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For the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak in Minnesota, please visit the Minnesota Department of Health's website. (https://www.health.state.mn.us/)

Learn more about our COVID-19 Response and Preparation (/covid19/).

COVID-19 News

Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan are committed to protecting the health, safety, and well-being of Minnesotans during the COVID-19 pandemic. They have taken decisive action to curb the spread of COVID-19, support our health care providers and facilities, and mitigate the impact on Minnesota families. Please see the news alerts below to stay up-to-date in this ever-evolving situation.

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Small Businesses in Minnesota to Receive Federal Support During COVID-19 Pandemic

March 21, 2020

[ST. PAUL, MN] – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) last night announced that Minnesota small businesses are now able to apply for disaster assistance for economic injury during the COVID-19 pandemic, following a letter sent by Governor Tim Walz on March 18, 2020 to Kem R. Fleming, Director of the SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance, requesting that Minnesota businesses be eligible for this assistance.

"Small businesses across Minnesota are putting the health of their neighbors before their bottom line," Governor Walz said. **"This assistance will help our state's businesses recover from the economic hardship caused by COVID-19."**

"COVID-19 is placing significant economic strains and unforeseen hardships on our business community," said Department of Employment and Economic Development Commissioner Steve Grove. **"The Governor's disaster declaration ensures that Minnesota's small businesses can access key financial assistance to help them recover from losses brought on by these hard times."**

The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program provides small businesses with working capital loans of up to $2 million that can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing during the pandemic. Small businesses may apply for a loan at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/ (https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/) .

On Wednesday, March 18, the state also granted a 30-day Sales and Use Tax grace period for businesses identified in Executive Order 20-04 (https://mn.gov/governor/assets/2020_03_16_EO_20_04_Bars_Restaurants_tcm1055-423380.pdf) . Identified businesses with a monthly Sales and Use Tax payment due March 20, 2020, will have until April 20 to make that payment. These customers should still file their return by March 20. For more information, visit revenue.state.mn.us (http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/)

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