UNEMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

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**UI**
- Filing for Unemployment Insurance (UI) is the first step for affected workers
- Available for up to 26 weeks

**PEUC**
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) is federal extension of benefits of for those who have exhausted UI
- Available for up to 13 weeks from March 29, 2020 through Dec. 26, 2020

**EB**
- USDOL notified the state that Kansas has officially “triggered off” of the EB program
- KDOL is prohibited from making any additional payments, regardless of any remaining balance of EB entitlement
- The last payable week on the EB program will be the week ending Dec. 12, 2020

**PUA**
- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) expands access to unemployment by including those who are affected by COVID-19 and not eligible for UI, PEUC, or EB (such as self-employed, independent contractors, gig workers, employees of religious organizations, and those who lack sufficient work history or have been disqualified for state benefits)
- USDOL recently reduced the program from 46 weeks to 39 weeks
- Apply online at www.PUA.GetKansasBenefits.gov

**LWA**
- Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) is funded by FEMA to provide $300 per week to supplement unemployment benefits to eligible claimants
- Available for any claims for the weeks ending Aug. 1, 2020 through Sept. 5, 2020; payments will be retroactive
- To be eligible, claimants must self-certify that they were unemployed or partially unemployed because their work was directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and must have a weekly benefit amount of at least $100
- To self-certify, claimants need to log in to www.GetKansasBenefits.gov where they will be directed to answer the LWA self-certification question; this only needs to be done once