



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 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.

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

David Olson, Community & Economic Development Director

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

Governor Tim Walz issued additional Executive Orders the week of March 23-27, 2020, including [EO 20-15 \(PDF\)](#) that created the Small Business Emergency Loan program and [EO 20-20 \(PDF\)](#) urging Minnesota residents to Stay at Home starting March 27 through April 10.

Minnesotans may leave their home or residence only to perform any of the following activities, and while doing so, they should practice social distancing:

- Health and safety activities, such as obtaining emergency services or medical supplies
- Outdoor activities, such as walking pets, hiking, running, biking, hunting, or fishing
- Necessary Supplies and Services, such as getting groceries, gasoline, or carry-out
- Essential and interstate travel, such as returning to a home from outside this state

- Care of others, such as caring for a family member, friend, or pet in another household
- Displacement, such as moving between emergency or homeless shelters if you are without a home
- Relocation to ensure safety, such as relocating to a different location if your home is unsafe due to domestic violence, sanitation, or essential operations reasons
- Tribal activities and lands, such as activities by members within the boundaries of their tribal reservation

[Watch the MN Chamber of Commerce webinar to learn more about how the Stay at Home order affects your business](#), learn more about these executive orders at mn.gov, or visit Governor Walz's [FAQ page for more information about the Stay at Home EO](#).

#StayHomeMN

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<h3 style="margin: 0;">OPEN</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitals Clinics State legislature Food: Grocery stores, farmers markets, food banks, convenience stores, bakeries, take-out and delivery restaurants Pharmacies Food shelves Convenience stores Liquor stores Child care facilities News organizations Gas stations Funeral homes Banks Hardware stores Post offices 	<h3 style="margin: 0;">CLOSED*</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dine-in restaurants Bars and nightclubs Entertainment venues Gyms and fitness studios Zoos Museums Arcades Playgrounds Bowling alleys Movie theaters Concert halls Country clubs Salons and barber shops Tattoo parlors <p><small>*Note: this is not a complete list of all closures.</small></p>
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**March 30-
May 4, 2020:**
Distance Learning
Period for students

**CLOSED until
May 1, 2020:**
Bars, restaurants,
and other public
accommodations

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Critical Sectors Information

According to the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development, employees who work in [critical sectors \(PDF\)](#) during this time are exempt from the stay at home order. These exemptions are based on [federal guidance from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency \(CISA\) \(PDF\)](#) at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security with some Minnesota-specific additions.

To learn more about who is considered a critical worker, please [visit the Department of Employment and Economic Development's website](#). If you have additional questions, please email CriticalSectors@state.mn.us or [complete this form](#).

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What are critical services?

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Health care and public health
- Pharmacy
- Educators
- Law enforcement, public safety, and first responders
- Child care
- Homeless shelters
- Food and agriculture
- News media
- Critical manufacturing
- Water and wastewater
- Energy

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Questions?
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for more details.

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New Business Resources Available
Economic Injury Disaster Loan program

The Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program is now available to Minnesota businesses through the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The EIDL loans can be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. There is no cost to apply for an EIDL loan and eligible businesses may qualify for up to \$2 million with an interest rate of 3.75% (terms are determined on a case-by-case basis). [Visit the Minnesota SBA website](#) to learn more, watch a training video, and apply online. You may also call the SBA hotline with questions at 1-800-659-2955.

Small Business Emergency Loan program

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development is now offering a Small Business Emergency Loan program, per Executive Order 20-15. These loans can range from \$2,500 to \$35,000 and will be based on the firm's economic injury and the financial need. Additional terms include zero percent interest, paid back monthly over five (5) years and the first payment will be deferred six (6) months with partial forgiveness available. This loan program is only open to Minnesota-based businesses. To learn more and apply, [visit the Small Business Emergency Loan program website](#).

Federal Stimulus Package

The U.S. Senate approved a \$2 trillion relief package on March 25 and the U.S. House of Representatives approved it on March 27. The stimulus package will now be sent to President Trump to be signed into law. The International Economic Development Council has pulled together information that identifies the [economic development related items included in the federal stimulus package \(PDF\)](#).

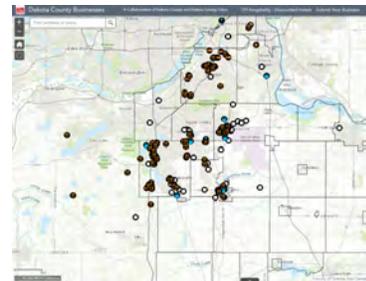
The MN Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Lakeville Area Chamber of Commerce wants to learn how this crisis is affecting your business. When you [complete the MN Chamber's business survey](#), that information is being shared with the Federal Reserve and Governor Walz's office.

Have more thoughts about how the State of Minnesota can help support the Minnesota economy during the COVID-19 crisis? [Share your ideas with Governor Walz and his team](#).

Lakeville Companies Still Open for Business

Find out information about what businesses are open on our new [Interactive Map](#) that will be updated continuously as information becomes available.

[If you'd like your business to be included on the map, please fill out this survey.](#)



Open to Business Available to Assist Local Businesses

Open to Business is your FREE business assistance resource provided by the City of Lakeville and Dakota County. During this time, Karen Schaffhausen, Lakeville's Open to Business Representative, is ready to discuss your business concerns from COVID-19 related funding needs (Federal, State) to cash flow and next steps for keeping your business open. Open to Business is ready and here for you!



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

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.



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

For statewide chamber information, visit the [MN Chamber of Commerce COVID-19 business toolkit page](#).

Lakeville Restaurants Offering Carry Out & 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.

Thanks for all you do to support our local businesses during this difficult time!



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