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## News Updates

Happy Labor Day! Utah is a great place for employment and all of our hardworking employees should be honored and celebrated. Have a fun and safe holiday weekend!

### State parks-We've loved Them to Death

Listen to this week's podcast, attached to this email, for more information on Utah's state parks.



### Suicide Prevention Month

September is suicide prevention month. You can save a life by showing compassion and sharing the suicide hotline number: 1-800-273-8255. Please visit [Live On Utah](#), a statewide effort to prevent suicide by increasing education and resources.



## COVID-19 Update

### Monday, August 31

- 52,107 positive cases, an increase of 253 from the previous day
- 659,855 total tests administered
- 125 current hospitalizations
- 407 total deaths, 0 more than the previous day
- 43,990 recovered cases

### Tuesday, September 1

- 52,403 positive cases, an increase of 296 from the previous day
- 664,521 total tests administered
- 126 current hospitalizations
- 409 total deaths, 2 more than the previous day
- 44,338 recovered cases

### Wednesday, September 2

- 52,822 positive cases, an increase of 419 from the previous day
- 668,425 total tests administered
- 128 current hospitalizations
- 410 total deaths, 1 more than the previous day
- 44,658 recovered cases

### Thursday, September 3

- 53,326 positive cases, an increase of 504 from the previous day
- 668,425 total tests administered
- 120 current hospitalizations
- 414 total deaths, 4 more than the previous day
- 44,995 recovered cases

### Friday, September 4

- 53,839 positive cases, an increase of 391 from the previous day
- 679,716 total tests administered
- 121 current hospitalizations
- 419 total deaths, 5 more than the previous day
- 45,547 recovered cases

Utah's 7-day rolling average for positive tests is 411 per day. The rolling 7-day average for percent of positive laboratory tests is 9.4%. For more information please visit <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/>. You can also call 1-800-456-7707 to receive help.

# Unemployment

## Unemployment Update

Below is the latest news release from the Department of Workforce Services on Utah's unemployment insurance claims. A few key points to highlight from last week (August 23-29):

- Traditional unemployment insurance new claims decreased by 13% from the previous week to 2,603 claims
- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance new claims decreased by 22% from the previous week to 747 claims
- Pandemic Extended Unemployment Claims decreased by 26% from the previous week to 1,241 claims
- Total new claims for all three programs ended the week at 4,591 (see claim graph below)
- Combined weekly claims for all three programs was at 52,782
- Total combined numbers from March 15 to August 29
  - New claims: 290,344
  - Benefits paid: \$1,390,625,815

While the claim volume is trending well, it remains high as we continue to see four times more claims per week than the 2019 average. Last week was the first time claimants that were considered “job attached” prior to August 15 had to report weekly job contacts. We saw some disruptions with increased calls and online chats because of the changes to the weekly claim process. This will be a difficult transition for some but will also lead to increased activities on the [jobs.utah.gov](https://jobs.utah.gov) labor exchange where more than 30,000 jobs are currently posted.

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### **Interim**

During September interim meetings, the public will have the opportunity to join WebEx as a guest at any point. The public will be able to make comments or listen to the meetings, just as if they were sitting in the audience at the Capitol. For more information, please visit [le.utah.gov](http://le.utah.gov).