To Region 5 Employers:

If your company is planning a mass layoff, it would assist the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) if you could <u>provide employee specific information</u>. This will assist DWD in processing unemployment insurance (UI) claims more quickly for your impacted staff.

The information requested is: Full Name of Employee, Employee SSN, Last Day Worked, Amount of deductible income paid to claimant upon layoff (vacation, sick, PTO, etc). A spreadsheet is attached to assist but DWD will take the information in another format if easier. You may also access the spreadsheet to report employee layoff information at https://www.in.gov/dwd/4011.htm.

Also note that you will receive many notices from DWD about those employee separations; please respond to those notices that you deem necessary. A DWD claims investigator will contact you directly if they have any questions. **Please return the completed spreadsheet to: Employverification@dwd.lN.gov**.

Please share with your employees that <u>unemployment insurance must be filed online</u>, using a computer, tablet or smart phone. Online filing information can be found at <u>www.Unemployment.IN.gov</u>. Individuals should review the Frequently Asked Questions, the Claimant Handbook and/or the online video tutorials on this page.

In case you have employees who do not have computers at home or smart phones, if you have computers available for your employees to file for UI from your business, please assist as you can. Any assistance you can provide in getting these important benefits to your employees while preventing the spread of this disease is greatly appreciated.

Additional Resources:

Here are two links to UI resources that include a COVID-19 UI FAQ, and a one pager on UI basic facts. Very helpful to employers who are working with employees to file for Unemployment Insurance ((UI) benefits as well as the links listed

below https://www.in.gov/dwd/19.htm and https://www.in.gov/dwd/3474.htm .

To assist with preventing long wait times at the Unemployment Insurance Call Center individuals with questions or requiring additional assistance have been asked to **only call or email with questions** on the day corresponding with the first letter of their last name listed in this link: https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/INDWD/bulletins/282b567 or see call schedule below.

Contact methods for the Unemployment Insurance Call Center:

- Email at <u>AskUIContactCenter@dwd.IN.gov</u>
- Phone at 1-800-891-6499

Due to extremely high call volume, waits will be longer than usual. DWD is requesting that individuals only reach out with questions on the day corresponding with the first letter of their last name to assist with wait times. Here is the schedule:

- Monday: A-E
- Tuesday: F-I
- Wednesday: J-M
- Thursday: N-T

- Friday: U-Z
- Friday: If You Missed Your Day

• DWD is currently working on a telephone application to assist those who do not have access to a computer or smart phone with filing for unemployment benefits.

Resources

- Employers and individuals can both find guidelines on how to navigate unemployment here.
- **Executive Order:** The Governor signed an <u>Executive Order</u> providing the Department of Workforce Development with broad authority to cover people out of work due to COVID-19 to ease the resulting pressure that may be put on an employer's unemployment experience account, and to process claims faster.
- Webinar on Indiana Unemployment Insurance Basics What Impacted Hoosier Workers Need to Know
- Support for job seekers includes the Indiana Career Ready website.
- WorkOne: Central Indiana Region 5 WorkOne locations are currently closed to the public, however WorkOne staff are accessible to customer by phone or email to assist job seekers with services related to career exploration and job search. WorkOne staff will not be able to respond to questions on unemployment compensation.

0	Boone County - WorkOne Lebanon	765-482-0160
0	Hamilton County – WorkOne Noblesville	317-841-8194
0	Hancock County – WorkOne Greenfield	317-462-7711
0	Hendricks/Morgan Counties – WorkOne Plainfield	317-838-9335
0	Johnson County – WorkOne Franklin	317-736-5531
0	Madison County – WorkOne Anderson	765-642-4981
0	Shelby County – WorkOne Shelbyville	317-392-3251

Thank you for your patience as we strive to continue providing employment and training services, while seeking to

also maintain the health and safety of our WorkOne customers and staff.

Thank you,

Shelly Howard Business Service Representative Hancock / Madison Counties Mobile/Text: 317-550-0413 Email: <u>showard@workonecentral.org</u> www.workonecentral.org