

# COVID-19 RESOURCES – NORTH IDAHO

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## Business & Community Leaders

We hope you're all in good health and continuing to practice social distancing. It's for the safety of our loved ones –especially the more vulnerable members of our families and communities.

We are repeating the 'Economic Relief' section from last week's bulletin to ensure everyone is aware of the available resources. If you need older copies of these bulletins, please contact any of the partners in the grey bar at the bottom of the last page.

**To all the people and organizations in the front lines: Thank you and Stay safe!**

## Census 2020

The 2020 Census is happening now. You can respond by phone, at home or [online](#).

**Census data determines the distribution of federal funds** used for schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

It's important to our communities that you participate. Thank you.

## Economic Relief

*Please note that this economic relief section is a repeat of the information in Bulletin #2, sent out 4/03*

- **CARES Act. SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).** This is the program that may be forgiven, if funds are used for payroll for 8 weeks (including paid sick, medical or family leave and group health benefits), rent, mortgage interest, and utilities, February 15, 2020 to June 30, 2020. For additional details, [please click here](#). For a list of Idaho SBA lenders, [please click here](#).
- **CARES Act. SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency Advance (EIDL).** This loan advance will provide up to \$10,000 of economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing temporary difficulties. This is also potentially forgivable. For information, [please click here](#).

- **CARES Act. SBA Express Bridge Loans.** This program allows small businesses who currently have a business relationship with an SBA Express Lender to access up to \$25,000 quickly. These loans can provide vital economic support to help overcome temporary loss of revenue. For information, [please click here](#).
- **CARES Act. SBA Debt Relief.** As part of the SBA debt relief efforts, 1) SBA will automatically pay the principal, interest, and fees of current 7(a) loans for a period of six months; 2) SBA will also automatically pay the principal, interest, and fees of **new** 7(a) loans issued prior to September 27, 2020
- **SBA Disaster Loans.** Small business owners are currently eligible to apply for a long-term, low-interest loan due to the COVID-19 pandemic For forms & instructions, [please click here](#).
- **Employer Tax Credits for Covid-19 Paid Leave.** Part of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). Employers with fewer than 500 employees may begin to use two new refundable payroll tax credits to obtain the cost of providing coronavirus-related leave to their employees. For published IRS and DOL Guidelines, [please click here](#) or through the IRS website, [please click here](#).
- **PACNI Revolving Loan.** The Panhandle Area Council of North Idaho is still processing loans. PACNI is also offering loan deferments, if you have a current loan with them. For loan and contact information, [please click here](#).
- **CARES Act for Individuals.** Stimulus checks for individuals and families. An additional \$600/week on top of the base unemployment benefit for 4 months, plus 13 weeks over which claimants can receive benefits. The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program will provide help to self-employed people who lose work due to the pandemic (Details not released yet.). Coverage for COVID-19 testing and vaccine (if one becomes available) are also covered. The CARES Act also suspends the payments for federal student loans without an accumulation of interest through September 30. For a summary of the CARES Act, [please click here](#).
- **Unemployment Benefits.** If you've been laid off recently, Idaho Labor wants you to file for unemployment benefits as soon as possible. For details, [please click here](#). Idaho Labor also has an FAQ page, [please click here](#).

## Need to Know

- **Idaho Primary Election** will be conducted **entirely by mail**. Governor Brad Little and Secretary of State Lawrence Denney made the announcement on March 30, 2020. To request your absentee ballot, [please click here](#).
- If you want to know what **Idaho Tourism** is doing to keep Idaho 'top of mind,'" [please click here](#).
- There are three non-profit organizations providing funding for the most vulnerable in our region. To learn more about these resources, please check the following:
  - [Idaho Community Foundation](#)
  - [Innovia Foundation](#)
  - [CDA Covid-19 Relief Fund](#)

## Sourcing Requests

Please **check the SWIMA link regularly**, they are continuously adding new sourcing information.

