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One-Stop Operator Open Meeting Report

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MORRIS/SUSSEX/WARREN (MSW) ONE-STOP VIRTUAL SERVICE OFFERINGS CONTINUE DURING PANDEMIC

On August 10, 2020, NJDOL announced a full suite of online and telephonic jobseeker services would be available through One-Stop offices. In-person services would not be available due to overriding concerns for the health and safety of customers and staff. Virtual services offered to unemployed adult and dislocated workers through the MSW One-Stop Career Center offices are as follows:

- Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) scheduling and consultations (*assistance finding employment for the unemployed before they exhaust UI benefits*)
- Career Planning
- Assessment of Training Needs
- Occupational Skills Training
- Computer Basics Training
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Veteran Services
- Re-entry / Federal Bonding Services
- Assistance with Basic Unemployment Insurance Inquiries
- Business Services / Employer Hiring Inquiries
- Customer Job Search Support and Job Matching Assistance
- Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities
- Virtual Workshops: Resume Assistance / Job Search / Interviewing Techniques

One-Stop Career Center services **not available** to the public at this time:

- In-Person Customer Walk-Ins / Career Consultations / In-Person Scheduling
- Access to the Public Resource Room (computers and phones)
- UI Services (computers and phones)

One-Stop Office Management Team contacts are as follows:

County	Morris	Sussex	Warren
NJDOL Manager	Carl Jablonski (862) 397-5600 carl.jablonski@dol.nj.gov	Peter Curley (862) 252-5842 peter.curley@dol.nj.gov	Anand Sumaithangi (908) 329-9152 Anand.sumaithangi@dol.nj.gov
DVR Manager	Scott McGill, (862) 397-5600, Option #4, scott.mcgill@dol.nj.gov		

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) CLAIMS PROCESSING

In-person Unemployment Insurance services remain suspended at NJ One-Stop Career Center offices until further notice. UI claimant inquiries continue to get directed to the UI website **MyUnemployment.nj.gov**. Individuals with limited, or no computer access should call any of the following UI Call Center numbers:

- North Jersey (201) 601-4100
- Central Jersey (732) 761-2020
- Southern Jersey (856) 507-2340

EXTENSION TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

New Jersey offers a 20-week state extension of benefits for those who have exhausted all other federal and state unemployment assistance. For more information, visit MyUnemployment.nj.gov.

\$300 FEDERAL LOST WAGE ASSISTANCE (LWA)

New Jersey has been approved by FEMA for the Lost Wage Assistance (LWA) program, however it will take several weeks to have the programming in place to make these payments to eligible claimants. Additional information will be shared by UI as soon as possible or visit MyUnemployment.nj.gov for posted updates.

ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER BUSINESS SERVICES AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The MSW Business Services Representatives (BSRs) continue to provide ongoing support to both employers and job seekers. Individuals seeking employment opportunities/job leads and employers having immediate hiring needs are directed to the following resources:

NJ COVID-19 Information and Business Information Hub

- National Labor Exchange website: <https://usnlx.com/>
- Businesses across New Jersey need workers for immediate hire. Visit this site for additional information: <http://jobs.covid19.nj.gov>.
- Employers in critical industries can submit information about openings with urgent hiring needs related to COVID-19 by visiting <https://jobs.covid19.nj.gov/intake>

For additional NJDOL business services information, please contact one of the following MSW Business Services Representatives:

<p><u>Eva Fernandez</u> Mobile: (609) 358-2696 Office: (862) 397-5600 x3975736 Eva.fernandez@dol.nj.gov</p>	<p><u>Sean Hendricks</u> Mobile: (609) 358-2885 Office: (862) 397-5600 x3975710 Sean.hendricks@dol.nj.gov</p>	<p><u>Mark Ortega</u> Veterans Business Rep Mobile: (609) 414-6991 Office: (862) 397-5600 x3975740 Mark.ortega@dol.nj.gov</p>	<p><u>Marc Schweitzer</u> DVR Business Rep Mobile: (609) 947-1431 Marc.schweitzer@dol.nj.gov</p>
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For State of New Jersey's COVID-19 Business Information Hub, visit <https://faq.business.nj.gov/>. There you can find information on resources, assistance and regulations and also chat with a representative from the NJ Department of State's Business Action Center.

MSW EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Employment and Training Services staff continue to work both virtually (2 days/week) and in-office (3 days/week) to deliver career counseling/training services. Online virtual training is provided by NJDOL approved providers. In-person classroom training enrollments permitted for ETPL approved providers that have posted on their respective websites, health and safety practices as required by the CDC and Department of Health.

PY20-1st Qtr ETS Training Enrollments (Jul 1-Sept 30, 2020)

Post-Secondary Training Enrollments

Dislocated Workers Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	Youth Enrolled	On-the-Job Training Contracts
40	19	4	0

Other ETS Training Enrollments

Work First New Jersey	Workforce Learning Link	Metrix On-Line Training	Tuition Waiver	WFNJ Work Readiness	Youth Work Experience
0	17	2	2	29*	4

(*) In-person Work First NJ Work Readiness has been temporarily suspended by DHS/DFD. On a voluntary basis, ETS provides career services to this population seeking support.

GED/HSE Youth Training Enrollments

(Note: Morris & Warren have rolling youth enrollments. Sussex students enrolled at start of school year. No enrollments for PY20-1st Qtr)

Morris County <i>NewBridge - JobsPlus</i>		Sussex County <i>Sussex County Technical School</i>		Warren County <i>Phillipsburg Youth Based Services</i>	
# Enrolled	# Attained HSE	# Enrolled	# Attained HSE	# Enrolled	# Attained HSE
0	0	0	0	0	0

Topmost Requested Virtual/Online and In-Person Training Programs 1st Qtr (Jul 1-Sept 30, 2020)

*Dislocated Workers & Adults		*Youth	
On-Line / Virtual	In-Person / Classroom	On-Line / Virtual	In-Person / Classroom
IT Technology	Commercial Driver License (CDL)	Healthcare/Medical & Dental Assistants, Pharmacy Technician	Healthcare: LPN, Medical Assistant, Dental Assistant, Pharmacy Tech /Clinical
Healthcare/LPN	Healthcare/LPN-Clinical	Electrician Apprenticeship Program	Electrician / Externship
Medical Assistant	Medical Assistant-Clinical	Automotive Technician	Automotive / Externship
Project Management		Veterinary Assistant/Animal Care	
Microsoft Office Suite (Admin Support)		Cosmetology/Skin Care/Massage	

If interested in grant-funded career training, call (973) 285-6880 to get scheduled for a training consultation with an ETS Training Counselor or send email to msw-ets@co.morris.nj.us.

MSW ETS VIRTUAL CAREER ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

ETS Work First New Jersey Case Managers have seen a significant uptick in the number of new applications during the COVID-19 health crisis for SNAP/Food Stamps, General Assistance (GA) and Temporary Assistance for Infants and Families (TANF). Comprehensive social assessments are conducted daily to determine need for employment guidance / career services. In March, the Department of Human Services/Division of Family Development temporarily relaxed regulations requiring recipients participate in 30 hour/week mandatory work activities (work readiness programs, community work experience and/or training). Despite this waiver, ETS Case Managers and Work Readiness facilitators deliver personalized resume, job search and interviewing assistance via WebEx technology or telephonically.

If interested in additional information, please contact Mr. Gil Sutherland on (973) 285-6873 or (862) 505-4633.