

## Press/Announcement: Business Closures and Unemployment Insurance for Minnesota Workers Affected by the Pandemic

On Monday (3/16) the Governor passed Executive Emergency Order 20-04 that places partial closures on restaurants, bars and establishments that provide food and drink for dining services as well as places of public accommodation and amusement during the Covid-19 Peacetime Emergency. This order takes affect on Tuesday, March 17th at 5 p.m. and continues thru Friday March 27th at 5:00 p.m.

Businesses affected by closures include: restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffee houses, and others that offer on-premises consumption. This does not stop takeout, curbside or delivery services.

Additional businesses/establishments affected by closures include: bars, taverns brewpubs, breweries, microbreweries, tasting rooms clubs, theaters, cinemas, museums, indoor outdoor performance venues, gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers.

The aim being to slow community spread of Covid-19.

Grocery stores and pharmacies will remain open.

### IMMEDIATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WORKERS AFFECTED BY CLOSURES

The State Unemployment Insurance Program will be used to meet the needs of laid off workers affected by the closures. Executive Order 20-04 will offer immediate support by suspending the waiting period to receive unemployment insurance for those workers affected by the business closures and for anyone who's health or the health of their loved ones is affected by this crisis. Benefits can be accessed if you are quarantined or self isolated as a result of Covid-19. Go to [UIMN.org](http://UIMN.org) to determine your eligibility to apply. People are being asked to use the website as they are anticipating high call volumes.

CHILDCARE and Unemployment Insurance: If you are a parent that is experiencing childcare challenges due to the closure or cancellation of childcare facilities you are eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits while you are away from work. Go to [UIMN.org](http://UIMN.org) to apply.