In the face of historic unemployment due to COVID-19, people need and want to work; the pandemic is making balancing family and work much harder than it already was. And businesses struggle to fully re-open amid fears of resurgence and liability. BPC has recommendations that Congress should adopt now to give struggling parents the supports they need to safely get back to work and help revive businesses, including limited liability relief.

Here’s BPC’s Plan for COVID-19 Emergency Relief

**Economic Relief** – Reinstate supplemental Unemployment Insurance benefits through December at $400 per week for a truer wage replacement; combined with a second round of direct relief checks to a broader swath of Americans, this will provide approximately $600B in financial relief.

**Child Care** – As over 70% of child care providers are either closed or operating at severely reduced capacity as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, eliminate barriers to work for parents by providing $26.5B in critical funding to support child care providers.

**Paid Leave** – As businesses reopen, help workers return to their jobs sooner and stay employed by giving them the flexibility they need to care for themselves and their families during the crisis by extending the existing emergency paid leave provisions through the end of June 2021; expand coverage to new parents; and raise the 500-employee cap to cover more lower-income workers who are most in need.