

The Federal CARES Act was signed into law March 27, 2020. The Act provides Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) for Maryland Residents not

Are you someone not eligible for traditional Unemployment Benefits?
Ask yourself these questions and follow these steps to receive PUA benefits

eligible for regular unemployment

SECOND Do you answer **yes** to one of the following questions:

- x Did your place of employment close due to COVID-19?
- x Are you unable to go to your job because you are being advised to self-isolate?
- x Are you now taking care of a child or household member no longer able to attend their school or facility because of COVID-19 and their attendance is required for you to be able to work?
- x Are you unable to reach your place of employment due to COVID-19?
- x Did you quit your job because of COVID-19?
- x Have you or a member of your household been diagnosed with COVID-19?
- x Are you now the main support for your household because the head of household died from COVID-19?
- x Are you experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 seeking diagnosis?
- x Are you providing care for a family or household member with COVID-19?
- x Were you scheduled to begin working but no longer have that job or cannot return because of COVID-19?

How to Apply in Maryland? (FOLLOW THIS PROCESS)

Maryland has created the BEACON-Stop application where Claimants can use the application to file ALL claims for regular unemployment benefits and PUA application

Find Application at <https://beacon.labor.maryland.gov/beacon/claimant.html>

General Information Needed for Claiming Unemployment Benefits:

- x Your Social Security number
- x Your address, telephone number, and email address
- x If you were in the military within the 18 months, your DD2-141 Member 4 document
- x If you are a former Federal Government Employee Form 50 or SF available
- x Name, Date of Birth, and Social Security number for each dependent

Because you are filing a PUA application, additional information may be required:

If you are self-employed, an independent contractor, or a gig worker, acceptable