

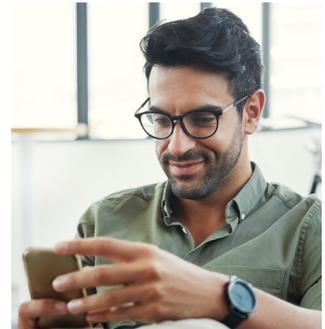
How to report your absence online

The first step in reporting an absence is knowing when to report it. Given the multiple benefits that can cover your absence, here are a few rules of thumb:

- Report your claim up to 30 days in advance of a planned absence.
- For an unplanned absence, report as soon as you're aware that you'll be absent for 3 consecutive days.

Report your absence online

1. Log in to **LincolnFinancial.com**. First-time users will need to provide name, birthdate, and the last four digits of your Social Security number.
2. Select **Start a claim** and answer a few questions.
 - About you: You'll need your employee identification number or other ID as required by your employer.
 - About your absence: Include the reason and dates of your absence, and if applicable, physician and diagnosis information.
3. Choose **Submit**.
For short-term disability claims, you'll be asked to have your treating physician complete the Attending Physician Statement. You'll also be asked to download, sign, and submit a medical authorization form to send to your claims specialist.
4. The confirmation page will provide a PDF document of your submittal. Save it for your records. You'll need your claim number to view the status for the first time.
5. Check the status of your claim online at **LincolnFinancial.com**.



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Once you've submitted
your information, your
claims specialist will
review all benefits that
may apply.¹



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After submittal, log in to LincolnFinancial.com. Navigate to your claim to view status and manage it:



Follow-up information

If you're already out of work, you'll be contacted by phone or written correspondence within three business days. If filing a claim in advance, you'll be contacted once you're out of work. At this time, your claims specialist can answer questions about your claim and gather additional information.



Document upload

Conveniently upload requested documents as they're needed using our secure document upload feature on LincolnFinancial.com.



Claim decision

A claim decision will be made once all required information is received, and a review is completed. We will contact you based on the communication preferences you set on LincolnFinancial.com.¹



Ongoing communication

Your claim specialist will stay connected with you throughout your claim and assist you with additional support.



Return-to-work date

Once you know your return-to-work date, submit the date and required documentation on LincolnFinancial.com. Once submitted, your claims specialist will review and process the information accordingly.

If you cannot return to work as scheduled and need an extension to your absence, request one by submitting a new date on LincolnFinancial.com or contacting your claims specialist and providing the supporting documentation.

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