

## Mass Layoffs due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**All Ohio employers** planning a mass layoff or shutdown due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic should provide the following mass-layoff number – **2000180** – and the second link below to an instructional sheet to their employees to speed the processing of unemployment benefits.

COVID-19-affected claimants with otherwise valid applications for unemployment will be awarded benefits. While claimants must still meet the weekly requirements that they be able and available for work, the requirement that they actively search for work while receiving benefits has been waived.

COVID-19-affected contributory employers will receive regular monthly charge statements, but these charges will be charged to the mutual account and not the employer's account.

Reimbursing employers will follow existing charging requirements under **Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4141**.

For more information, please see the press release at the following link:

Press Release: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/RELEASES/pdf/031620-ODJFS-Provides-COVID-Number.stm>

Instructional Sheet: <https://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/num/JFS00671>