



Dear Ward 8 Residents,

The Mayor announced the Temporary Closure of Non-Essential Businesses and Prohibits Gatherings of Ten or More People that went into effect yesterday, March 25, 2020, at 10 pm, through April 24, 2020. The intent of the Order is to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

I ask that you continue to seek information from the DC Health's website coronavirus.dc.gov and tune in daily to the Mayor's press conference each morning at 11:00 am. We will get through this together.

Regards,

Trayon White, Sr.
Councilmember, Ward 8

**THIRD PATIENT IN DC DIES FROM
CORONAVIRUS**

Coronavirus Data Update: March 25

(Washington, DC) – The DC Department of Health announces a third death in the District due to coronavirus (COVID-19). The patient, a 75-year-old female, was admitted to a hospital with underlying health conditions and passed away on March 25. She tested positive for COVID-19 and was included among the District’s reporting data.

“Each of these deaths is tragic, and we continue to pray for all the families who have lost a loved one as well as all the people in our community who have been sickened or affected by COVID-19,” said Mayor Muriel Bowser. “As we continue working to blunt the curve, my message to the community is simple: Be a good neighbor, stay at home.”

As of 7:30 pm on Wednesday, March 25, the District’s coronavirus (COVID-19) data includes 48 new positive cases, bringing the District’s overall positive case total to 231 individuals.

- 8-week-old male
- 18-year-old male
- 24-year-old male
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- 59-year-old female
- 65-year-old-female
- 68-year-old male
- 69-year-old female
- 75-year-old male

With ongoing community transmission, contact tracing is focused on positive cases associated with healthcare workers (including first responders), senior care facilities, correctional and detention centers, childcare facilities, and

facilities serving individuals who are experiencing homelessness. Guidance has been published for healthcare providers, employers and the public to provide information on what to do if you have been diagnosed with or are a contact of someone who has COVID-19.

District residents are encouraged to continue practicing social distancing and take the following actions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home when you are sick
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. An alcohol-based hand sanitizer can be used if soap and water are not available
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

For more information on the District's response, visit coronavirus.dc.gov.

CHECK CORONAVIRUS.DC.GOV EVERYDAY

WARD 8 PLEASE VISIT DAILY: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>

DC Issues Updated Health Advisory on Mass Gatherings for Restaurants, Taverns, Nightclubs, and Multi-Purpose Facilities

Home Recovery Meal Sites Resources Data Healthcare Providers What's Open News

RECOVERY RESOURCES For Businesses For Individuals

UP-TO-DATE DATA REPORTED

- Number of People Tested DC Public Health Labs (PHL) & Commercial Labs (7 pm daily)
- Details on New Cases (by age)
- Number of Positive Results

CRITICAL Coronavirus Updates (Press releases, Data Releases)

Keep up to date on the coronavirus within the DC area

Public health authorities are learning more about COVID-19 every day, but here are answers to frequently asked questions with the most up to date information. We will continue to update this information as we learn more.

COVID-19 FAQs Learn More Resources For You

Public Resources Food Resources School resources DC Health Guidance (incl. for positive testing) Biz/Nonprofit resources Multiple Languages

THE MOST RELIABLE WEBSITE FOR COVID-19 CITY INFORMATION

DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

DC TRAYON WHITE

Please visit <https://coronavirus.dc.gov> daily for the most reliable citywide updates.

DRIVE THRU TESTING IS COMING SOON

On Wednesday, March 25th, Mayor Muriel Bowser and the District Department of Health (DC Health) published information for residents on getting tested for the coronavirus (COVID-19) in the District, including new locations for drive-thru and walk-up testing by hospitals and health providers.

Coming Soon

George Washington Hospital

The George Washington University Hospital plans to offer a drive-thru testing system that will focus on the symptomatic community requiring non-emergent testing. The hours for this testing site will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Additionally, they plan to coordinate another drive-thru in the East End in the coming weeks.

GW and UMC Collaboration

The District of Columbia Government will be launching a drive-thru testing site on the campus of United Medical Center in the coming weeks.

The leadership of United Medical Center has offered the use of substantial space on their campus that can be used without disruption to their operations and patient care, including emergency services. District government will partner with a local health system to provide the clinical support. The DC Government will provide testing through the District's Public Health Lab.

Need a COVID-19 Right Away?

Doctors decide on COVID-19 testing. If an individual is experiencing symptoms including cough, fever, and shortness of breath, they should consult their doctor before visiting. If their doctor decides that a COVID-19 test is warranted, the doctor has the ability to swab the appropriate areas and send the swabs to a private lab for testing or to work with DC Health to send it to the District's Public Health Lab. The private lab will share results with the doctor who will share the results with the individual. The private lab will also alert DC Health of all COVID-19 test results, regardless of whether the test is positive or negative.

If any medical providers need assistance with testing, they are encouraged to reach out to DC Health.

Priority Groups for Testing

The District has identified three priority groups for testing, which are aligned with those identified by the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS):

- **Hospitalized patients and healthcare facility workers with COVID-19 symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of breath.** This ensures optimal care options for all hospitalized patients, lessens the risk of healthcare-associated infections, and maintains the integrity of the U.S. healthcare system. Many of the patients in this group are currently receiving testing within hospitals and through their health systems' occupational health programs.

