

State Emergency Measures for those experiencing pandemic related economic hardship

New Hampshire Emergency Measures Expand Unemployment Insurance Eligibility and Offer Temporary Protections from Eviction, Foreclosure, and Utility Shut Off for Nonpayment

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Emergency Order #3 prohibits the discontinuance of electric, gas, water, telephone, cable, VOIP, internet service, and deliverable fuel services for non-payments for the duration of the State of Emergency.

Read Order #3 here: <https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/press-2020/documents/emergency-order-3.pdf> (Links to an external site.)

Emergency Order #4 forbids eviction proceedings against those unable to pay rent due to their financial situations. All judicial and non-judicial foreclosure actions will also be prohibited during the state of emergency.

Read Order #4 here: <https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/press-2020/documents/emergency-order-4.pdf> (Links to an external site.)

Emergency Order #5 expands Unemployment Insurance eligibility to include individuals who are unable to work or who have reduced hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Anyone in the following situations will now be eligible for state unemployment: If your employer temporarily closes due to COVID-19; Individuals that need to self-quarantine or are directed to quarantine at the instruction of a health care provider, employer or government official; Individuals that need to care for a family member that has COVID-19 or is under quarantine; Individuals that need to care for a dependent because of school closures, child care facility closures or other similar types of care programs; Self-employed individuals that are temporarily unable to operate their business because of any of the above listed situations will also be eligible.

Read Order #5 here:

<https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/press-2020/documents/emergency-order-5.pdf> (Links to an external site.)

Those who qualify can apply for Unemployment Benefits online at:

<https://www.nhes.nh.gov/> (Links to an external site.) or call 603-271-7700.

Anyone in need of further assistance in accessing these protections can request help from NH Legal Assistance at <https://www.nhla.org/> (Links to an external site.) or 1-800-639-5290.

Assistance may also be obtained by contacting Governor Sununu's office at 1-800- 852-3456