

JANUARY 2022 IDES ADDENDUM

Greetings Sisters and Brothers. I will begin with the single most important thing I can tell you. If you have not registered with the new IDES system which went into effect in September, DO IT NOW!!! Do not wait until next layoff. Almost a quarter of individuals will need to contact IDES for assistance with getting through the security and being able to login. We are expecting the hall to be very busy the second week of January. It takes anywhere from 10-20 minutes to set up the new registration and that's only if it works correctly. Don't wait, get set up now!!!

If you have benefits available, you will file your unemployment claim the first week of January beginning on Sunday, January 2nd. If you have exhausted your benefits, most people will restart their benefit year as of January 11, 2022 which means you will be allowed to file a claim the second week of January (beginning January 8th). If you are unsure about whether or not you have benefits, then try to file on the first week of January. If you don't have any benefits left, then you will not be able to file. When you go to "File my unemployment claim" you will get a message on the screen stating that you have exhausted your benefits and can't file.

To FCA/ Stellantis workers asking about SUB. SUB (supplemental Unemployment Benefit) is by its' very name a benefit and is therefore handled by your Benefit Reps. They will be putting out information specific to SUB, I will just touch on some commonly asked questions. Most of you have already uploaded your "Benefit Payment Explanation" sheet to the HUB to receive SUB earlier this year. Therefore, in order to get paid for the first week of January, you will have to manually enter for the SUB on your HUB account. Remember that you can't put in for SUB until the following week (Monday January 10th at the earliest). For the second week, it is extremely important that you remember to file your IDES claim in that week. You will then receive a UI Finding sheet where your date of claim will match your benefit year begin date. This signifies that it is your waiting week, and that sheet will have to be uploaded in order to get paid for the second week. I can't stress how extremely important it is that you certify for that week 2 weeks after you file. If you file and don't certify to get credit for your waiting week, you will lose that amount of money the next time you file, which will likely happen early next year. IDES does NOT backdate claims. They view it that you have one job on the week you are laid off and not working, and that is to file a claim. If you have not registered with the new IDES system yet, DO IT NOW!!! Almost a quarter of everyone I assisted had to contact IDES for assistance in getting through the registration for the new security system. Don't wait until January if you haven't done it yet.

If you are going to claim a dependent, you **MUST** bring their SSN. If you have a pension from a previous employer, you **MUST** bring that information with you. If you have gone through the new IDES registration, you **MUST** bring your user name (now your email address) and password along with your phone. **BE PREPARED!!!!** It is far more considerate to your fellow Union Brethren to have everything you will need with you. It makes the process go considerably faster. Please make sure you follow the unemployment instructions going out along with this. Pay special attention to how to handle the occupation page where you will not be putting a return to work down as we do not trust FCA to be back to work on January 17. I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season and will see you next year!

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