

California Governor, Gavin Newsom, recently announced that the Employment Development Department (EDD) is expanding its call center hours from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm**, seven days a week. This change will go into effect next **Monday, the 20th of April.**

Update on Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)

PUA helps unemployed Californians who are business owners, self-employed, independent contractors, and individuals who may have qualified for unemployment benefits but have collected all benefits for which they are eligible.

The EDD has announced that they will begin accepting online applications for this program starting Tuesday, April 28.

Through the federal CARES Act, the PUA program includes an additional \$600 to each PUA weekly benefit between March 29 and July 31. You can find more information at www.edd.ca.gov.

For other non-employment related COVID-19 issues or concerns, please utilize any of the state & local government resources listed below:

State of California COVID-19 Online Resources <https://www.covid19.ca.gov>

California Department of Public Health
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov>
(916) 558-1784

Kern County Health Department
<https://kernpublichealth.com/>
(661) 321-3000