

COVID-19 Resource Guide

Business

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](#)
[Disaster Loan Assistance Application](#)
[SBA Houston District Office - COVID -19 - Guidance for Small Businesses \(daily webinars and Q&A\)](#)
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](#) The filing deadline for tax returns remains April 15, 2020.

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](#)
 - [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](#).
 - [Shared Work Program](#)

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

Other:

- The **[Consumer Data Industry Association \(CDIA\)](#)** provided [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 Centers \(SBDCs\)](#)** provides counseling to small businesses throughout Texas. For a list of resources to manage the impact and recovery, visit their [website](#).
- **[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](#)**

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](#)

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[Medicare Coverage and Payment](#)

- **[U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:](#)**
[National Stockpile](#)
[COVID 19-specific information](#)
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- **[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 \(SORH\):](#)** To contact SORH, email: ruralhealth@texasagriculture.gov.

Communities & Individuals

Communities:

- [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](#)

Families/Individuals:

- [Center for Disease and Control \(CDC\): COVID - 19](#)
- [Meals for Kids](#)
[TxSchools.gov: Meals for Students](#)
[School Meal Finder \(map\)](#)

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