

IMPORTANT NEWS & INFORMATION FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

(1) **Governor's new Executive Order, "Stay Home, Stay Healthy"** is available at:

<https://us2.campaign-archive.com/?e=&u=41b11f32beefba0380ee8ecb5&id=d3f4713dab>

From the press release:

Retail businesses closed by Executive Order 20-12 include:

- Shopping: Outdoor and indoor malls and retail complexes, although individual types of businesses not subject to the measures may stay open.
- Fitness: Gyms, sports and fitness centers, health clubs, and exercise studios
- Grooming: Barbershops, beauty and nail salons, and non-medical wellness spas
- Entertainment: Theaters, amusement parks, arcades, bowling alleys, and pool halls

Other retail businesses will not be able to continue to operate unless they can implement strict social distancing measures and designate an employee or officer charged with ensuring compliance. Retail businesses able to adapt to take-out style shopping experiences can also remain open. If businesses can have employees work from home, then they must do so. In addition, non-retail businesses like manufacturers and the construction industry must ensure that their employees are maintaining social distancing measures.

Also about the order:

- All non-essential social and recreational gatherings of individuals are prohibited immediately, regardless of size, if a distance of at least six feet between individuals cannot be maintained. Gatherings of members of the same residential household are permitted.
- It requires businesses not closed by the order to implement social distancing policies in order to remain open, and requires workplaces to implement teleworking and work-at-home options when possible.
- It directs Oregonians to stay home whenever possible, while permitting activities outside the home when social distance is maintained.
- It closes playgrounds, sports courts, and skate parks, among other types of outdoor recreation facilities. Those that remain open are required to strictly adhere to social distancing guidelines.
- It outlines new guidelines for child care facilities, setting limits and rules on amounts of children allowed in care, and outlining that child care groups may not change participants.

(2) Economic Injury Disaster Loans Update: The Small Business Administration (SBA) announced that EIDL lending is now available statewide.

The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). SBA disaster assistance (as of March 19, 2020) is **now available to businesses in all Oregon** & California counties in our region. “Small businesses, private non-profit organizations of any size, small agricultural cooperatives and small aquaculture enterprises that have been financially impacted as a direct result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) since Jan. 31, 2020, may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred,” said SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza.

“These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can’t be paid because of the disaster’s impact. Disaster loans can provide vital economic assistance to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing,” Carranza added.

Eligibility for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) is based on the financial impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The interest rate is 3.75 percent for small businesses. The interest rate for private non-profit organizations is 2.75 percent. SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years and are available to entities without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship.

Applicants may apply online at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Applicants may also call SBA’s Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call (800) 877-8339. The deadline to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan is Dec. 16, 2020. Small Business Development Centers can offer business counseling (at no cost) to companies struggling with the impacts of the pandemic, including assistance with (EIDL) applications.

(3) Business Resources and Information:

The chamber is constantly updating its “Business Resources” and “Current News” pages on our website with resource and information related to COVID-19. Don’t wait for a “Chamber News” email blast...keep checking it for new and updated information at <https://roseburgchamber.com/news/current-news/>.

Stay Safe...Stay Strong...We’re In This Together!
And, please remember to BUY LOCAL and SHOP SMALL!

