

Employer & Workforce COVID-19 Resources

EMPLOYER INFO

- **Centers for Disease Control Interim Guidance for Businesses & Employers** ([Link](#))
- **US Department of Labor Coronavirus Resources** – Information for employers/workers ([Link](#))
- **US Chamber of Commerce Combating Coronavirus** – Workplace tips, Customizable workplace flyer & guidance for employer response ([Link](#))
- **US Chamber of Commerce 5 Ways to Retain Your Customers During Coronavirus** – Tips to retain customers for your business ([Link](#))
- **US Chamber of Commerce Coronavirus Small Business Guide** ([Link](#))
- **Google Small Business Tips for Surviving COVID-19** ([Link](#))
- **US Senate Committee on Small Business Owner’s Guide to the CARES Act** ([Link](#))
- **US Environmental Protection Agency** – Approved disinfectants for COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- **Texas Department of State Health Services Resources & Updates** ([Link](#))
- **Texas Workforce Commission COVID-19 Resources for Employers** ([Link](#))
- **Texas Workforce Commission Shared Work Program** – Provides partial funding for hourly employees whose hours have been cut due to a slowdown in business ([Link](#))
- **Texas Workforce Commission Employer Hotline: 1-800-832-9394**
- **National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Small Business FAQs on COVID-19** ([Link](#))
- **Internal Revenue Service Tax Filing FAQs (moved from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020)** ([Link](#))
- **US Dept. of Labor Families First Coronavirus Response Act Family & Paid Sick Leave FAQs** ([Link](#))
- **US Dept. of Labor Employer Hotline (staffed 8am-8pm Eastern Time): 1-866-4USADOL (872365)**
- **US Dept. of Labor Employer Information** ([Link](#))
- **Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center (TMAC): Resources and webinars for manufacturers** ([Link](#))
- **eBay Up & Running** - Provides a free basic eBay store with no sales fees for three months ([Link](#))
- **Unemployment Claims** – Those unemployed due to COVID-19 can contact the Texas Workforce Commission to make their claim at (800) 939-6631.

FINANCIAL

- **Texas Workforce Commission – Disaster Unemployment Assistance** ([Link](#))
- **Texas Workforce Commission Subsidized Child Care Assistance for Essential Employees** ([Link](#))

- **US Small Business Administration (SBA) Guidance & Economic Injury Disaster Loans** – Up to \$2 million in working capital at very low interest rates to cover operations until normal business resumes
([SBA Link](#))
([State of Texas Program Guidance Link](#))
([Texas Division of Emergency Management Link](#))
- **Small Business Administration Express Bridge Loans** – Provides up to \$25,000 in advanced supplemental funds for businesses applying for SBA Economy Injury Disaster Loans ([Link](#))
- **Small Business Paycheck Protection & Loan Forgiveness** – Provides up to \$10 million in assistance to small businesses and 501(c)3 nonprofits that is partially forgivable. This includes sole-proprietors, independent contractors and other self-employed individuals. Financing is available for employee wages up to \$100,000 and can cover additional expenses, such as rent, utilities, etc. expended between February 15, 2020 and June 30, 2020. Can be combined with an SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan as long as they go toward separate expenses.
([SBA Link](#))
([Small Business Owner's Guide to the CARES Act](#))
([US Chamber of Commerce SBA Loan Program Info](#))
- **LiftFund Disaster Relief Loan Program** - LiftFund is a nonprofit Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) that assists small businesses. ([Link](#))
**Goldman Sachs has partnered with LiftFund and the State of Texas, providing \$50 million in funding for emergency loans to small businesses negatively affected by COVID-19. Those interested in applying will go through the LiftFund at the link above for their application.*
- **PeopleFund Loans for Disaster Assistance** – The PeopleFund is a nonprofit Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) that assists small businesses. ([Link](#))
- **Texas Restaurant Association Restaurant Relief Fund** - Provides a grant up to \$5,000 to support the needs of independent restaurants ([Link](#))
- **Southern Smoke Restaurant Employee Emergency Relief Program** - Provides charitable funds to assist those employed and/or who own restaurants/bars or are restaurant suppliers ([Link](#))
- **GoFundMe Small Business Relief Fund Micro-Grants** - Provides a matching \$500 grant to negatively affected small businesses ([Link](#))
- **Honeycomb Credit Small Business Relief Loans** - Provides a crowdfunded loan of up to \$50,000 for working capital ([Link](#))
- **Verizon Small Business Recovery Fund** - Provides grants up to \$10,000 to businesses facing immediate financial pressure due to COVID-19. Preference given to female and/or minority-owned businesses who don't have access to flexible, affordable capital. ([Link](#))
- **Salesforce Care Small Business Grants** - Provides up to \$10,000 to small businesses. Applications available starting mid-April 2020 ([Link](#))
- **USDA Programs** – Links to various resources and programs for small business and rural America ([Link](#))

- **Texas Black Expo Emergency Small Business Microgrants** - Provides up to \$1,000 in grant funds to businesses negatively affected by COVID-19. Applications are taken during the first three weeks of each month. ([Link](#))
- **Google COVID-19 Small/Medium-Sized Business Ad Credits** ([Link](#))

REGULATORY

- **Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation Updates** ([Link](#))
- **Texas Comptroller COVID-19 Assistance** ([Link](#))
- **Office of Gov. Abbott Reopening Texas Order** ([Link](#))
Governor's Guide to Reopen Texas ([Link](#))
**Phase 3 of Governor Abbott's plan to reopen the Texas economy has been implemented. Effective immediately, all businesses in Texas will be able to operate at up to 50% capacity, with very limited exceptions. Businesses that previously have been able to operate at 100% capacity may continue to do so and most outdoor areas are not subject to capacity limits. Beginning June 12, restaurants may expand their occupancy levels to 75%. Additional guidelines for the salons, barber shops and related operations can be found through the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation [here](#). For more information and updates regarding COVID-19 reopening measures, you can follow the Governor's orders [here](#).*
- **Office of Gov. Abbott Executive Order on Regulatory Waivers Issued** ([Link](#))

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