



ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State
Frankfort
Kentucky

2020-235
March 16, 2020

WHEREAS, under such circumstances, I am further empowered by KRS Chapter 39A to exercise all other powers deemed necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population:

NOW THEREFORE, I Andy Beshear, by virtue of authority vested in me pursuant to the Constitution of Kentucky and by KRS Chapter 39A, do hereby Order and Direct as follows:

1. During the state of the emergency herein referenced, KRS 341.350 and KAR Title 787 shall be liberally construed in accordance with USDOL guidance to enable the Secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet discretion on how to apply the standards for ability to work, availability to work, work-search activities, and suitable work in the context of COVID-19;
2. Notwithstanding KRS 341.350(2), unemployed workers are not required to serve a waiting period of seven (7) days, otherwise known as the "waiting week period," prior to becoming eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.

This Order shall be in effect for the duration of the State of Emergency herein referenced, or until this Executive Order is rescinded by further order or by operation of law.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Beshear".

ANDY BESHEAR, Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael G. Adams".

MICHAEL G. ADAMS
Secretary of State

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MICHAEL G. ADAMS

SECRETARY OF STATE

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