- **Patients in long-term care facilities with symptoms;** patients over the age of 65 with symptoms; patients with underlying conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, lung disease who also have symptoms; and first responders with symptoms. This priority ensures those at highest risk of complication of infection are rapidly identified and appropriately triaged.
- **Critical infrastructure workers with symptoms;** individuals who do not meet any of the above categories but have symptoms; healthcare facility workers and first responders; and individuals in detention centers and individuals experiencing homelessness with symptoms. This priority will allow us to test individuals, decrease community spread, and ensure the health of essential workers.

Drive-thru/Walk-up Currently Operating

Children's National Health System

To reduce the number of visits by families to emergency departments for COVID-19 testing, Children's National Health System opened a drive-thru/walk-up location where primary care doctors in the region can refer young patients for COVID-19 specimen collection and testing. The site location, donated by Trinity Washington University in Northwest DC, can safely test children and young adults through 22 years of age who have been identified by their pediatrician or other primary care doctor as having symptoms of COVID-19. The specimens are collected and sent offsite to the program's laboratory partner, Quest Diagnostics, for testing.

Referral needed?

Yes. Community pediatricians and other primary care doctors use their clinical judgement to determine who they refer to the drive-thru/walk-up location. They may choose to refer patients who are either at an increased risk for developing severe symptoms due to the child's underlying medical condition or because the child has an immediate family member who is in a high-risk category. All referred patients receive the necessary paperwork and directions to access the drive-through and walk-up site from their referring physician. When arriving at the site, photo identification and the referral form are required to enter. All

results are communicated back to the family by the referring doctor within three to five days.

Kaiser Permanente

Kaiser Permanente has established a walk-up/drive-thru COVID-19 testing site in Washington, DC near their Capitol Hill Medical Center, which is located at 700 2nd Street, NE. They also have five (5) additional drive-up clinics in the mid-Atlantic region.

Referral needed?

Yes. All Kaiser Permanente testing sites are for their members and require a doctor's order and appointment.

HOW TO FILE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS

We are experiencing unprecedented call volumes, resulting in longer than normal wait times. Claimants should apply for Unemployment Compensation online at the Claim Unemployment Benefits tab below. The UI system is being updated to reflect the recently passed DC legislation that waives the UI work search requirement due to Coronavirus (COVID-19). Claimants should disregard any messages received that claim will be delayed or denied for this reason.

FIND A FIRST SOURCE JOB | FIND A GREEN JOB | CLAIM UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS | UNEMPLOYMENT FOR EMPLOYERS

DC WORKS

Username

Password

Forgot Username/Password?

Sign In

Register

En Español

Quick Links ▾

FIND A CANDIDATE | FIND A JOB

Follow the step by step guide to file your claim.

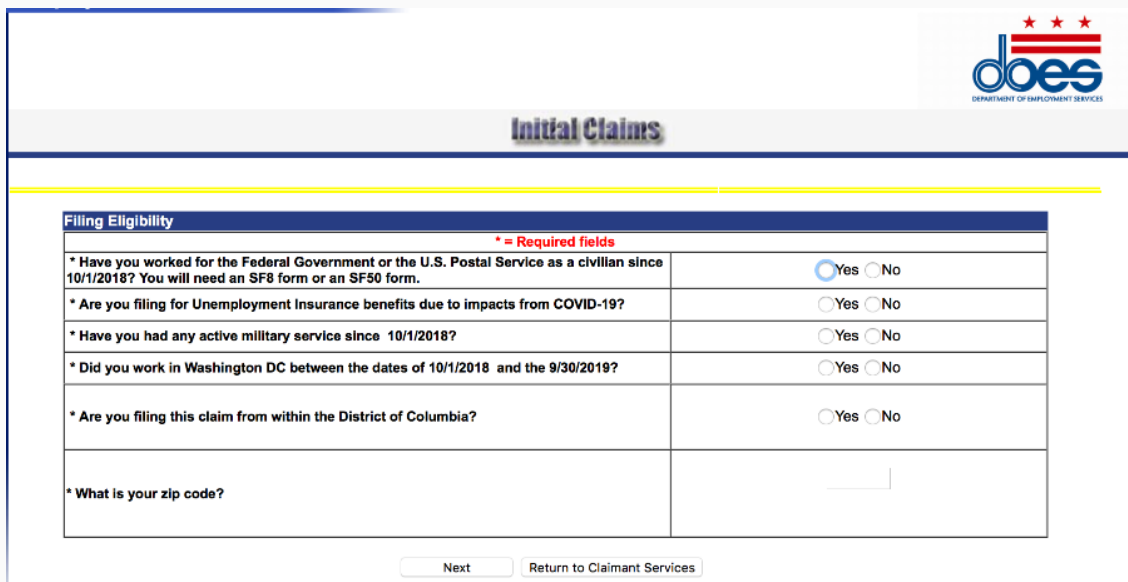
Step One: Using Internet Explorer, go to dcnetworks.org to begin filing for their unemployment benefits.

