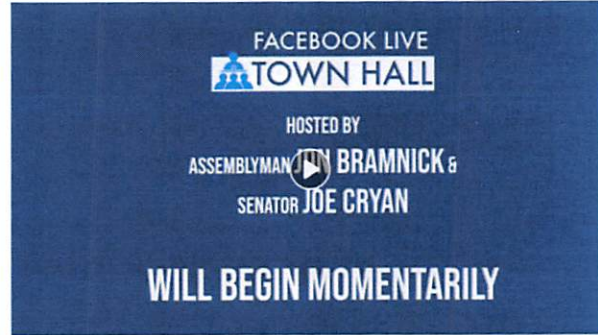




Assembly Minority Leader Jon Bramnick

Did you miss our Facebook Live Town Hall about COVID-19 relief and resources for NJ residents and small business owners?



[You can watch a recording here.](#)

Relief and Resources for Individuals

Federal Stimulus

The vast majority of New Jersey residents will begin to receive a stimulus check starting in three weeks. Eligibility will be based on 2018 tax filings unless you have already filed your 2019 taxes.

- Single filers making up to \$75,000 will receive \$1,200. If you are single and make over \$99,000 you will not receive stimulus money. Single filers making more than \$75,000 but less than \$99,000 will receive a reduced benefit.
- Married filing jointly making up to \$150,000 will receive \$2,400. Joint filers making over \$198,000 will not receive stimulus money. Joint filers making more than \$150,000 but less than \$198,000 will receive a reduced benefit.
- An additional \$500 will be given for each child under 16.

Most wage garnishments to repay debts are temporarily suspended. That includes student

