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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

Guidelines on Executive Order 20-56 and Stay Safe MN

On May 20, Governor Tim Walz and DEED Commissioner Steve Grove announced guidelines to gradually allow more businesses to reopen, serve customers, and safely return Minnesotans to work.

[Guidance on Safely Reopening Minnesota Businesses can be found on mn.gov.](#) For the additional businesses that can reopen effective on June 1:

Restaurants and bars can reopen for outdoor service only as long as they:

- Have adopted and implemented a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan
- Ensure a minimum of 6 feet of distance between tables
- Limit on-premises capacity to no more than 50 persons
- Limit table service to 4 persons, or 6 if part of one family unit
- Require reservations in advance

- Require workers to wear masks and strongly encourage masks be worn by customers

Personal care services (such as hair salons, barbershops and tattoo parlors) can reopen to provide services indoor as long as they:

- Have adopted and implemented a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan
- Limit number of clients inside the business at any time to ensure 6 feet of distance between persons except when providing services
- Reduce occupant capacity to no more than 25%
- See clients by appointment only; do not allow walk-ins
- Require workers and clients to wear masks at all times; do not provide services that cannot be performed without masks

Still in effect since May 18, 2020

- All retail stores, malls and other businesses that sell, rent, maintain and repair goods can reopen for in-person sales as long as they:
 - Have adopted and implemented a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, including social distancing guidelines for workers and customers
 - Allow no more than 50% of the establishment's occupant capacity inside at any time
- All businesses that have been allowed to reopen under previous Executive Orders, including Critical Sector businesses and non-Critical Sector industrial and office-based businesses, can continue operations.
 - Industrial or manufacturing businesses can also reopen co-located retail facilities as long as they also follow the restrictions outlined in Executive Order 20-56.
 - Critical Sector businesses that were never closed can continue to operate under the guidance in Executive Order 20-48.

All workers who are able to work from home should continue to do so.

Additional Resources

- [**Can my business be open? Review the guidance here.**](#)
- If you have additional questions about returning to work, [**submit your questions to DEED.**](#)
- [**COVID-19 Preparedness Plan templates**](#)
- [**Minnesota Retailers Association Guidance on Reopening Customer Facing Businesses \(PDF\)**](#)
- [**MNOSHA COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines**](#)
- [**CDC Frequently Asked Questions for Business**](#)
- [**Financial assistance for businesses affected by COVID-19**](#)

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. [**Still have questions about reopening or returning to work? Contact DEED here.**](#)

Lakeville City Council Supports Business Community

[During its May 18 meeting, the Lakeville City Council approved an Outdoor Use Policy for Businesses.](#) Effective immediately, any business located in a commercial or industrial zone can establish drive-up or drive-thru areas, customer ordering, waiting or pick-up areas or customer seating or service areas on its property to facilitate safe commercial activity, consistent with federal and state orders or guidelines. The temporary outdoor use may occur in parking areas or green space areas without need for a variance.



Please note that further guidance is forthcoming regarding outdoor alcohol sales at temporary restaurant patios. The City Council will hold a Work Session meeting on Tuesday, May 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall. The Council will be discussing Governor Walz guidelines for restaurants to reopen on June 1 and the City's policies related to outdoor dining at establishments with liquor licenses. The public is welcome to attend in person or virtually by calling 1-267-866-0999, meeting PIN: 6891 54 9525.

[The City Council also passed a resolution in urgent support of further steps to reopen Minnesota's economy \(PDF\).](#) "The Lakeville City Council proclaims that the State of Minnesota must further ease the restrictions stated in Emergency Executive Order 20-56 and allow all establishments and organizations to open provided they follow the guidance determined by the Minnesota Department of Health."

[The City of Lakeville is also providing up-to-date COVID-19 resources and related City policy changes on lakevillemn.gov.](#)

Still have questions? **[Local businesses can submit questions using the City's online form.](#)**

SBA Releases Paycheck Protection Program Loan Forgiveness Details

On May 15, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), in consultation with the U.S Department of the Treasury, released the **[Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\) Loan Forgiveness Application \(PDF\)](#)** and detailed instructions for the application.



The form and instructions inform borrowers how to apply for forgiveness of their PPP loans, consistent with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). SBA will also soon issue regulations and guidance to further assist borrowers as they complete their applications, and to provide lenders with guidance on their responsibilities.

The latest data available shows that more than \$135 billion in PPP funds are still available for small businesses and nonprofits impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Contact your lender for more information about applying.

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