

COVID-19: RESOURCES FOR CALIFORNIA BUSINESSES

➤ HEALTH AND SAFETY

- The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) provides [interim guidance](#) for businesses and employers.
- The [California Department of Public Health](#) has posted COVID-19 guidance for specific industries.
- Cal/OSHA has posted [guidance](#) to help employers comply with existing workplace safety requirements.
- The **State Public Health Officer**, in accordance with the Governor’s recent Executive Order N-33-20, has designated the following [list of “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers.” Updates available here.](#)

➤ FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- [The U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) can help connect businesses with capital or provide emergency relief through the Economic Injury [Disaster Loan Assistance](#) program, which offers up to \$2 million in assistance with a 3.75% interest rate (2.75% for nonprofits).
- The **California State Treasurer’s Office** offers the [California Capital Access Program \(CalCAP\)](#) for small businesses by encouraging banks and other financial institutions to make loans to small businesses that have challenges obtaining financing.
- [California’s Small Business Finance Center](#) gives small businesses access to a range of financial products, including loan guarantees and direct loans. California maintains two credit enhancement programs to help small businesses obtain loans from traditional and nontraditional lenders, including the [Small Business Loan Guarantee Program](#) and the [Small Business Loss Reserve Program](#).
- [The UI Work Sharing Program](#) is available for employers experiencing a slowdown in their businesses or services as a result of the coronavirus impact on the economy.
- [The Rapid Response program](#) will connect you with teams that will meet with you to discuss your needs, help avert potential layoffs, and provide immediate on-site services to assist workers facing job losses. For more information, refer to the [fact sheet](#) or contact your local [Job Center of California](#).
- The [California Small Business Development Center \(SBDC\)](#) can help with applying for COVID-19 relief, guiding you through available resources, cash flow concerns, supply chain interruptions, workforce capacity, insurance coverage and more—at no cost.
- The [Office of the Small Business Advocate](#) provides a network of small business centers throughout the state to offer consulting and training and access to capital.
- The [California Department of Tax and Fee Assistance \(CDTFA\)](#) has been authorized by the Governor to provide relief to taxpayers during the 60-day window specified in the Governor’s Executive Order. Taxpayers may be granted extensions for filing returns, making payments, and relief from interest and penalties.

➤ ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **Additional COVID-19 resources for employers** may be found through: the [Governor’s Office of Business & Economic Development \(GO-Biz\)](#), the [California Technical Assistance Map](#), the [National Federation of Small Business \(NFIB\)](#), and the [Small Business Majority](#).
- **Information on COVID-19 and labor law** may be found at the [California Labor Commissioner’s FAQ](#) relative to sick leave, wages, and other state labor issues, and guidance has been provided from the US Department of Labor on [federal leave requirements](#) and the [Fair Labor Standards Act](#).
- **Resources for workers** impacted by COVID-19 [are available here](#).
- **The state has [postponed income tax deadlines](#)** for filing and paying until July 1, 2020. When filing in July, taxpayers should write “COVID-19” in black ink at the top of the tax return. The property tax payment deadline of April 10 has *not* been extended. For taxpayers unable to pay their taxes, penalty relief is available. Taxpayers should contact their county tax collector for more details.