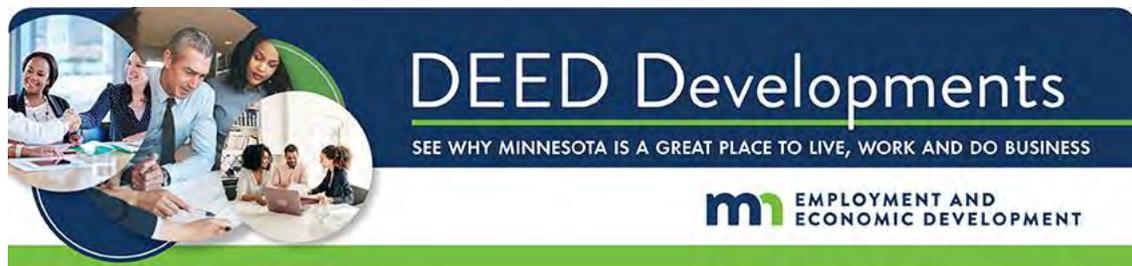




COVID-19 Special Edition - No. 5
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This special edition of the Thrive! Business Newsletter is intended to provide information related to COVID-19 and a summary of the most up-to-date information your business needs to succeed in the wake of this pandemic.

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



Updates from the State of Minnesota

CARES Act

The CARES Act was passed by Congress and signed into law on March 27.

- DEED authorized the first payments of the temporary additional compensation of \$600/week for people receiving unemployment benefits. Unemployment Insurance recipients will automatically receive an additional \$600 for every week they remain eligible.
 - The additional \$600 became available to applicants the week of March 29.
- DEED is waiting on further federal guidance on two additional parts of the CARES Act and will provide updates as soon as they have more information, including:
 - A new benefit program for some independent contractors and self-employed people who are unemployed as a result of COVID-19 and who are NOT eligible for regular unemployment benefits.
 - The 13-week unemployment benefit extension.

- Information is continually updated on uimn.org and answers to your questions are available in English, Español, Hmoob and Somali.

Stay Home Order Extended

On April 8, [Governor Walz extended the Stay Home Order \(PDF\)](#) until May 4 in order to continue Minnesota's success in slowing the spread of COVID-19 across the state. [The Critical Sector list has been modified and can be found at mn.gov \(PDF\)](#). Jobs that maintain the value of business inventory, preserve the condition of a business or facilities, physical plant or equipment, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits or related functions are now considered essential.

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.

Your Feedback Is Requested!

Mayor Anderson, the Lakeville Council Council and Lakeville Area Chamber of Commerce are working to gather a list of businesses and situations that will help redesign the recently extended Stay at Home Executive Order.

[If your business has been interrupted during this Executive Order, please take a moment to answer this quick survey.](#) All responses will be shared with DEED Commissioner Steve Grove.



Register for Upcoming Real Time Solutions Webinars

Open to Business and the Lakeville Area Chamber of Commerce have partnered on a series of Real Time Solutions webinars to provide information to local businesses dealing with COVID-19 issues. Topics include the federal CARES Act, funding solutions, legal advice, employment law, online marketing, financial planning and conducting business online.



Remaining live webinars are scheduled for April 13 and 15. Register for these webinars and/or view the webinar recordings on the [Lakeville Area Chamber of Commerce's COVID-19 Resources page](#).

Resources for Lakeville Small Businesses

The Small Business Administration has created a [Small Business Owner's Guide to the CARES Act \(PDF\)](#).

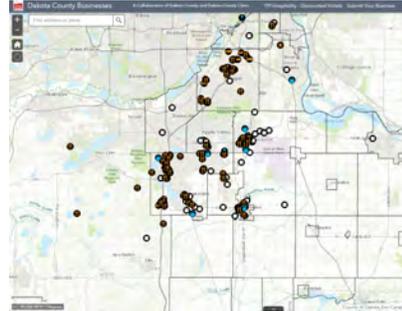
If you missed it last week, the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development has also created a [**Guide for Minnesota Small Businesses Who Need Help**](#).



Learn more about the [**IRS Coronavirus Tax Relief and Economic Impact Payments**](#) for individuals and businesses.

Dakota County Interactive Business Map

Lakeville companies are still open for business and providing services to our residents. If you'd like to find out what businesses are open, visit [**Dakota County's Interactive Map**](#) that is updated continuously as information becomes available.



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

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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