Step Two: Select [Unemployment Benefits](#)

Step Three: Select [File For Benefits](#)

Step Four: Scroll to the bottom of the page and select [File Your Claim Online](#)

Step Five: Fill out the form with accurate information in order to complete the claim filing.



The screenshot shows the 'Initial Claims' section of a website. At the top right is the logo for 'does' (Department of Employment Services) with three red stars above it. The title 'Initial Claims' is centered in a grey box. Below this is a 'Filing Eligibility' form with a blue header. A red asterisk indicates that all fields are required. The form contains five questions with radio button options for 'Yes' and 'No', and a zip code field. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Next' and 'Return to Claimant Services'.

Filing Eligibility	
* = Required fields	
* Have you worked for the Federal Government or the U.S. Postal Service as a civilian since 10/1/2018? You will need an SF8 form or an SF50 form.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
* Are you filing for Unemployment Insurance benefits due to impacts from COVID-19?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
* Have you had any active military service since 10/1/2018?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
* Did you work in Washington DC between the dates of 10/1/2018 and the 9/30/2019?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
* Are you filing this claim from within the District of Columbia?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
* What is your zip code?	<input type="text"/>

WATCH THE VIDEO BELOW FOR STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTION



Watch this video with detailed instructions on how to file an unemployment insurance claim with the District of Columbia.

NOT SURE IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT? USE THIS CHART FOR COMMON SCENARIOS BELOW

Worker Scenarios and Benefits Available During COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

	Paid Sick Time (Accrued Sick and Safe Leave Act)	Unpaid Leave (DC Family and Medical Leave Act with Emergency Expansion)	Unemployment Insurance (With Emergency Expansion)
Employee has COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19	PST	UL	UI
Employee unable to work due to school or daycare closure	✕	USUALLY	✕
Employee exposed to COVID-19 and quarantined. Employer remains open.	PST	UL	UI
Employee out of work because employer voluntarily closed	✕	✕	UI
Employee out of work because employer mandated to close	✕	✕	UI
Employee has fewer work hours available due to business slow-down or lack of demand	✕	✕	UI
Employee refuses to work because employer stays open in defiance of mandated closure of business	✕	✕	UI
Employee refuses to work to practice social distancing even though employer allowed to remain open	✕	✕	✕
Employee is immune-compromised and advised by healthcare provider to self-quarantine	PST	UL	UI
Health care worker exposed to COVID-19 at work and self-quarantines	PST	UL	UI
Employee is caring for a family member who has COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19	PST	UL	✕
Employee is caring for a family member who is immune-compromised and who was advised by healthcare provider to self-quarantine	PST	UL	✕

Employees who are eligible for multiple programs should compare them to see which is best for their needs.

Information in this table is meant to give a general overview of benefits and rights available in COVID-19 work-related situations as of 3/18/20. Employees may need to have worked for a minimum number of days or hours, have consulted with a health care provider, and/or provided documentation to demonstrate eligibility.

INFORMATION FOR SMALL BUSINESS AND/OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

DC Small Business Recovery Microgrants

Mayor Bowser and the Council of the District of Columbia are investing \$25 million in the COVID-19 Recovery Effort and the DC Small Business Recovery Microgrants Program, which will be housed in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development.

Pursuant to the “COVID-19 Response Emergency Amendment Act of 2020” effective March 17, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-247), the DC Small Business Recovery Microgrants Program will offer grants to small, local businesses, independent contractors, self-employed individuals, and nonprofits to meet their short-term financial needs. The grant can cover employee wages and benefits (including fringe benefits associated with employment, such as health insurance), accounts payable, fixed costs, inventory, rent, and utilities.

****Application closes at 6:00pm on Tuesday, March 31st****

Determine If Are You Eligible

Small Businesses	Non-Profits	Independent Contractors / Self-Employed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your principal office is physically located in Washington, DC; and You are not a franchise; and More than 50% of owners, employees, or gross receipts must be based in the District; and You meet Small Business Administration definition of small business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your main office is located in Washington, DC You have registered as a not-for-profit organization with DCRA You are not a national or global organization, meaning your services do not extend beyond the DMV region (except for art and cultural non-profits) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are a Washington, DC resident operating a business in Washington, DC as a sole proprietor. You pay self-employment taxes You are not eligible to receive unemployment insurance through a full-time employer, as determined by DOES
<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restaurant Retail store Performance venue Fitness studio Travel agency Boutique hotel 	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts organizations Community-based organizations Festivals organizations Certain Theaters 	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freelancer Artist Musician Writer Actor

Here's How to Apply

Please use the [Application Instructions & FAQ Document](#) to walk you through every step of the application process.

- **Small Business, Independent Contractor, & Self-Employed** | [Apply Here](#)
- **Non-profits** | [Apply Here](#)

Have questions or need assistance?

- For questions about the application or required documentation, please email dmped.grants@dc.gov
 - For technical assistance with the application system, please email ms_dmpedgrants_grantmaking@blackbaud.com
 - For all other general inquiries, please contact us through the [COVID-19 Business Inquiry Form](#)
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