When you apply for Unemployment Compensation you have to state a "reason for separation". Here are common scenarios during the coronavirus crisis to help you figure out what to select under "reason for separation".

You only need to meet **one** situation to qualify:

- **My workplace is closed and I am unable to perform work**
- **I left work to care for a family or household member**
- **I was fired when I refused to work in unsafe conditions or space**
- **I am still working, but my hours have been reduced because of the public health crisis**
- **My employer said I am temporarily laid off**
- **I can no longer work because childcare or school closed**
- **I was sent home from work due to minor symptoms related to coronavirus**
- **I quit to avoid unsafe conditions**
- **I informed my employer I cannot work because I need to self-quarantine**

I will categorize my "reason for separation" as:

- Lack of Work or Laid off
- Voluntary Quit or Leave of Absence (Must inform employer of problem first)
- Fired or Suspended
- Still Employed (Eligible for Partial Benefits)

Questions around unemployment compensation are complicated. Go to http://uchelp.org/covid19 for more information.

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