

COVID-19 Business Resources - DuPage County

Choose DuPage

- Choose DuPage Board Members have volunteered their expertise to assist businesses in DuPage County. Experts in the following fields will be made available: banking, education, insurance, legal, and marketing
- Point of contact: Lisa Miceli - lmiceli@choosedupage.com

DuPage County Health Department

- DuPage County Health Department has information for businesses on COVID-19 including guidance, food facility guidelines, water sampling, CDC guidance, education, outreach, and more. Information can be viewed [here](#).

State of Illinois

- Illinois Department of Revenue Taxpayer Resources (Employers) [here](#).
- Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) Information for Employers [here](#).
- For essential workers seeking childcare: Call toll free (888) 228-1149. The helpline is available from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Monday through Friday.
- Illinois State Treasurer's program for low-interest bridge loans available for businesses. For information on the program and how to apply [click here](#).
- Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity hospitality emergency grant program to help businesses such as bars, restaurants, hotels. [Details here](#).
- Illinois Small Business Emergency Loan Fund: offered to small businesses outside of Chicago with fewer than 50 workers and less than \$3 million in revenue in 2019, low-interest loans of up to \$50,000. [Details here](#).

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

- SBA is offering Illinois businesses low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of COVID-19
- Start your disaster loan application now: [click here](#).
- Point of contact: SBA Chicago Office (312) 353-4528

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

- Information on tax credits for small and midsize businesses to recover the cost of providing Coronavirus-related leave. [Click here](#).
- Coronavirus related tax relief information page - updated regularly [here](#).

Worknet DuPage Career Center

- Funds are available to cover the cost of retraining your staff so that their jobs can be repurposed and layoffs can be averted.
 - Contact: Ron Schlager (630) 955-2037, rschlager@worknetdupage.org
- If you have to layoff staff, there are resources available free of charge for those individuals. Affected workers should visit www.worknetdupage.org to access.

PACE Transportation

- PACE is offering free rides on all Page fixed bus routes and On Demand services to all medical personnel- including doctors, nurses, EMTs, and paramedics- for the duration of the State's "stay at home" order
 - must present a work ID showing that they are employed at a hospital, doctor's office, medical facility, or local fire department.
- For pace information, [click here](#).

Utility Company Responses to COVID-19

- [ComEd information](#), [Comcast information](#), [AT&T information](#), [Nicor Gas information](#)

Industry Resources

Manufacturing

- Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center [Guidance](#).
- Illinois Manufacturing Association COVID-19 [Resource Guide](#).

Retail

- Illinois Retail Merchants Association COVID-19 [Resources](#).

Hospitality

- Hospitality Emergency Grant Program (mentioned on page 1) [information](#).

Additional Small Business Resources

- SCORE Business Mentors are available. For more information [click here](#).
- Facebook Small Business Grants Program, launching in the coming weeks. For information and to sign up for updates on this program, [click here](#).
- College of Dupage Small Business Development Center's [response and resources](#).
- CDC's interim guidance for businesses and employers to plan and respond to COVID-19 [information here](#).
- The Small Business Owner's Guide to the CARES act, [click here](#).

For future updated information on DuPage County Business resources, visit <https://choosedupage.com/dupage-business-resources-related-to-covid-19/>