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.

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

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 & Earl 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 cancelation 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.