



# CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

## UPDATE #15

### UNEMPLOYMENT INFO (UPDATE 4-14-2020)

Dear Members,

We continue to receive inquiries regarding details for proper filing of unemployment claims and the temporary \$600 weekly Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) available to qualified workers. These were also common topics brought up during last week's "Coffee with Cathy" virtual membership gathering. We compiled a list of most frequently asked questions, and, in order to provide you with accurate answers, I and another staff member participated in two webinars specific to these subjects.

California resources:

#### **Helping Entertainment Labor and Professionals (H.E.L.P.)**

We found it to be informative and, fortunately, it is available for viewing through YouTube. See the link below:

#### **[H.E.L.P. Unemployment Webinar Series - YouTube](#)**

#### **California EDD in conjunction with industry unions and guilds webinar.**

It too was very informative and had over 5,000 people in the industry on it. The EDD was not allowed to record it, but they are in the process of implementing a page on their website that will be specific to entertainment workers, along with an FAQ they are compiling from questions submitted in advance by our Local and the other unions and guilds and answered during the webinar. They hope to complete both things by the end of the week. We will notify you when we are advised.

New York resources:

Paul Moore is working with the unions in that region to see whether similar unemployment seminars specific to entertainment industry workers can be arranged. Meanwhile, below are links to helpful resources.

#### **[New York State Department of Labor](#)**

#### **[New York State DOL Unemployment Insurance Benefits - Updated FAQs](#)**

We realize you may still have questions, so please feel free to let us know if you are having problems navigating through the world of unemployment benefits.

We are working on coordinating some virtual events on other topics which we hope some of you will be able to enjoy, so keep checking your Guild emails.

With best regards and solidarity,

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National Executive Director



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