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COVID-19: Information and Resources for Business

Coronavirus, or COVID-19, is impacting businesses throughout Bakersfield and Kern County. Learn how your business can obtain assistance during this public health emergency.

Add Your Business to Our List of Local Businesses that are Currently Open

If you have changed or modified your business operations since the COVID-19 health crisis, please let us know what your operations are.

Post to: https://bakochamber.com/my-business-status/

Small Business Administration Disaster Loans

The application link is now open for any California business wishing to apply for a disaster loan related to economic damage from the COVID-19 health crisis through the Small Business Administration.

To apply, visit: https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela

IBank Small Business Finance Center

The California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) provides IBank loans for businesses from one to 750 employees (small businesses).
For more information, visit: https://www.ibank.ca.gov/small-business-finance-center/
The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development has also compiled helpful information for employers, employees and all Californians as it relates to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

To learn more, visit: https://business.ca.gov/coronavirus-2019/

CA Treasurer's Office California Captial Access Program

The California Treasurer's Office announced a supplemental contribution to the California Capital Access Program for businesses directly impacted by COVID-19. The Californa Capital Access Prorgram (CalCAP) was created in 1994, and is run by the California Pollution Control Financing Authority (CPCFA). The program encourages banks and other financial institutions to make loans to small businesses that have difficulty obtaining financing.

Payroll Tax Assistance

Employers experiencing a hardship as a result of COVID-19 may request up to a 60-day extension of time from the EDD to file their state payroll reports and/or deposit state payroll taxes without penalty or interest. A written request for extension must be
received within 60 days from the original delinquent date of the payment or return.
For questions, employers may call the EDD Taxpayer Assistance Center:

- Toll-free from the U.S. or Canada: 1-888-745-3886
- Hearing impaired (TTY): 1-800-547-9565
- Outside the U.S. or Canada: 1-916-464-3502

For more information, visit: https://www.edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019.htm

Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA)

The Labor and Workforce Development Agency has gathered
information for workers regarding employee benefits, sick leave, support services, etc. Employer assistance includes work sharing program, reduced work hours, potential closure, etc.

For more information, visit: https://www.labor.ca.gov/coronavirus2019/

COVID-19 Webinar Resources for Employers

The Greater Bakersfield Chamber, along with our partners, the Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Kern County Builders Exchange and ABC Central California Chapter, are happy to partner with Klein DeNatale Goldner to present a webinar on what employers can do through this COVID-19 public health emergency.
To download the PowerPoint presentation, click here.
To download the recorded webinar featuring KDG presenters Jay Rosenlieb and Donna Thrasher, click here.
(The webinar starts about 4 minutes into the audio.)

We are excited to host another webinar soon. Stay tuned for date/time and link to register.

Unemployment Insurance (UI) Work Sharing Program

Employers facing the possibility of laying off workers can apply for the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Work Sharing Program if reduced production, services, or other conditions cause them to seek an alternative to layoffs. The Work Sharing Program can help minimize the need for layoffs, retain trained employees and quickly prepare for when business conditions improve, as well as avoid the cost of recruiting, training and hiring new staff. It also helps
employees whose hours and wages have been reduced keep their current job, receive
UI benefits and avoid financial hardships.

For more information or to apply, visit:
https://www.edd.ca.gov/unemployment/Work_Sharing_Program.htm

Phone: (916) 464-3343

Cal/OSHA Guidance on Requirements to Protect Workers from Coronavirus

Cal/OSHA has posted guidance to assist employers in complying with workplace safety regulations in California which require them to protect workers exposed to airborne diseases such as the Coronavirus. Protection is required for employees working at health care facilities and other services including hospitals, medical facilities, labs, correctional facilities, homeless shelters and more.

For more information, visit:
https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/Health-Care-General-Industry.html

Phone:(510) 286-7000

CDC Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has provided interim guidance that may help prevent workplace exposures to acute respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, in non-healthcare settings. The guidance also provides planning considerations if there are more widespread, community outbreaks of COVID-19.
Updates will be made as they are available and can be found on CDC's COVID-19 web page.

For more information, visit:
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html

SBDC COVID-19 Resource Page

The Small Business Development Center has created a webpage with webinars and links to several resources for businesses.

To see a list of webinars, visit: https://centralcasbdc.com/covid-19-resources-uc-merced-sbdc

GO-Biz Tech Tools

The Governor's office of business and economic development has a site dedicated to providing free or discounted tech tools for businesses.

To take advantage of these, please visit:
https://cameonetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Technology-Products-and-Telework-Tips-Businesses-Final.pdf

Open for Business Hub

The Open for Business Hub is listing tech companies that are helping small businesses remote work during the outbreak.

For more information, visit: https://openforbusiness.org/

CAMEO Resource Page

CAMEO has created a webpage of resources for small and micro businesses. They will be updating their page as more resoruces become available.

To view these resources, please visit:
https://cameonetwork.org/coronavirus-resources-for-business

Grants

Facebook Small Business Grants
Facebook has announced that they will be accepting applications for small business grants to help withthe effects of COVID-19.

For more information on the applications, visit:
https://www.facebook.com/business/boost/grants

Kern Community Foundation Relief Fund Grant for Nonprofits
The Kern Community Foundation has established a COVID-19 relief fund for nonprofits to get through this time.

To apply for their grants, visit:
http://www.kernfoundation.org/nonprofits/available-grants/

Valley Strong Credit Union Nonprofit Grants
Valley Strong Credit Union has announced they will be awarding $100,000 in grants to local 501c3 nonprofits.

To apply, visit: https://www.valleystrong.com/relieffund