

# Job Search Newsletter

Friday, April 10, 2020

There is no doubt that COVID-19 has impacted each of us, in any number of ways. Here are some things that are happening in our community to help us stay focused on the positive.

## Local businesses supporting their community

**Neuie's Vogue Bar and Grill** is offering free lunches to kids in the community - <https://www.facebook.com/NeuiesVogue/>

**Beer By Bike Brigade** is partnering with several local businesses to offer Giving Tables that can be found in different locations around the community. From eggs, to chips and salsa—follow their Facebook page to find the next time and location! [https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=beer%20by%20bike%20brigade&epa=SEARCH\\_BOX](https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=beer%20by%20bike%20brigade&epa=SEARCH_BOX)

**Pearl Street Brewery** is looking for donations to support the La Crosse Bar and Restaurant Relief Fund to help the local hospitality industry maintain their expenses while their doors are closed. For more information, see their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pearlstreetbrewery/>

*Do you know of a local business that's doing something extraordinary to support their community? Please send information to [Dena.Daentl@dwd.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Dena.Daentl@dwd.wisconsin.gov)*

## #SAFERATHOME Boredom Relief



### Join the Great Teddy Bear Hunt!

Community members citywide are participating in the Great Teddy Bear hunt by placing a teddy bear, big and small, in their front window or on the porch for neighborhood kids to seek out.

Get your team together and participate in the **Isolation Olympics**! Here's how it works: Download the **Goosechase app** Apple: <https://bit.ly/Gooseapp> Android: <https://bit.ly/GooseDroid> Create your game account and enter the CODE --> **EZR8PD**



### 1. CREATE YOUR TEAM

2. **WAITING TO START** - If you see waiting to start, you're all set! The game will begin at noon. Get ready for some Isolation Olympics Fun!

3. **COMPLETE MISSIONS/ EARN POINTS** To complete a mission, select it from the list and follow the instructions to receive the allotted points. *Sometimes you'll be submitting a photo or video, while other times you'll be solving a puzzle or riddle.* Carefully read the clues. Follow the mission instructions. All missions are subject to review by the game administrators. If you don't follow directions, they will delete individual missions.

## Unemployment Insurance—Initial and Weekly Claims Filed Statistics for week 14 (March 29th - April 4th, 2020)

Regular <b>Initial</b> Claims.....	<b>2020</b> - 104,805	<b>2019</b> - 5,381
Regular <b>Weekly</b> Claims.....	<b>2020</b> - 208,383	<b>2019</b> - 38,304

## Unemployment and COVID-19

If you are unemployed and you've worked for a covered employer (an employer who pays UI tax) in the last 18 months - please apply for unemployment insurance now at <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiiben/apply>.

If you are filing because of the CARES Act (Federal Stimulus Bill) - e.g. self-employed, independent contractors, workers with limited work history, and others **we are asking you to wait to file** because our system is not yet set up to accept your application. We are waiting on additional guidance from USDOL. We expect those changes to be complete by mid-to late-April. We understand how important it is to get these payments to you as quickly as possible, and we are doing everything we can to get you the help you need. **There is no need to call the Unemployment Insurance Call Center at this time.** The department will announce when you are able to start filing your initial claim. We will have the most up-to-date information at <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiiben/caresact>.

*\*It is important to note that benefits will start from the time you became eligible for unemployment, not from the time your application is submitted or approved. This is also true of the additional \$600 per week.*

### Contacting Unemployment

DWD is experiencing an unprecedented call volume to our unemployment insurance and IT help lines. Unless you have received official notification from Unemployment Insurance that you must call our call center, please search for your answer at [dwd.wi.gov/covid19/](https://dwd.wi.gov/covid19/) or [dwd.wi.gov/uiiben/faqs](https://dwd.wi.gov/uiiben/faqs) in order to free up phone lines for folks who are required to call in.

## Resources and Information

For updated information on COVID-19 and Unemployment Insurance Benefits, please check this link daily: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui.htm>

*Registration on the Job Center of Wisconsin is a requirement of the Unemployment Insurance (UI) program and must be completed in order to maintain eligibility for UI benefits.* In addition, Wisconsin Job Service provides numerous pathways to valuable services that help you return to fulltime work. To register, go to <https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com/>

File your initial or weekly claim for Unemployment Insurance Benefits at: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/ui/>

The **La Crosse Public Library** is currently closed to the public, but is offering **free wi-fi** at all three locations from 5am to 11pm. (No password required)

The **City of La Crosse** is collecting *community resources* to help La Crosse residents and businesses through these uncertain times. For a list of those resources, please visit: <https://www.cityoflacrosse.org/your-government/departments/covid-19-community-coordination-plan>

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