

CT COVID Relief Program

For ESSENTIAL WORKERS!



**Essential Workers can apply for “Hero Pay”
For up to \$1000 from the CT Premium Pay Program!**

An Essential Worker is “Any individual in an essential job role working in Connecticut who had to report to work (on-site) during the pandemic and was not given the option to work remotely. Click [HERE](#) to view a CDC list of 1a and 1b essential worker job categories based on immunization priority. This list is only a guideline and may not contain every job type, so if you were an essential worker during the COVID-19 pandemic you may apply.” [\[ct essential worker relief premium-benefits\]](#)

This includes grocery store workers, childcare workers and health care workers, responders and many more employed during the pandemic in the private-sector (not for Federal, State, or Town employees).

If you can answer “YES” to the below questions, you are eligible to apply for Premium Pay:

- I was employed as an essential worker in Connecticut between March 10, 2020 and May 7, 2022.
- I was not able to work from home
- I was not employed by a federal, state or municipal government agency
- I earned \$149,999 or less

This **not** a first-come, first-served program. It is available to any eligible worker in the private sector.

Deadline to apply is October 1, 2022.

Payments will be made in early 2023 after submissions of all applications. *[Note: If the amount in the CT premium pay account is not sufficient to fully fund all approved applicants according to the calculate formula below, then all approved applicants’ payments shall be reduced proportionately]*

How Payments Are Calculated

Full Time Employees:

\$1000 if you earned less than \$100,000
\$800 if you earned between \$100,000 and \$109,999
\$600 if you earned between \$110,000 and \$119,999
\$400 if you earned between \$120,000 and \$129,999
\$200 if you earned between \$130,000 and \$149,999

Part time Employees: \$500