

Financial Items

Updated: U.S. Chamber Guide to PPP Loan Forgiveness

This week, the U.S. Chamber published an updated version of the previously shared Guide to PPP Loan Forgiveness. The updates were made to reflect the changes made to the PPP following the passage of the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act—which eases rules around how small businesses can use their loan funds—earlier this month. [Click here](#) to view the U.S. Chamber's updated Guide to PPP Loan Forgiveness.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) are responsible for updating the application form and instructions for loan forgiveness. You can find the most up-to-date information [here](#).

[Click Here to View the Updated Guide](#)

**Growing
Gratitude**

Grocery Bag Campaign – We continue to distribute bags of groceries (Ingles \$25.00 gift card) to our employees in need until we run out of money! Please keep the names coming to info@hickorynutchamber.org. To date, we have issued approximately 140 bags of groceries to employees of our local businesses and to our first responders.

Facebook, Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development - Small Business Relief Grant – Recipients of the \$200,000 Facebook Small Business Relief Grants have been selected and monies disbursed. We know of four local businesses that received grants. Thank you Facebook and the RC COC & EC for making this happen. Congratulations!

**General
News**

Chimney Rock Village Openings -

<https://www.chimneyrock.org/covid19-who-s-open-who-s-closed>

Safe Gorge Pledge – The Chamber, Chimney Rock Village Development Authority and the Town of Lake Lure have partnered to create a “pledge” campaign for businesses in the Gorge to give comfort to our visitors and local customers. If you are interested in pledging and receiving a poster to exhibit at your business, email info@hickorynutchamber.org

Openings and Closings of Businesses – Due to the extreme shortage of employees and/or COVID-19, we are witnessing businesses opening, closing, then reopening. This is largely due to the businesses either not having enough staff (a huge issue everywhere) or can be due to COVID related tracing/testing issues. Please know our businesses are doing everything possible to keep their employees and customers safe and well during these challenging times.

Re-
Opening
Guides

From the US Chamber of Commerce - this is a great resource center to use on an on-going basis. It will be updated regularly with changes and updates.

Reopening Business Digital Resources Center
New Resource Added!

Last week, as part of the Path Forward initiative, the U.S. Chamber unveiled its Reopening Business Digital Resources Center to equip America's business community with the latest state guidelines, sector-specific guidance, small business advice, and other tools and resources as we look to reopen safely and keep employees and customers healthy and informed. Now, the resources center also includes a customizable workplace flyer to help you and your members communicate the steps your company is taking to keep them safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19 to employees and customers.

[Click Here to View the Digital Resources Center](#)

From NC Dept of Health & Human Services (NCDHHS) – Great website with tons of valuable information to use. Here are a few direct links items you might find useful:

Social Media Toolkit for COVID-19 – printable forms and posters you can use.
<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/materials-resources/social-media-toolkit-covid-19>

**Re-
Opening
Guides**

Cont'd - From NC Dept of Health & Human Services

Guide for Restaurants -

<https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/NC-DHHS-Interim-Guidance-for-Restaurants-Phase-2.pdf>

Guide for Retail Businesses –

<https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/NC-DHHS-Interim-Guidance-for-Retail-Businesses-Phase-2.pdf>

Guide for Businesses & Organizations –

<https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/Interim-Guidance-for-Businesses-and-Organizations-Phase-2.pdf>

Guide for Salons, Massage & Personal Care Business Settings –

<https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/NC-DHHS-Interim-Guidance-for-Salons-Personal-Care-Businesses-Phase-2.pdf>

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Guides**

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Phase 2 – What it means –

<https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/Phases-List.pdf>

Phase 2 FAQ -

<https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/Phase-2-FAQ.pdf>

From Governor Cooper's office – Innovative Safety Training Program for Restaurants, Other

Businesses - [Count on Me NC \[click.icptrack.com\]](http://click.icptrack.com)