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**Most Department of Workforce Development Offices Closed, Monday,
December 28, Furlough Day for DWD Employees**

State unemployment office open; internet services continue; all services resume Tuesday

Most Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) offices will be closed for business on Monday, December 28, a designated furlough day for DWD employees.

The Division of Unemployment Insurance, however, will be open to process claims and pay benefits. With the recession, claims have been filed at unprecedented levels throughout the year. Last week, payments were made to more than 200,000 individuals. Benefits paid totaled nearly \$46 million.

All other DWD offices will be closed Monday, December 28, a state furlough date for DWD employees. 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.

Individuals can file a new claim for unemployment benefits and update an existing claim online at: www.ucclaim-wi.org. Claims also can be filed by calling the automated, non-operator assisted phone system at 800-822-5246. Using the online claims site is recommended. Claim specialists are available at UI Call Centers from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 7:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

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