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Paper applications for Reemployment Assistance offered at CareerSource centers

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OCALA – To help ease delays encountered by those filing for Reemployment Assistance, paper applications will be available for curbside pickup starting tomorrow (Wednesday, April 8) at all CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion and CareerSource North Central Florida career centers.

The forms will be supplied Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They can also be downloaded at <u>https://careersourceclm.com/</u> and <u>https://careersourcencfl.com/</u>.

CareerSource CLM centers are located at:

• 2703 N.E. 14th St., in **Ocala**

· 683 S. Adolph Point, in Lecanto

 \cdot 2175 N.W. 11th Drive, in **Chiefland** (near China One in the same shopping plaza as Walmart)

For more information, call 800-434-JOBS (5627).

CareerSource NCFL centers are located at:

 \cdot 10 N.W. Sixth St., in **Gainesville**

 \cdot 101 E. Call St., in **Starke**

For more information, call 352-955-2245.

Reemployment Assistance, commonly known as Unemployment Insurance,

provides temporary wage benefits to those who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own, such as due to COVID-19.

The program, which is run by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, has experienced recent difficulties keeping up with unprecedented demand.

Last week, the CareerSource Florida network was authorized to assist DEO in order to help alleviate the application log jam.

According to Kathleen Woodring, CareerSource CLM's executive vice president, the paper applications are an alternative for those having trouble completing the online application. She noted that it is incumbent on the applicant to mail the paper applications to DEO and that doing so could potentially take longer to process than online.

Those planning to pick up paper applications are urged to drive as close as possible to the center entrance and have one person per vehicle get out and pick up applications from the distribution box outside the center. The centers are not currently open to the public.

"We are mindful of the need to maintain social distancing. If there is a line of vehicles, please stay in your car until you can pull up," Woodring said. "You may take as many applications as you need, if you are getting them for other members of your household. We will restock as needed throughout the day until 3 o'clock."

In addition to distribution of paper applications, they can also be downloaded and printed from <u>https://careersourceclm.com/</u> and

<u>https://careersourcencfl.com/</u> websites as well as <u>https://www.floridajobsresources.com/</u>. The applications are available in

https://www.floridajobsresources.com/. The applications are available in English, Spanish and Creole.

Both CareerSource CLM and CareerSource NCFL also remain committed to providing fee-free virtual services to businesses and job seekers online, by phone and via email. For contact information, visit <u>https://careersourceclm.com/</u> or <u>https://careersourcencfl.com/</u>.

