

## A Message to Our Associates:

Right now times are very uncertain, very stressful and even a bit frightening. The COVID-19 outbreak has not only caused a health crisis but an economic crisis, as well. In a matter of days, millions of people found themselves suddenly out of work, and unfortunately, some are our associates. To help you navigate through this stressful time, we have provided unemployment benefit resources by state.

## UNEMPLOYMENT INFORMATION FOR TEXAS

### Unemployment – Texas

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/business/economy/article/Unemployed-in-Texas-by-COVID-19-and-want-your-15167034.php>

**Update Wednesday, April 1, 3:30 p.m.:** *The Texas Workforce Commission said it will now backdate unemployment claims to the date that workers were laid off, in an apparent revision to its previous position, remedying the issue of a potential loss in benefits.*

Help is on the way from Washington for millions of newly unemployed people in the form of an additional \$600 per week to their unemployment benefits as well as aid for independent contractors and the self-employed, who previously didn't qualify.

### How to apply for unemployment assistance

You should apply for benefits as soon as you are unemployed or underemployed because the claim will start the week you complete the application. The state does not pay benefits for the weeks before you applied.

Go to [ui.texasworkforce.org](http://ui.texasworkforce.org) or, if you do not have internet access, call 1-800-939-6631 Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. central.