

Caregiving during COVID-19 in Rhode Island

Below are options for Rhode Islanders who find themselves needing to take care of loved ones during the COVID-19 Pandemic due to illness or schools/childcare closures.

Please note, the following options are **scheduled to end on December 31, 2020:**

- UI for COVID- related matters
- Federal Paid Sick Days
- Federal Emergency Paid Sick Leave

You will still be able to access UI for non-COVID related matters and Rhode Island Paid Sick Days after 12/31/2020.

Beginning January 1, 2021, Congress must pass new laws to extend COVID-19-related paid leave options. Stay tuned for updates by checking [the Economic Progress Institute's COVID-19 page](#).

Scenario #1: You need time off from work to care for a loved one who is sick with COVID-19

If you need **hours or days off** for this scenario, you'll want to apply for **Paid Sick Days**.

- RI Paid Sick Days provide up to **5 days** (40 hours) of time off at your regular pay if you work for an employer with 18 or more employees.
 - For more information on RI Paid Sick Days see the [Department of Labor and Training's Factsheet](#)
- Federal Paid Sick days provide up to **10 days** (80 hours) of time off at two-thirds of you regular pay.
 - Call the RI office for the US Department of Labor for more information or questions ([401-528-4669](#))
- You can use **BOTH** RI Paid Sick Days and Federal Paid Sick days for **a total of 15 days** (120 hours)
- **Apply:** through your employer.

If you need **weeks off** for this scenario, you'll want to apply for **Temporary Caregiver Insurance (TCI)**.

- TCI provides up to **4 weeks** of time off at **60% of your regular pay**.
- **Apply:** online through the Department of Labor and Training - [click here](#) to apply

If you have exhausted the above options, are not eligible for the above options, or need extended time off from work for this scenario, you can apply for **Unemployment Insurance (UI)**.

- UI provides up to **39 weeks** off at partial pay.
- **Apply:** online at- dlt.ri.gov/covid19/

Scenario # 2: You need time off from work to care for a child due to COVID-19 school/childcare closures

If you need **hours or days off** for this scenario, you'll want to apply for **Federal Paid Sick Days**.

- Federal Paid Sick days provide up to **10 days** (80 hours) of time off at two-thirds of your regular pay.
 - Call the RI office for the US Department of Labor for more information or questions ([401-528-4669](tel:401-528-4669)).
- **Apply:** through your employer.

If you need **weeks off** for this scenario, you'll want to apply for **Federal Emergency Paid Sick Leave**.

- Federal Emergency Paid Sick Leave provides up to 12 weeks off at two-thirds of your regular pay.
 - Call the RI office for the US Department of Labor for more information or questions ([401-528-4669](tel:401-528-4669)).
- **Apply:** through your employer.

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- UI provides up to **39 weeks** off at partial pay.
- **Apply:** online at- dlt.ri.gov/covid19/

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The Economic Progress Institute- www.economicprogressri.org/covid19
Department of Health COVID19 hotline: 401-222-8022
For Mental Health Services: 401-414-5465