

NEW Business/Employee Provisions for COVID-19 Outbreak

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Good morning!

On Wednesday evening, President Trump officially signed into law H.R. 6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, making official billions of dollars in aid and relief for small business owners and employees dealing with the Coronavirus outbreak.

We want to ensure business owners understand the benefits they and their employees are now eligible for as part of this new legislation. We have included a long list of resources, FAQs and anything else we believe might be beneficial in explaining how these benefits will work. And as Congress works through a third round of legislation and resources we will continue to communicate with you so you can inform your business and community leaders. All of this will also be added to our Coronavirus Resource list that we have made available on our website at Marshall.House.Gov/Coronavirus.

SBA Emergency Lending: Please join our office and staff at the Wichita Small Business Administration for a conference call intended to help small businesses understand the lending opportunities available through the SBA as a result of Governor Kelly's application for Economic Injury Disaster Declaration. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the available assistance. The call will begin at 10:10 a.m. CST Monday, March 23. (We have been told to not start conference calls at the top or bottom of the hour to avoid the heavy traffic impacting these conference call companies).
Phone Number: (605)472-5372
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FAQs for Business Owners: The follow link provides some of the most detailed and specific information on what businesses (and employees) are eligible for and who is exempt from having to offer certain benefits. Scroll down for a chart of paid leave requirements (this chart can be downloaded to share with others). Click [HERE](#) to access the page. The Congressional Research Service (CRS) has also put together a very informative 3-page explainer of who is eligible for which benefits. Access it [HERE](#).

Nutritional Programs: Families dealing with food and nutritional access issues can find more information on new benefits available [HERE](#). These programs will be run by the state and apply predominantly to those who already receive SNAP and WIC benefits. The USDA has also allowed schools to offer meals outside of the school setting. Kansas has applied for and received the necessary Congregate Meal Waiver that allows for flexibility in school meal delivery. Many school districts are already putting in place plans to offer meal pick up or delivery options but if you are unsure of how to proceed, the following link has some great information. Read more [HERE](#).

Tax Delays: The Treasury Department issued guidance that gives individuals and business owners relief from tax payments. People are still required to file their 2019 taxes by April 15 but payments of to \$1 million will be deferred until July 15. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the IRS guidance.

Housing Evictions & Utility Shut-Offs: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will suspend foreclosures and evictions for 60 days on properties with mortgages backed by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Additionally, the FCC has encouraged all telephone and broadband providers to delay any service disconnections for at least 60 days. Governor Kelly has also mandated that all utilities under the jurisdiction of the Kansas Corporation Commission not disconnect utilities due to missed payments at this time.

What's Next: The Senate is actively working with the Administration on a Phase 3 package to provide additional relief for industries and small businesses substantially impacted by the coronavirus outbreak. We will provide additional details as they become available.

We Want To Hear From You: How is the coronavirus outbreak impacting your business or community? What resources do you or will you foresee needing to deal with the long-term impacts of the outbreak? How can we be most helpful? Please email me at katie.sawyer@mail.house.gov.

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