



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

COVID-19 Resource Guide

For Businesses

Federal

[U. S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#): The SBA provides low-interest, long-term [Economic Injury Disaster Loans \(EDIL\)](#) to small businesses and private non-profit organizations.

[SBA Guidance for Businesses in Responding to COVID-19](#)

[SBA Disaster Assistance in Response to COVID-19](#)

[3 Step Loan Process: An Overview of the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program Application Process](#)

SBA Texas District Offices:

[Dallas/Fort Worth District Office](#)

[El Paso District Office](#)

[Houston District Office](#)

March 22 - March 27 - [SBA Houston District Office - COVID -19 - Guidance for Small Businesses \(daily webinars and Q&A\)](#)

[Lower Rio Grande Valley District Office](#)

[Lubbock District Office](#)

[San Antonio District Office](#)

If applying for an EIDL loan, the SBA recommends using Internet Explorer or Microsoft Edge

[Federal Reserve](#): Commercial Paper Funding Facility to support the flow of credit to households and businesses

[FRB Press Release](#)

[Internal Revenue Service \(IRS\)](#)

[COVID-19 General Info](#)

[IRS Payment Plan](#)

[IRS Payment Deadline Extended: Filing and Payment Deadline Extended to July 15](#)

State

Office of the Governor: Visit their [website](#) for a comprehensive list of resources and important COVID-19 updates.

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC): Visit their [website](#) for resources available to employers and job seekers impacted by the COVID-19.

Resources for Employers

The Commissioner for Employers' legal team is available Monday through Friday (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) to answer employment law questions. Please contact them at 800-832-9394 or employerinfo@twc.state.tx.us. [Shared Work Program](#)

Resources for Job Seekers

If an individual's employment has been affected by COVID-19 they may apply for benefits either online by using the [Unemployment Benefits Services \(UBS\)](#) or by calling TWC at 800.939.6631 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday – Friday. UBS can be accessed at any time. For additional information, visit TWC's [website](#).

Texas Department of Insurance (TDI): Visit their [website](#) for an overview of insurance-related questions related to COVID-19.

Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA): Visit their [website](#) for an overview of information related to school meals, consumer protection, rural hospitals, weights and measures and licensing.

Other

Consumer Data Industry Association (CDIA) provides [guidance](#) to those directly or indirectly impacted.

Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) are an alternative source of finance for small businesses. For additional information, please visit with each organization:

[PeopleFund](#)

[LiftFund](#)

[BCL of Texas](#)

[Opportunity Finance Network: CDFI Locator Tool](#)

SBA Lender Match: Connects Small Business with Participating SBA-approved Lenders

Small Business Development Center at Texas State University: The SBDC does not directly provide loans but helps to direct you as you go through the SBA loan

process. They can also provide assistance if you have been denied and have appealed a loan denial.

[SCORE](#) has chapters throughout Texas and provides in-person and virtual counseling and mentorship. They have also published resources and information to support small business, including:

[The COVID-19 Economic Impact: Will Business Interruption Insurance Help \(& What Are My Other Options\)?](#)

[How Small Businesses Can Prepare for the COVID-19](#)

[The U.S. Chamber of Commerce: Combating Coronavirus](#)

[U.S. Chamber Disaster Help Desk](#)
[Summary of Congressional Action on COVID-19](#)

[National Restaurant Association: Coronavirus Information and Resources](#)

[National Retail Federation: Coronavirus Resources for Retailers](#)

[NFIB: Small Business Resources in Response to Coronavirus](#)

[Texas International Produce Association: COVID-19 Update](#)

Healthcare

Federal

[Centers for Medicare & Medicaid \(CMS\)](#): Is granting certain waivers and suspended non-emergency survey inspections.

[CMS Press Release](#)

[FAQs for Individuals, Providers and Insurers](#)

[CMS Current Emergencies- COVID-19 guidance and additional information](#)

[Medicare Advantage and Part D Plans](#)

[Medicare Coverage and Payment](#)

[U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:](#)

[National Stockpile](#)

[COVID 19-specific information](#)

State

[Office of the Governor:](#)

- Waived certain regulations and directed the Texas Department of Insurance to issue an emergency rule that will allow telemedicine visits for patients with state-regulated plans to be paid the same as in-office visit for insurance purposes.

- Fast-tracking temporary licensing for out-of-state physicians, physicians assistants, retired physicians and nurses to assist with in-person and telemedicine services

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[Texas Department of Agriculture/State Office of Rural Health \(SORH\)](#): Visit their [website](#) for an overview of information related to school meals, consumer protection, rural hospitals, weights and measures and licensing.
To contact SORH, email: ruralhealth@texasagriculture.gov.

Communities & Individuals

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[Resources Guide to COVID-19 for Government Leaders](#)

[Office of the Governor COVID-19 Executive Orders](#)

[Texas Department of State Health Services: COVID-19 Communication Tools](#)

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Local Resources

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Families/Individuals

[Center for Disease and Control \(CDC\): COVID - 19](#)

[Texas Department of Agriculture \(TDA\)](#): Visit their [website](#) for an overview of information related to school meals, consumer protection, rural hospitals, weights and measures and licensing.

[Meals for Kids](#)

[TxSchools.gov: Meals for Students](#)

[School Meal Finder \(map\)](#)

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