

Question regarding eligibility for Unemployment Benefits

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Is someone eligible for unemployment benefits if they had just accepted a full time job offer but the new job start date has been delayed because of Covid? This individual had already given notice to her prior job when she was contacted by her new firm to say they were holding off on her start date because of the shelter in place order. She has an offer letter from her new employer, if that would help.

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They have the right to file a claim, but the claim would be chargeable to the old employer.
The individual quit to take a new job, which raises an issue for unemployment insurance eligibility.
The old employer has the right to protest the unemployment claim.