



# SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

## FEDERAL RESOURCES:

### 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.
- [Guide to the disaster loan process](#) that includes a list of the documents needed to apply.
- [A map](#) to find a local disaster field office.
- For additional assistance, the SBA may be contacted at 1-800-659-2955 or [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto: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.

### 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**
  - **TWC COVID-19 Letter to 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:**

### **U.S. Chamber of Commerce**

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

- **Workplace tips for employees**
- **Guidance for employers** to help prevent workplace exposure while continuing operations.
- **Small business guide** that includes resources and tips.
- **Communications toolkit** to assist businesses using social media, websites, and 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.