

Business Recovery Resources for the Coronavirus

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The City of Deltona's Office of Economic Development understands local business is being impacted by the COVID-19 Virus. Efforts to prevent the spread of the Virus is likely impacting your business activity. A good place to find available business resources and related links is located here:

<https://www.floridadisaster.biz/>

At this point, we are providing a summary of available recovery resources below:

1. **State Resource:** The state of Florida utilizes its Business Damage Assessment Survey (BDAS) to determine the level of impact and need for federal and state disaster assistance. If your business has been impacted by the virus, it is imperative that you complete this important survey, here:

<https://floridadisaster.biz/BusinessDamageAssessments>

2. **State Resource:** The Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program is currently available to small business owners located in all Florida counties statewide that experienced economic damage as a result of COVID-19. These short-term, interest-free working capital loans are intended to "bridge the gap" between the time a major catastrophe hits and when a business has secured longer term recovery resources. You can apply here:

<https://floridadisasterloan.org/>

3. **Federal Resource:** The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has activated its SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program. This program provides working capital to small businesses who have suffered "substantial economic injury" as a result COVID-19. Substantial economic injury means a business has been unable to meet its obligations and to pay its ordinary and necessary operating expenses. It is important that you fill out the Business Damage Assessment Survey (BDAS) outlined in 1 (above). This program is now active for eligible businesses in Florida:

<https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>

Other Business Notes:

Reemployment Assistance: If employment has been negatively impacted because of efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19, Floridians may be eligible to receive Reemployment Assistance. More information and application can be found here:

<http://floridajobs.org/job-seekers-community-services>

Taxes: The Governor directed the Department of Revenue to provide flexibility on the deadlines of taxes due such as corporate income tax and sales tax to assist businesses that are adversely impacted by the Coronavirus mitigation measures. Please speak with your tax accountants or attorneys for further guidance.

For Updates and More information check out the news section of:

www.DeltonaMeansBusiness.com/news

Coronavirus – General Information








For the latest status and health recommendations regarding the COVID-19 Virus:

Florida Department of Health - <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

Centers for Disease Control - <https://www.cdc.gov/>

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Healthy Habits to Prevent COVID-19

 Avoid close contact	 Cover your nose and mouth
 Stay home when you are sick	 Clean your hands
 Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth	 Practice other good health habits
 Follow CDC's recommendation for using a facemask	

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COVID-19 Business Preparedness Checklist

PRIORITIZE CRITICAL OPERATIONS Be prepared to change your business practices if needed to maintain critical operations (e.g., identify alternative suppliers, prioritize customers, or temporarily suspend some of your operations).	ESTABLISH POSSIBLE TELEWORKING POLICIES Review human resources policies and explore whether you can establish flexible worksites (e.g., telecommuting) and flexible work hours. Consider cancelling large work-related meetings or events.
PREPARE FOR SCHOOL CLOSINGS Pre-schools and K-12 schools may be dismissed. Determine how you will operate if absenteeism spikes from increases in sick employees and/or sick families.	COORDINATE WITH STATE EXTERNAL & LOCAL EXTERNAL HEALTH OFFICIALS The intensity of an outbreak may vary by location, and local health officials will be issuing guidance specific to their communities. Employers should learn about the plans in place in each community where they have a business.
CREATE A COMMUNICATION PLAN Put measures in place to effectively notify employees of the latest COVID-19 updates and information.	For more information about the coronavirus visit cdc.gov