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# SERVICE BULLETIN

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## COVID-19 and Unemployment Hearings



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Like us, the State Workforce Agencies (SWA's) are monitoring the impact of the COVID-19 Virus on their business and their staff. To this end, states have started making changes to the way they hold unemployment hearings. Information is coming in daily on the changes, we will be sending updated bulletins regularly to record any changes that we have been notified of and the potential impact to your upcoming hearings.

STATE	HEARINGS STATUS	COVID-19 IMPACT	EFFECTIVE DATES	ACTIONS	UPDATED
CA	<b>Telephone Only</b>	All currently scheduled IN-PERSON hearings will be switched to a telephone hearing. All hearings scheduled after 3/11 will be scheduled by phone.	No timeline on how long only telephone hearings will be scheduled.	Your representative will call the state prior to the hearing to obtain the call-in information and will send call-in information to you.	March 11, 2020
CT	<b>Telephone Only</b>	All currently scheduled IN-PERSON hearings will be switched to a telephone hearing. All hearings scheduled after 3/12 will be scheduled by phone.	No timeline on how long only telephone hearings will be scheduled.	Your representative will call the state prior to the hearing to request a telephone hearing and will send call-in information to you.	March 12, 2020

DC	<b>Postponed</b>	The Chief Administrative Law Judge suspended all hearings until further notice due to more stringent requirements to combat the spread of coronavirus.	As of 3/23/2020	You will be notified as soon once DC reschedules your case.	March 24, 2020
KS	<b>Postponed</b>	All hearings scheduled between March 23 and April 3, 2020 have been postponed due to the state offices being closed.	March 23 – April 3, 2020	All hearings will be rescheduled.	March 19, 2020
NH	<b>Telephone Only</b>	All hearings have been converted to telephone hearings for the foreseeable future.	No timeline on how long only telephone hearings will be scheduled.	No timeline on how long only telephone hearings will be scheduled. Witness information and documentation should be faxed to the fax number on the hearing notice.	March 20, 2020
NM	<b>No Impact</b>	New Mexico will conduct hearings as normal with no expected closures or cancellations.	March 20, 2020	If New Mexico closes their offices, Judges are able to conduct hearings from home.	March 24, 2020
NY	<b>Postponed</b>	All hearings scheduled through March 31, 2020 have been postponed.	March 19 – March 31, 2020	All hearings will be rescheduled.	March 19, 2020
PA	<b>Postponed</b>	All hearings scheduled between March 17 and March 31, 2020 have been postponed due to the state offices being closed.	March 17-March 31, 2020	All hearings will be rescheduled.	March 16, 2020
RI	<b>Telephone Only</b>	All hearings will be switched to telephone hearings for the foreseeable future.	No timeline on how long only telephone hearings will be scheduled.	Your representative will call the state prior to the hearing to obtain the call-in information and will send call-in information to you.	March 20, 2020

We will continue to update this bulletin to advise of any additional changes in the unemployment hearing process related to changes caused by COVID-19.

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