



Searching for Employment During COVID19

- If you are currently laid off or furloughed temporarily, without pay, from your job you should apply for **Unemployment Benefits**. People who are self-employed or people working part time temporary jobs will also be eligible for unemployment Benefits now. *Tip: try applying at off hours since many people are applying right now.
- **Prepare your job search.** Make sure your resume, cover letter and list of references are up to date and professional looking.
- **Create a new email** address just for your job search if you don't have your name in your email. This helps a potential employer easily find any email you send them.
- Update your **LinkedIn** account if you have one. LinkedIn sends possible contacts for you to network with.
- **Register for "Work In Texas"** to get job leads and check out the **Community Job Bank of the United Way**. There are still new job openings being listed every day. Also, many people think that they can't have an interview at this time. Many employers are holding interviews over the phone and/or a web-based video service.