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### Coronavirus Effect Employees but My Family Is Still Employed

According to the latest data released on April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the total nonfarm payroll employment fell by 701,000 in March, and the unemployment rose to 4.4 percent.

These major changes in these measures reflect the effects of the nationwide outbreak of the coronavirus. Many people were left unemployed in efforts to stop the rapid spread of this virus.

However, this does not affect all businesses or occupations. Some people are lucky enough to be able to continue their work from home and continue a somewhat “normal” workday. Others, unfortunately, lost their job due to closures or social-distancing efforts. This includes individuals who work in close contact with others.

For example, lets look at my family.

I have a mom, dad and older brother who are all in the workforce.

My mom is an accountant at a small, local firm. She is considered an essential employee. She is currently completing people’s taxes, working on payroll, and is helping small businesses apply for grants. This is actually a busy time for her so, no unemployment.

My dad is an HVAC technician at Skidmore College, located in Saratoga Springs NY. He deals with the heating and air condition of the whole college. He is still employed and is receiving normal pay but only works one day of the week to limit the number of employees working at one time. This is precautionary measures to ensure the safety of all employees. So, no unemployment for him.

My older brother is a fourth-grade teacher at Mechanicville Elementary School. Although the school is temporarily closed due to the pandemic, he is still working from home. He prepares packets to send to his students, frequently attends facility meetings via Zoom, and does remote learning to check in with his student daily. Once the schools reopen, he will finish the remainder of the school year. Again, no unemployment.

In conclusion, the outbreak of the coronavirus has not affected my immediate family members. My family is very lucky and fortunate to be able to work and get paid during this time. Everybody’s family is different. It truly depends on the individual’s occupation and the location of employment.