- **Sourcing Request for Medical Equipment Production and Supplies.** If you have machinery and capacity, [please click here](#) to find out more or go to [www.swima.org](http://www.swima.org) for all known sourcing and products request.
- On a larger scale, the [National Association of Manufacturers](#) and [Business Roundtable](#) have joined forces **to address Critical Shortages**. To learn more and complete the survey sourcing capacity, [please click here](#).
- National Institute of Health (**NIH**) **3D Print Exchange**. To see designs for PPE and devices in support of the Covid-19 public health emergency, [please click here](#).

Do you have extra PPE's or equipment?

Contact the Kootenai County Emergency Operations Center [eoclog@gmail.com](mailto:eoclog@gmail.com)

Their logistics team is handling coordinating supplies and other medical equipment.

## Events & Services

**Virtual Town Hall.** North Idaho COVID-19 Business Leaders Call. Scheduled for Fridays at 2:00pm. For Zoom Meeting information and updates on the call, [please click here](#).

- The Idaho SBDC is hosting several teleconferences on **Capital Options for Idaho Businesses** through April. To find a date and time that fits your schedule, please [click here](#).

- **Idaho Tourism Virtual Coffee Talk** are being held Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. MDT, April 9 through April 30. Jerry Miller (Idaho Commerce) and Pam Eaton (Idaho Lodging & Restaurant Association) will discuss the CARES Act. To register, please [click here](#).

## Have a Plan - Leadership

- **Create Connection & Provide Direction.**
  - As the leader: Help people feel connected to you and each other. Check-in frequently. Ask questions. Truly listen.
  - Design new rhythms. Set near-term and long-term goals. Establish revised expectations. Provide structure to provide comfort, focus and purpose.
- **Leading your team through uncertainty** with courage, communication, consistency and compassion. To see the Express Employment Professionals article, [please click here](#).

## What You Can Do

- **Help Local Businesses**
  - Purchase a gift card online to use at a later date.
  - Engage online with your favorite businesses. Share posts.
  - Continue paying membership or subscription to a business.
  - Tip your service provider (i.e., hairdressers and nail technicians) in advance for future services.
  - Open a tab for future services at a business you know you'll patronize in the future.
  - Order takeout or delivery and over tip if you have the means. For a list of local restaurants (CdA Press), [please click here](#).
  - Plan a virtual coffee catch-up with friends and take the amount you would have spent and donate to your favorite charity or nonprofit.
  - Ask a business owner how you can help. This kind gesture will go a long way.
  - Call your favorite restaurant, treat your favorite first responder and/or health care provider to a meal.
- **Help Stop Coronavirus**
  1. Stay Home. Stay 6-feet Away (if you must go out). Wash Your Hands. Cough into Elbows. Don't Touch Your Face.

## Other Resources

### Local Resources

- [Panhandle Health District Covid-19 Information](#)
- [Kootenai County Covid-19 Updates](#)
- [CDA Chamber Covid-19 Updates](#)
- [North Idaho Covid-19 Relief Fund](#)
- [Idaho Community Foundation](#)
- [Innovia Foundation](#)
- [United Way of North Idaho](#)

### State Resources

- [Governor's Office: Covid-19 Webpage](#)
- [Idaho Small Business Development Center \(SBDC\)](#)
- [Idaho Commerce, Covid-19 Resources](#)
- [Idaho Travel Advisories](#)
- [Idaho Unemployment Benefits](#)
- [Idaho TechHelp](#)

### National Resources

- [Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Employer Paid Leave Requirements](#)
- [CARES Act](#)
- [Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#)
- [US Department of Treasury Covid-19 Action](#)
- [IRS Coronavirus Tax Relief & Economic Impact Payments](#)
- [SBA Small Business Guide for Covid-19 Relief](#)
- [SBDC Small Business Covid-19 Resource Guide](#)
- [USDA Rural Development Covid-19 Measures](#)
- [FDIC Guide for Banking Institutions & Consumers](#)
- [JP Morgan Chase Philanthropic Grants](#)
- [NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership \(MEP\)](#)
- [US Chamber Coronavirus Small Business Survival Guide](#)
- [US Travel Association Covid-19 Resources](#)
- [US Senate Committee on Business & Entrepreneurship Paycheck Protection Program](#)
- [Senator Risch's Office: Guide for Navigating Covid-19 Resources](#)
- [IEDC \(International Economic Development Council\) Covid-19 Stimulus Bill](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)

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