

SharedWork Ohio/COVID Relief Q&A

Q: At this time for me to make this decision I would need to know if I took furlough how this effects my PERS. Not just income but time towards retirement. For every month how many hours or days would I loss toward my retirement year. At present in 11/2020 I would have 20 years in. If I take furlough when will I have 20 years in?

A: Earnable salary of more than \$660 per month is considered full-time service credit for pension purposes beginning Jan. 1, 2018. If you work less than 12 months in a year or your earnable salary was less than these amounts, you will receive pro-rated service credit. (See Page 21 in the member handbook at <https://www.opers.org/pubs-archive/members/2019-07-16-Member-Handbook.pdf>)

Q: If they work Covid-19 would it be during their normal schedule? She heard it could be nights and weekends.

A: I have heard that evenings and weekends can be possible, but I have not heard how that is going to work. I will add to our list of questions.

Q: If they chose UC on their days off they are truly off, correct? What about if they pick Covid-19? Are they truly off or do they need to check their emails and stay in contact on those days?

A: Truly off for UC. For COVID, I think they would be too busy with their other assignment to check emails.

Q: If someone picks the covid-19 program for their two days out of office and has a vacation planned. Do they put in a request for three days or five?

A: Five. The COVID Relief supervisor also needs to approve days off from the COVID job.

Q: For the ones going to collect UC. Do you know if we have to wait until June 1st to apply? Was not sure if we could start the process in case it takes a while.

A: They will not file until the end of the first week (See page 2 of "SharedWork Ohio Participating Employee Information Sheet", *What happens during a temporary Shutdown?*)

Q: For SharedWork, is rental property exempt from Unemployment Compensation?

A: Rental income should not cause a problem. (See "Worker's Guide to Unemployment Compensation" page 27 under "Other Income".)