



THRIVE!
Lakeville Business Updates

**COVID-19
SPECIAL EDITION**

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This special edition of the Thrive! Business Newsletter is intended to provide information related to COVID-19 and a summary of the most up-to-date information your business needs to succeed in the wake of this pandemic.

These special edition newsletters will be distributed every Friday until they are no longer necessary.

CARES Act Funding Programs Have Reached Capacity

As of April 13, more than 33,800 Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, for a total of approximately \$7.6 billion, have been approved in Minnesota. Out of the 50 states and U.S. territories, Minnesota ranks eighth in total loan dollars and ninth in number of loans. The agency reports that the SBA processed more than 14 years' worth of loans in less than 14 days.

Unfortunately, the [**U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)**](#) announced on April 16 that the agency and its lending partners are no longer able to accept new applications at this time for the PPP or the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) assistance program (including EIDL Advances) based on available appropriations funding. Please note that EIDL applicants who have already submitted their applications will continue to be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.



U.S. Small Business
Administration

President Trump, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Small Business Administration Administrator Jovita Carranza urged Congress to appropriate more money for the program as soon as possible. [**If you would like to contact your congressional representatives \(U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, U.S. Senator Tina Smith and U.S. Representative Angie Craig\), visit lakevillemn.gov for more information.**](#)



DEED Developments

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Updates from the State of Minnesota

Beer and Wine Takeout Sales

Minnesota state legislators came to an agreement this week on granting restaurants the ability to sell beer and wine with to-go orders. The temporary authorization would end when restaurants are allowed to reopen and the relevant executive orders have expired. The state Senate voted to approve the bill on Thursday (April 16) and the state House will meet for a vote on Friday. Governor Tim Walz has expressed his support for this change and would sign the bill into law once it is passed by the Legislature.

Executive Order 20-38 Expands Allowable Outdoor Recreational Activities

Governor Tim Walz today issued [Executive Order 20-38](#), which expands allowable outdoor recreational activities and goes into effect on April 18 at 5 a.m. The changes will allow Minnesotans to engage in a range of activities, including golfing, boating, fishing, hunting and hiking, as long as they follow new outdoor recreation guidelines. Under Executive Order 20-38, facilities that may reopen or remain open include: Bait shops for live bait, outdoor shooting ranges and game farms, public and private parks and trails, golf courses and driving ranges, boating and off-highway vehicle services.

13-week Extension of Unemployment Insurance

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) has fully implemented the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), which provides a 13-week extension of unemployment benefits for eligible applications. PEUC was authorized by Congress in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

Workers' Compensation COVID-19 Presumption Law

The [new law \(PDF\)](#) provides that employees on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic (including but not limited to a nurse, health care worker, correctional officer or security counselor) are presumed to have contracted a workers' compensation occupational disease if they become ill with COVID-19. [For more information visit the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry website.](#)

Share Your Ideas

DEED is gathering information on how to maintain appropriate social distancing while bringing businesses back to work that are currently not considered "critical sector." [Share your thoughts with DEED Commissioner Steve Grove and his team.](#)

Visit the [COVID-19 Information for Employers and Businesses page](#) on the DEED website for more resources related to business assistance, Unemployment Insurance and FAQs.

New Real Time Solutions Webinars Scheduled

The Lakeville Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting additional Real Time Solutions webinars in the coming weeks to continue providing helpful information to our local businesses. [Register for the April 20 webinar focused on mental health on the Lakeville Area Chamber of Commerce's events page.](#)



For more COVID-19 resources and to view recordings of past webinars, visit the [Lakeville Area Chamber of Commerce's COVID-19 Resources page.](#)

Free Business Consulting Available

Open to Business is a free business consulting program contracted by the City of Lakeville in partnership with the Dakota County Community Development Agency and other Dakota County cities. Contact [Karen Schaffhausen via email](#) or give her a call at 952-239-0767 if you're interested in scheduling an individual consultation.



[Partner America](#) specialists are available to assist small businesses with the development of real and actionable plans to help them survive during these uncertain times. Business owners can reach a Partner America representative at 855-876-5561.



South Metro SCORE provides free and confidential business counseling tailored to meet the needs of small businesses in the metro area south of the Minnesota River. The South Metro SCORE volunteers are real-world professionals with time-tested knowledge who donate their time to help small businesses succeed. [Contact South Metro SCORE via email](#) or call 952-890-7020.



South Metro

Still have questions? The City of Lakeville can connect you with the resources you need. [Submit your inquiries related to COVID-19 business assistance at lakevillemn.gov.](#)

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