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With the global pandemic of Covid-19, or Coronavirus, and stay-at-home orders into their second week, employers, workers, and job seekers have felt the crush. This is no different locally in Pennsylvania. As of the afternoon on March 24, 2020, the PA Department of Labor and Industry had received a total of 540,000 new unemployment claims since March 16, when Governor Wolf first announced the closure of all non-essential businesses. As can be expected, these issues and closures have also affected workforce development programs.

The Southwest Corner Workforce Development Board (SCWDB), along with its program partners serving Beaver, Greene, and Washington Counties, continue to strive to provide excellence in programming for the good of all job seekers and employers. This includes adults, dislocated workers, and youth participants, and potential participants. As SCWDB Director, I have participated in multiple daily calls and progress meetings with PA L&I and fellow WDB Directors and staff. Also, I am in contact with board members, employers, and County leaders to ensure information sharing and best practices during this difficult time. SCWDB staff is working remotely to continue to provide workforce leadership and assist our local counties in any way possible.

We have put together the following information guide for our programs and service locations. Contact emails, assistance websites, and valuable information you can use during this difficult time are included. We are also providing social media accounts for you to follow for daily updates and the sharing of information that can assist your workforce issues.

Thank you,

Ami Gatts, Director