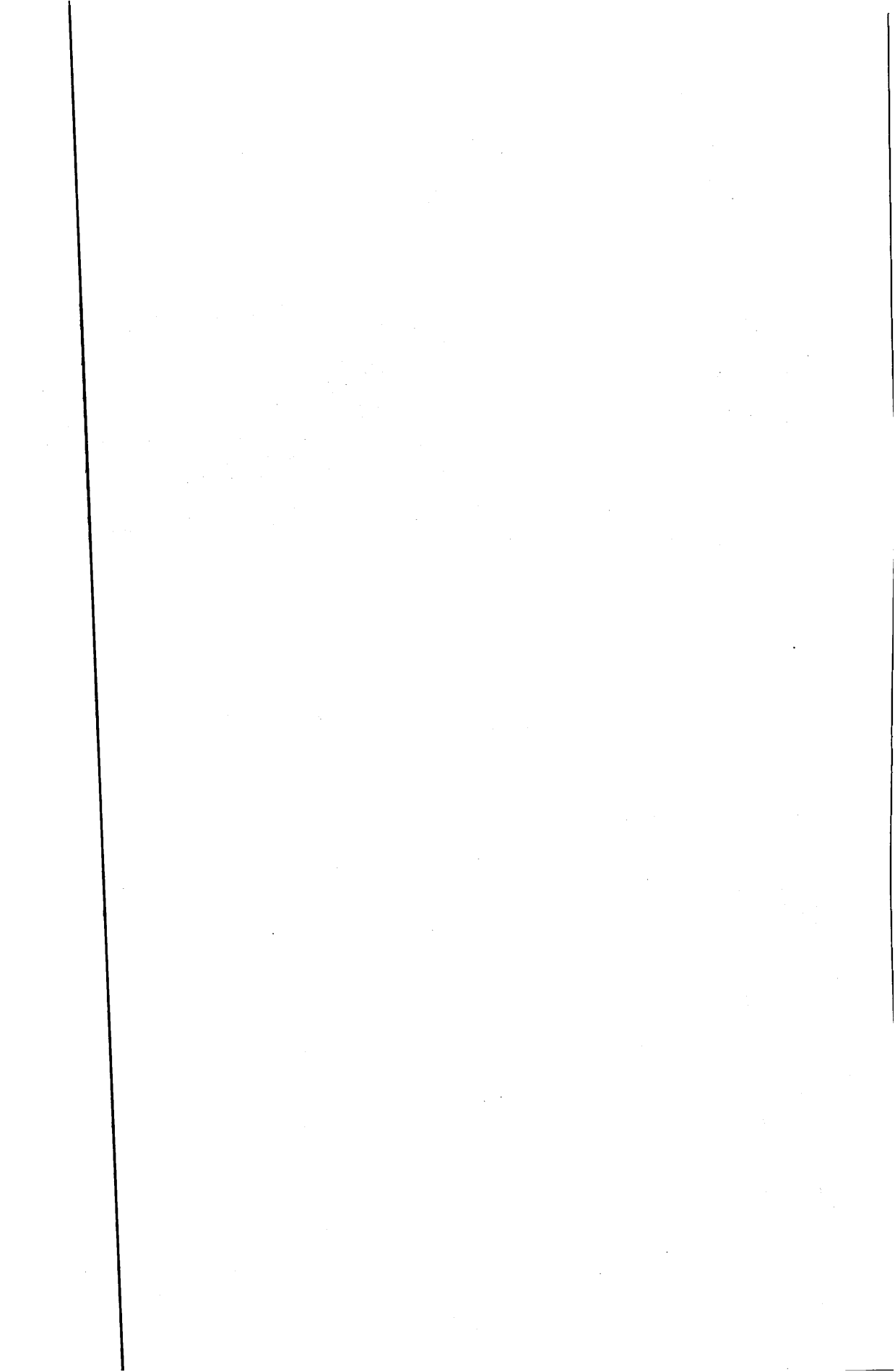
Taxes

The federal government has extended the deadline to file taxes to July 15th. New Jersey has not decided on an extension at this point.

Healthcare

If you lost your job and your healthcare coverage you can apply through the Individual Marketplace. Loss of a job is a qualifying event making you eligible to enroll. To enroll go to: www.nj.gov/governor/getcoverednj

For the next two months, Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield is allowing employers to maintain coverage for employees who



loans in default and late taxes. The waiver does not include people who are behind on child support.

have been furloughed, temporarily laid off, or whose hours have been dramatically reduced.

Out of work

Any worker, including freelance and part-time, who is out of work or getting fewer hours because their job was impacted by the emergency is eligible for unemployment benefits.

The benefit is 60 percent of your average weekly wage, up to \$713 a week. The federal stimulus provides an additional \$600 a week through July 31st and expands benefits by 13 weeks to a total of 39 weeks. New Jersey has waived the waiting period so benefits will be available as soon as you are approved. To apply visit myunemployment.nj.gov or by phone.

Northern Region: 201-601-4100

Central Region: 732-761-2020

Southern Region: 856-507-2340

When filing a claim, callers are encouraged during a designated window based on the last 4 digits of their social security number.

0000-1250 between 8am and 9am

1251-2500 between 9am and 10am

2501-3750 between 10am and 11am

3751-5000 between 11am and 12pm

5001-6250 between 12pm and 1pm

6251-7500 between 1pm and 2pm

7501-8750 between 2pm and 3pm

8751-9999 between 3pm and 4pm

Anyone missing their timeframe can try to call again between 4pm and 7pm.

Common Eligibility Questions:

I am a gig-worker, freelancer or independent contractor: **Eligible**

I was about to start a new job and now can't because of the outbreak: **Eligible**

I have been advised by a health care provider to quarantine myself: **Eligible**

I am unemployed and have a COVID-19 diagnosis or need to care for a family member: **Eligible**

I am a part-time worker: **Eligible**

My employer shut down because of coronavirus: **Eligible**

I quit because I don't like my job: **Not Eligible**

Leave Programs: Workers that are sick, quarantined, or taking care of a sick family member are eligible for sick or paid leave, including family leave and temporary disability. Quarantined healthcare workers are also eligible for workers' compensation benefits. For more information visit [nj.gov.labor](https://nj.gov/labor)

If you are looking for work or employees New Jersey has created a job portal with available and in-demand jobs. There are currently 43,000 openings on the site which you can find at jobs.covid.nj.gov

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