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Small Business Information & Resources

During COVID-19



As many of you know, I am the daughter of small business owners, and as such, I know how the COVID-19 pandemic has deeply affected you, your family, your community, and your business. I offer my sincere gratitude to those of you who have closed your doors, to those of you providing essential services and to those of you attempting to navigate business under these extreme circumstances. We find ourselves in difficult and trying times and I appreciate all that you have endured and sacrificed.

In today's newsletter, you will find links to resources and helpful information regarding loans, and grants to help small businesses like your own. As always my office and I are here to help you, if you have any questions please contact us at 630-326-9319 or by email at StateRepKarinaVilla@gmail.com.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has created a [COVID-19: Emergency Resources for Businesses](#). This brochure will help business owners access information regarding the following topics:

- ◆ SBA Disaster Loans
- ◆ Economic Injury Disaster Loans
- ◆ Illinois Small Business Employment Loan Fund
- ◆ Paycheck Protection Program
- ◆ Subsidies for Current Loan Payments
- ◆ Additional non-state resources

As you may have already heard, SBA EIDL and PPP funds have been exhausted. If your application was in process and submitted by the bank to the SBA E-Tran system, they are still being processed and funds will be distributed over the next few days. Existing SBA 504 or 7A loans will still be paid for the next six months. You should receive notification from your lender.

Many business owners have asked “is my business considered essential?” For the best response, I would direct you to CEO.support@illinois.gov or call, 1-800-252-2923.

For those who are restaurant owners, the Illinois Restaurant Association has compiled a thorough list of [resources](#) in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

While the community colleges will remain closed to the public, Both Elgin Community College and Waubonsee have made available their small business development centers. For assistance through ECC, contact [Small Business Development Center](#) where staff is available to assist small businesses address the challenges of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. For assistance through Waubonsee, contact Harriet Parker hparker@waubonsee.edu or by phone 630-906-4143.

Additionally, ECC's [Career Development Services](#) is available to assist individuals who have been laid off due to the pandemic.

Finally, I have spoken to many of you who are worried not only for your business, but who have expressed concern for your employees. While our system is struggling to keep up with the unprecedented number of unemployment claims, the following resources are available for you and your employees:

[General unemployment information](#)

[File online for unemployment](#)

[File by phone for unemployment](#)

[State COVID-19 updates](#)

[Food assistance](#)

[Rent Assistance](#)

[Utilities assistance](#)

[Medical assistance](#)

COVID-19 Unemployment Resources

The following schedule has been implemented by the Illinois Department of Employment Security in order to process the high volume of unemployment benefit claims

ONLINE FILLING	LAST NAME A-M	LAST NAME N-Z
	Sunday, Tuesday, or Thursday	Monday, Wednesday, or Friday
CALL CENTER FILLING	Tuesday or Thursday 7:30am to 6:00pm	Monday or Wednesday 7:30am to 6:00pm

*ONLINE FILLING SATURDAYS will be available for anyone to accommodate those who could not file during their allotted window

*CALL CENTER FILLING FRIDAYS (7:30am – 6pm) will be available for anyone to accommodate those who could not file during their allotted window.

*You Can Apply By Calling At 800-244-5631 Or Visit ides.illinois.gov.

As always, my staff and I are available to you by phone at 630-326-9319 (English) or 630-326-9419 (Spanish) or by email at StateRepKarinaVilla@gmail.com.