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EDD Begins Expansion of California Paid Family Leave Program

Benefits will increase from six to eight weeks

Expansion was part of 2019-20 budget

SACRAMENTO – Today, the California Employment Development Department will begin implementation of an expansion to the Paid Family Leave program from six to eight weeks of benefits available, which was included in [the 2019-20 state budget](#) as part of Governor Gavin Newsom’s Parents Agenda.

The Paid Family Leave program provides eligible mothers, fathers and caregivers benefits that are approximately 60% to 70% of their income while they take time off from work to bond with a new child or care for a seriously ill family member, including those with COVID-19, and can be used all at once, staggered, or split up as needed over a 12-month period.

Most Californians workers pay into the Paid Family Leave program through their State Disability Insurance payroll deductions. Those mandatory paycheck deductions are noted as “CASDI” on most paystubs.

More information about California Paid Family Leave benefits, including eligibility and how to apply, is available at californiapaidfamilyleave.com.

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