

# UNDERSTANDING THE COVID-19 STIMULUS

## STIMULUS CHECKS

- [\\$1,200 checks for individuals](#) making up to \$75,000 and \$2,400 checks for married couples making up to \$150,000
- An additional \$500 cash payment per child
- The value of the stimulus check gradually decreases for individuals making over \$75,000 and married couples over \$150,000. Individuals are capped out at \$98,000 and married couples at \$198,000
- [Income eligibility is based on 2018 tax returns](#) unless you already filed your 2019 return

## EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

- \$1 billion grants to states to payout [expanded unemployment insurance](#) (UI) benefits
- \$500 million for staffing, technology and administrative costs needed for UI expansion
- \$500 million for emergency funds for states with over 10% unemployment numbers
- Labor secretary was given the role of assisting states to reduce workers hours instead of layoffs

## EMERGENCY PAID LEAVE

- [These provisions](#) only apply to companies with fewer than 500 employees, [including federal and private employers](#)
- Employees would be covered at a regular rate for quarantine following a test of COVID-19
  - Full-time employees would be covered for 2 weeks of paid sick leave
  - Part-time based on number of hours worked in 2 weeks
- Employees would be covered at 2/3 rate for caring for a family member or child whose care facilities have closed due to COVID-19

## EMERGENCY FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

- Tax credits for paid sick leave and paid family medical leave provided
- These would be refundable tax credits that would not be credited as income and paid to employers and self-employed individuals
  - Sick leave
  - Family Leave wages
  - Self-employed individuals who
    - Self-isolate
    - Obtain diagnosis
    - Comply with self-isolation
    - Wages loss that would be considered qualified family leave wages for self-employed individuals

## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DISASTER LOANS

The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering designated states and territories [low-interest federal disaster loans](#) for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

