UPDATE
UNEMPLOYMENT POLICIES

There are three recent updates

1. As of 06/08/2021 - Work search requirements are back in effect. This means claimants must do three "work search" activities per week and report them/keep track of them. Activities include, but are not limited to: submitting job applications, attending job seminars and job fairs, interviewing with potential employers and using the internet or telephone to research job opportunities, among other activities. **There are penalties if claimants do not participate in the outlined activities, including discontinued receipt of benefits or overpayment determinations.**

2. As of 06/28/2021 - The waiting week has been reinstated. So, claimants will not receive benefits the first full week of a claim but must still claim weekly benefits and fulfill eligibility requirements.

3. As of 07/04/2021 - Forfeiture penalties are reinstated. Forfeiture penalties are penalties applied to claimants who willfully make or have made a false statement/misrepresentation to NYS DOL to receive benefits. Forfeiture penalties apply to eligible days claimants can collect benefits. For each forfeiture day, a claimant loses 25% of benefits. Four forfeiture days are equivalent to one week of benefits.

For more detailed information on unemployment benefits contact VOLS at (347) - 521 - 5720