assistance**

- [LA County COVID-19 Rent Relief Program](#)
- [Food Pantry Locator](#)
- [Great Plates Delivered program](#)
- [Meals for LAUSD students](#)
- [Meals for GUSD students](#)
- [CalFRESH Emergency Application](#)
- [Free Virtual Urgent Care Visits for COVID-19 from Dignity Health](#)
- COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act EXTENDED

### **Additional Resources**

- [Click here](#) for a comprehensive list of resources for workers compiled by the California Labor Federation.
- The EDD has compiled this [Additional Resources page](#), containing a list of links to various types of assistance, including food, healthcare, and more.

*The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act is an Equal Opportunity Program.*

*Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TTY (818) 548-3857.*

*Requests must be made within 3 business days of the event.*