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## Media Release

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## Unemployment Assistance Likely for Residents Impacted by COVID-19

*State also working to assist business owners in  
securing financial relief*

**NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ** (March 18, 2020) – Help could soon be available for City residents and workers who are out of work as a direct result of the COVID-19 emergency.

In a statement released Tuesday, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy detailed actions that are being taken in efforts to assist workers whose place of employment has closed or whose hours have been cut. Those workers will “in all likelihood” be eligible to receive either full or partial unemployment insurance.

Among the measures, federal government assistance is being requested to ensure that every unemployment insurance application is properly received and handled.

A bill creating a temporary “lost wage” unemployment program was also passed today by the NJ State General Assembly,

Residents whose job has been directly impacted are asked to visit [nj.gov/labor](http://nj.gov/labor) for comprehensive information from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

For business owners seeking assistance, the State is working alongside the U.S. Small Business Administration to ensure that financial relief can be made available as quickly and efficiently as possible. This includes the creation of a state business assistance program, which could be available as soon as next week.

More information will be provided as it becomes available.

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The City of New Brunswick is the county seat for Middlesex County and home of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, the world headquarters for Johnson & Johnson and two globally-renowned hospitals. New Brunswick is an educationally-focused City as well as “The Healthcare City.”

All of New Brunswick’s developments provide seamless access to major transportation lines and an extensive dining scene and an arts district, located in its bustling downtown. The City is focused not only on bringing in new residents and businesses, but also on improving the lives of every one of its residents.

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