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Department of Workforce Development Closed, Friday, September 3, Furlough Day

Internet services continue; all services resume Tuesday, September 7

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) will be closed for business on Friday, September 3, a designated furlough day for DWD employees. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 7.

As is always the case, individuals can file a new claim for Unemployment Insurance and update an existing claim online at the following site: www.ucclaim-wi.org. Claims also can be filed by calling the automated, non-operator assisted phone system at 800-822-5246. Operator assistance with UI claims will not be available Friday for individuals using the automated phone system.

Using the online claims site is recommended. Claim specialists will be available at UI Call Centers on Saturday, September 4, from 7:30 a.m. to noon, and again at 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 7, when all DWD programs and services resume their regular schedule.

While DWD offices will be closed, services remain available on the department website: <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/>. The Internet employment site, JobCenterOfWisconsin.com, for example, is accessible at all hours of the day. Job seekers can post resumes, and employers can list openings.

DWD regional and local partners operate Job Centers, and the services they provide at local Job Centers are not affected by the agency furlough day. Information about Job Centers, their locations and phone numbers, is available online at: <http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/directory/>.

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