

December 4<sup>th</sup> Email From Dawn on Unemployment:

There has been TONS of fraud across the country with **unemployment**. Expect this filing to take longer than normal to start paying out. Get your claim reopened quickly so you can start the 14 day hold window. The way you do your **weekly certification** is going to be important. Always remember you are reporting based on the week before. I'll send more about this out on Monday or Tuesday.

When you get to the **union question** be sure to put something back in the search line even though all the information is there. They finally updated our address and I think this is what is causing some people to need to fill in job searches. Type **I A** and it should come up with Local 478.

Also EXPECT to need to upload your **Driver's License and Social Security Card, or Passport** to prove your identity. You can preemptively take care of that by uploading those documents according to these attached instructions once you reopen your claim. You will see some of the first several pages have changed.

The full instructions for refiling a claim are linked [here](#) rather than attach the document. This is on the [www.iatse478.org](http://www.iatse478.org) website. TONS of information and all the past emails are here.

**Before you reopen a claim, go the Claim Summary Page and copy and paste the ENTIRE page making sure you get the record of your employment.**

**If your project just finished and you are filing for unemployment, YES, you are without work due to COVID. Usually you would move directly into another job. You should still click BOTH of these options in the COVID section. You do not know when the next one will start.**

*You were scheduled to commence employment and do not have a job or are unable to reach the job as a direct result of the COVID-19 public health emergency.*

AND

*Your place of employment is closed as direct result of the COVID-19 public health emergency.*

Most of the refile is simply reviewing information from the past. Be sure to use your actual last work date on the COVID page. You DO NOT have a termination letter unless you have one.

When you get to the employment section, you only must add an employment record about the work you have done since you last filed. I believe there is now an option for Covid in the reason for separation. Pick COVID, or pick layoff.

If you are on the **Leverage crew** and received the hiatus memo today, here are some important things to include when you refile your claim. Get the Hiatus Memo that is watermarked with your name and save the PDF to load it using the attached How to Upload Documents. It should be tagged as OTHER. In the description, put Work Hiatus Due to Covid

You should still click **BOTH** of these options in the COVID section

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When you get to the employment section, you only must add an employment record about the work you have done since you last filed. I believe there is now an option for Covid in the reason for separation. Pick COVID, or pick still employed or reduced hours.

You can also click the button that says they intend to recall you within 6 weeks since the memo says 1/11/2021. Put that date when it asks for it.

Those are the words of wisdom for right now. Please fill out your Open Enrollment email with questions to [benefits@iatse478.org](mailto:benefits@iatse478.org). Email me questions about unemployment. I'll get through them as quickly as possible.