

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

FEDERAL RESOURCES:

Information on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

- [U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship](#) has a webpage dedicated to the CARES act with a [guide](#) to federal programs for small businesses.
- [Small Business Administration](#) has information and guidance for small businesses on the different loan resources available.
- [Department of Treasury](#) has a webpage dedicated to the CARES Act, including an [overview](#) of the Payroll Protection Program and a link to the loan [application](#).

Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) provides low-interest loans to businesses and homeowners. This webpage includes the following:

- [Disaster assistance](#) webpage that has links to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan online and check application status.
- [A map](#) to find a local disaster field office.
- For additional assistance, the SBA has a [contact page](#) or may be contacted at 1-800-659-2955 or disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Internal Revenue Service

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has a webpage dedicated to COVID-19 with the following:

- News releases regarding the tax deadline extension.
- Online resources to help taxpayers with filing and refunds.
- Information on the [economic impact payments](#) that were included in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.
- [Frequently asked questions](#) about the new Employee Retention Credit created under the CARES act.

U.S. Department of Labor

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has created a resource page with the following information:

- [Guidance on preventing the spread of COVID-19](#) from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
- Information on common issues employers and employees face when responding to COVID-19 including information on the Fair Labor Standards Act and job-protected leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency provides tips on avoiding cyber scams related to COVID-19.

STATE RESOURCES:

Office of the Governor – Business Resource Website

The Texas Economic Development office under the Office of the Governor has a website dedicated to providing COVID-19 updates, resources, and information for Texas businesses. The page includes the following:

- FAQ's relating to COVID-19 for Texas businesses.
- Detailed section on how small businesses and private, non-profit organizations can apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL).
- Information on unemployment benefits for those affected by COVID-19, and a link to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) website.

Texas Workforce Commission

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has created a COVID-19 page for employers and jobseekers. Employers, employees, and job seekers can sign up for TWC COVID-19 [email updates here](#). It has detailed sections on the following topics and resources:

- **Employers**
 - [COVID-19 FAQ for Texas Employers](#)
 - [Managing Multiple and Mass Layoffs](#)
 - Unemployment Benefit Information for Employers
 - TWC Tax Department
 - Precautions for Employers
 - [TWC's Shared Work Program](#) for those needing to reduce employee hours.
- **Employees and Job Seekers**
 - Unemployment Benefits
 - Unemployment Benefit Claim Self-Service
 - Precautions for Employees
 - Child Care & Early Learning COVID-19 Information

Texas Department of Insurance

The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) has a COVID-19 resource page. Businesses are encouraged to check with their agent or carrier regarding specific questions about their policy or coverage. TDI has information on the following:

- Guidance to Industry: Information on regulatory relief and waiver action taken by the Governor and the Insurance Commissioner.
- Texas health insurers waiving cost-sharing: Lists which health insurers and HMOS's that are waiving consumer costs for medically-necessary testing of COVID-19, some of which are also offering telemedicine at no cost to consumers.
- Business insurance, such as business interruption insurance, event cancellation insurance, and general liability insurance.

OTHER RESOURCES:

National Federation of Independent Business

The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) has a COVID-19 resource page that includes:

- [Financial resources](#) including information on the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan program.
- Tips on [how small businesses can prepare for COVID-19](#).
- [Legislative updates](#) on COVID-19.
- A [guide](#) to new federal lending options and a [side-by-side](#) comparison of the new Payroll Protection Loan Program and the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has a resource page with the following:

- How to get a loan through the new [Payroll Protection Loan Program](#).
- [Workplace tips for employees](#)
- [Guidance for employers](#) to help prevent workplace exposure while continuing operations.
- [Small business guide](#) that includes resources and tips including answers to the most [common questions](#) about small business loans.
- [Communications toolkit](#) to assist businesses using social media, websites, and other resources.