



THRIVE!
Lakeville Business Updates

**COVID-19
SPECIAL EDITION**

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Good afternoon Lakeville Business Community,

Locally, nationally and internationally we are experiencing an unprecedented crisis when it comes to the spread of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. This special edition of the Thrive! Business Newsletter is intended to provide information related to COVID-19 and the programs available that can be of assistance to your business.

In an effort to support our local businesses and help our residents shop locally during this challenging time in our City and nation's history, we are creating an **[Interactive Map](#)** that will provide information to the public on what Lakeville businesses are still open and providing goods and services. **[If you would like your business included in this map, please complete this SURVEY.](#)** Look for the map to appear soon on **lakevillemn.gov**.

This special edition newsletter will be distributed every Friday with a summary of the most up-to-date information your business needs to succeed in the wake of this pandemic.

Lakeville's business community is strong and we will get through this together.

David Olson, Community & Economic Development Director

Mayor Anderson Declares Local State of Emergency



News

from the City of Lakeville, Minnesota

A message from Mayor Anderson

Lakeville, Minn., March 17, 2020—We are in an unsettling time, and I ask that we all come together and support each other as we work to “flatten the outbreak curve,” and slow down the spread of viruses and illnesses, specifically COVID-19.

The City of Lakeville has been working with the County, School Districts, State & Federal Government on a regular basis and has developed and implemented our plan of response. It continues to evolve and last night we took additional steps.

Yesterday afternoon I declared a local emergency, under Minnesota Statute Chapter 12. As Governor Walz noted, this declaration puts some additional tools into our tool kit in the event we would need to use them. It allows us, if needed, to access special provisions in State Statute to respond more promptly to have a meeting and for accelerating purchasing processes. It does not mean we will use them; we will remain prudent and discerning in our approach and will only advance forward actions that are needed to ensure our public safety.

This declaration, ratified and supported by the City Council, will be in place until it is no longer necessary.

To read the full letter visit lakevillemn.gov.

Governor Walz Issues Executive Orders to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19 in Minnesota

On March 13, Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Order 20-01 declaring a peacetime emergency in Minnesota and unveiled legislative proposals to prepare for the COVID-19 pandemic. These actions came in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Health announcing new community mitigation strategies to limit the spread of the virus.



In the past seven days, Governor Walz has issued eight additional executive orders - 20-02 through 20-09. Several of these orders have called for closures of certain types of businesses and the postponement of non-emergent healthcare procedures. To learn more about these executive orders, visit mn.gov.

MN Chamber Hosts COVID-19 Resources for Business Webinar

On March 19, the MN Chamber of Commerce hosted a webinar with Stinson, LLP, MN Department of Revenue, MN Department of Employment and Economic Development, and the MN Department of Labor and Industry. The [webinar](#) can be viewed on the MN

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Chamber of Commerce's resource page.

For local chamber information, visit the [Lakeville Area Chamber of Commerce's COVID-19 resource page](#).



Open to Business Available for Consultations

Karen Schaffhausen, Lakeville's Open to Business Representative is available to Lakeville's small businesses looking for a one-on-one consultation to discuss their options in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis. Karen has an extensive business background and is ready to talk through your options!



Contact [Karen Schaffhausen via email](#) or give her a call at (952) 239-0767.

City of Lakeville Issuing Building Permits and Performing Inspections

Permits that do not require a plan review can be [secured and paid for online](#).

Permits that require a plan review should be submitted through email at permits@lakevillemn.gov.

Another option is to drop off permit applications in the City Hall vestibule. Permits will be issued once payment is received and will be available for pickup in the City Hall vestibule or will be emailed.

New home and commercial/industrial permits are required to be submitted electronically at permits@lakevillemn.gov.

Permits that require a rough-in inspection will be scheduled and conducted only if everyone in the home is healthy or in unoccupied buildings.

Water meter requests will be processed and can be scheduled for delivery to the site or placed in the City Hall vestibule for pickup after payment is received.

The most up-to-date information can always be found at lakevillemn.gov.

Lakeville Area Chamber of Commerce Providing Updates and Connecting Businesses on Facebook

The Lakeville Area Chamber of Commerce is working closely with regional, state and national partners to keep businesses informed as new information becomes available throughout the week. If you would like to receive these updates, please contact [Chamber President Krista Jech](#) and request to be included in her



email communication. You can also request to join the Chamber's Facebook Group, [Lakeville Business Connection](#), which is being used as a forum for local businesses to stay connected and ask questions of each other.



Lakeville Restaurants Still Open for Carry-Out and Delivery

[LakevilleRestaurants.com](#) has the latest information about what food establishments are providing carry out and delivery service, as well as changes in service hours.

You can also find out information about what businesses are open on our new [Interactive Map](#) that will be updated continuously as information becomes available. Thanks for all you do to support our local businesses during this difficult time!



Business Resources Available

Governor Walz has requested an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration, clearing the way for businesses to apply for [U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\) loans](#) to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. If you have questions, please call the SBA hotline at 1-800-659-2955. DEED will post the SBA loan application link here as soon as it becomes available.

Restaurants, bars and other hospitality businesses impacted by the temporary closure order have a **30-day grace period in paying sales and use tax**. During this time the Minnesota Department of Revenue will not assess penalties or interest. This means that affected 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. Find out more at the [Minnesota Department of Revenue website](#).

Employers experiencing a slowdown in their businesses or services as a result of the coronavirus impact on the economy may apply for the [Unemployment Insurance Shared Work Program](#). This program allows employers to seek an alternative to layoffs - retaining their trained employees by reducing their hours and wages that can be partially offset with UI benefits. Workers of employers who are approved to participate in the Shared Work Program receive the percentage of their weekly UI benefit amount based on the percentage of hours and wages reduced, not to exceed 60 percent.

On March 16, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued an executive order to ensure workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic have full access to [unemployment benefits](#). Governor Walz's executive order also relieves taxpaying employers of benefit charges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. This means that your UI tax rate will not increase if your workers collect

unemployment benefits because of COVID-19. For more ideas on how to reduce employee costs and avoid layoffs, visit [Minnesota Unemployment Insurance](#).

The U.S. Department of Labor has developed some [guidelines for how companies can prepare their workplace for COVID-19 \(PDF\)](#).

Employers planning a closure or major layoffs as a result of the coronavirus can get help through the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development's Rapid Response program. Rapid Response teams will discuss your needs with you, help avert layoffs if possible, and provide services to assist workers facing job losses. For more information, [visit DEED's Rapid Response page](#) or call 1-866-213-1422.

Finally, [share your ideas with Governor Walz and his team](#) for how state government can support the Minnesota economy during the COVID-19 crisis.

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