The SBA provides a number of loan resources for small businesses. The SBA will work directly with state and local governments to provide targeted, low-interest loans to small businesses and nonprofits that have been severely impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and this page will be updated when we have more details.

**Economic Injury Disaster Loans**
This program supports businesses that have suffered substantial economic injury in an eligible disaster area. Congress approved up to $7 billion in low-interest disaster loans specifically to assist small businesses impacted by COVID-19. These loans can help small businesses meet financial obligations and cover operating expenses.

*For more information, visit: SBA Disaster Loans*

As of this writing, Maine is the only state to be approved for this so far, so if you are interested, please get go to the link above under the Federal SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan and get in their queue early before the onrush of businesses from other states.

For assistance with filling out the SBA Disaster Loan application please contact the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development’s Business Answers program at Business.Answers@Maine.gov or the Small Business Development Center at Maine SBDC

**SBA Guidance & Resource Page**
This page contains consolidated federal resources and information about loan products for small businesses.

*For more information, visit: SBA Resource Page for Businesses & Employers.*

**SBA Disaster Assistance Customer Service**
1-800-659-2955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339)
disastercustomerservice@sba.gov

**CDC RESOURCES FOR EMPLOYERS**
Below are useful guides from CDC to help your business combat the spread of germs, address changing behavior, and plan for potential disruptions.

[CDC Guidance Page for Businesses](#)
[Business Pandemic Planning Checklist](#)
[Preventing Stigma related to COVID-19](#)
[Key Facts About COVID-19](#)
IRS RESOURCES FOR EMPLOYERS
The IRS has set up a special section to help taxpayers and businesses affected by COVID-19. The page will be updated as new programs are made available.

IRS COVID-19

DOL RESOURCES FOR EMPLOYERS
OSHA has created a guide for preparing workplaces for COVID-19. The page will be updated as new programs are made available.

Guidance for Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19

DHHS RESOURCES FOR EMPLOYERS
The DHHS has an in-depth business pandemic planning checklist. For more information, visit: Business Pandemic Planning Checklist

STATE RESOURCES FOR

MAINE CDC RESOURCES FOR EMPLOYERS
Find the latest information about Maine’s response to the 2019 novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, and resources for Maine people on the Maine CDC website. For more information, visit: Maine CDC

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE EMERGENCY LEGISLATION
To protect small businesses, Governor Mills has requested that the Small Business Administration (SBA) provide economic support loans to Maine small businesses in order to help them overcome any temporary loss of revenue due to COVID-19. As of this writing, Maine is the only state to be approved for this so far, so if you are interested, please get go to the link above under the Federal SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan and get in their queue early before the onrush of businesses from other states. SBA Disaster Loans

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The state is working rapidly to create new resources and programs to assist businesses through this time. As the situation is changing daily, new programs are being added and existing programs are being modified daily to offer respite to businesses. Please see the State of Maine’s website for the most up-to-date listing of available resources, https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/covid-19
Recent measures enacted by Gov. Mills and the Maine Legislature to protect Maine businesses during the Coronavirus outbreak:

- Establishing a consumer and sole proprietor loan guarantee program through FAME, in partnership with financial institutions, to provide low- or no- interest loans for eligible people in Maine; *For more information, visit: Finance Authority of Maine*

- Temporarily expanding eligibility for unemployment benefits for workers impacted by COVID-19; *For more information, visit: Maine Department of Labor*

- Delaying the effective date of the single-use plastic bag ban to January 15, 2021.

**ADDITIONAL HELPFUL RESOURCES**

**US CHAMBER RESOURCES FOR EMPLOYERS**
Find the latest recommendations from the US Chamber related to planning and responding COVID-19.
*For more information, visit: Guidance from the US Chamber*

The US Chamber has created a **Coronavirus Response Toolkit** including many useful items like key messages and example posts, social media graphics, and a customizable flyer. Get it [here](#).

*For additional guidance from the US Chamber please visit the following links:*
[Coronavirus: 8 Things Your Small Business Needs to Do](#)
[7 Things to Do When Creating an Emergency Work-From-Home Policy for COVID-19](#)
[Staying Connected With Customers Through the Coronavirus Outbreak](#)
[5 Ways to Manage Coronavirus Concerns When Employees Can't Work From Home](#)

**“GOOGLE MY BUSINESS” RESOURCES FOR BUSINESSES**
Visit [Google My Business](#) to change business hours on your online business profile, or to provide updates on extra precautions you may be taking, extra services you may be offering, or other coronavirus-related updates.

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