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Career-Related Services Available Virtually in Hunterdon, Somerset counties; Unemployment Assistance Is Remote-Only

Career-related services from Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board partners in Hunterdon and Somerset counties will continue to be available virtually or by phone in the coming weeks and months.

Greater Raritan One-Stop offices in Somerville and Flemington closed to the public in mid-March due to the coronavirus pandemic. While staff has offered services remotely since mid-March and is in the process of returning to these sites, in-person service will not be available to ensure the health and safety of staff and customers.

The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development plans to offer an expanded suit of online and telephonic services through its One-Stop Career Centers beginning Aug. 10. Comprehensive support for unemployment customers remains available online and through regional call centers.

“It is important that our One-Stop Career Centers resume their role as a trusted community resource offering much-needed workforce services,” said Labor Commissioner Robert Asaro-Angelo. “But, we must restart thoughtfully and carefully, so as to maximize our impact to those wishing to start or change careers while the health and safety of our customers and staff remains paramount.”

“Our county partners and Workforce Development Boards have shown us the meaning of partnership during this public health emergency; the Labor Department thanks them for their continued cooperation and understanding as we navigate through these uncharted waters together.”

Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center, 75 Veterans Memorial Drive, Somerville
Center staff members have restarted the Re-Employment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) program which helps unemployment claimants find work before they exhaust their benefits. Other available services include career planning, assessment of training needs, career services for individuals with disabilities, and a number of career-development online workshops.

Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Training Center, 27 Warren St., Somerville,
Career and training services and career workshops have been provided virtually, by phone and by email for the past three months by team members of the One-Stop Career Training Center, and will continue in these formats until further notice. Staff is beginning to return to this building on a staggered schedule the week of July 13, but a return date for in-person service will await further county and state guidance.

Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center, 6 Gauntt Place, Flemington

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Unemployment Services, 75 Veterans Memorial Drive, Somerville

In-person unemployment services and lobby phones that were offered at 75 Veterans Memorial Drive will not be available for the foreseeable future.

All unemployment claimants are asked to file new claims - or update existing claims online at <https://myunemployment.nj.gov>. Claimants can call unemployment services at 732-761-2020. A recently added call center, along with redirected Department of Labor personnel, have expanded the capacity for personnel to address callers' issues and better manage the record number of unemployment claims that are being processed.

Virtual webinars on [SkillUp Greater Raritan](#), a free online portal sponsored by the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board (GRWDB), for residents of Hunterdon and Somerset counties, are being offered at 9 a.m. every Thursday in July, along with additional library-specific webinars in July and August. More information about these webinars, and upcoming virtual workshops on July 29 and Aug. 17 for job seekers, is available at www.thegrwdb.org; click on the events/calendar tab.

The GRWDB and its partners are offering a Job Match service for job seekers. For details, visit <https://www.thegrwdb.org/resources/for-jobseekers/> for details.

The state also has tens of thousands listed on New Jersey's Jobs portal, jobs.covid19.nj.gov.

In addition, partners of the GRWDB offer different services to employers, including recruitment assistance, virtual job fairs, apprenticeship program, on-the-job training, layoff aversion and incumbent worker training. Visit nj.gov/labor/business.

The Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board oversees federally and state-funded career and employment services for businesses and residents in Hunterdon and Somerset counties. Weekly text alerts highlight career and job opportunities in Somerset and Hunterdon counties. Text "onestop" to 565-12 to sign up.

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