







Small Business Requirements & Resources COVID-19 Impact Webinar: A New Path Forward April 22, 2021

# Webinar Agenda



- Welcome and overview
- Governor's Office of Regulatory Innovation and Assistance / Small Business Liaison Team
- Employment Security Department
- Open Mic Q&A
- Department of Labor & Industries
- Department of Revenue
- Partner slides from: Department of Social and Health Services / Department of Enterprise Services / Department of Health / Small Business Administration & Small Business Development Centers
- Open Mic Q&A
- Adjourn



# SBRR Outreach Update

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## Outreach



### **EXECUTIVE ORDER 12-01**

#### REGULATORY REFORM AND ASSISTANCE TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES SUCCEED AND GROW

1 (c) The small business liaison team, working with ORIA and Commerce, shall develop an annual outreach program to help agency directors and deputies connect with small businesses around the state and learn about the experiences of small businesses as they work to comply with state regulations. The outreach program may include some or all of the regulatory agencies, with an option for agency participation and geographic outreach to be adjusted annually to ensure a range of issues and agencies will be included over time. Recommendations and results from the outreach program shall be developed and managed by the liaison team and provided by agencies to ORIA each year for inclusion in ORIA's annual report.





# Small business represents <u>99.86%</u> of the businesses in Washington State; the economic <u>safety net</u> of our local economies; and the <u>stem</u> <u>cells</u> of the future economy.

## That's pretty important!





# COVID-19 Reopening Guidance for Businesses and Workers

https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/covid-19-resources/covid-19-reopening-guidance-businesses-and-workers





We would like to thank the members of the Small Business Liaison Team. Representing 29 different state agencies, these dedicated subject matter experts provide information and assistance to small businesses owners.

Please download a directory of Small Business Liaisons





# Requirements, resources, business-friendly programs and more.







# **Employer Requirements with ESD**

#### Employers are responsible for state unemployment taxes and Paid Family and Medical Leave insurance premiums

#### State unemployment taxes and report: <a href="https://esd.wa.gov/employer-taxes">https://esd.wa.gov/employer-taxes</a>

If you have employees working in Washington, you must pay unemployment taxes on their wages in this state. Tax reports or tax and wage reports are due quarterly. Liable employers must submit a tax report every quarter, even if there are no paid employees that quarter and/or taxes are unable to be paid. To access required unemployment tax forms, please visit our <u>Unemployment taxes forms and publications</u> <u>library</u>. Current 2021 tax rates: <u>https://esd.wa.gov/employer-taxes/rates</u>

#### Paid Family and Medical Leave premiums and report

Premiums collected for employee to care for themselves or their family. To determine if you have responsibilities for participating in the program visit: <u>https://paidleave.wa.gov/employer-roles-responsibilities/</u> Use the premium calculator to estimate your premiums: <u>https://resources.paidleave.wa.gov/premium-calculator</u> File your report and pay premiums: <u>https://paidleave.wa.gov/reporting/</u>

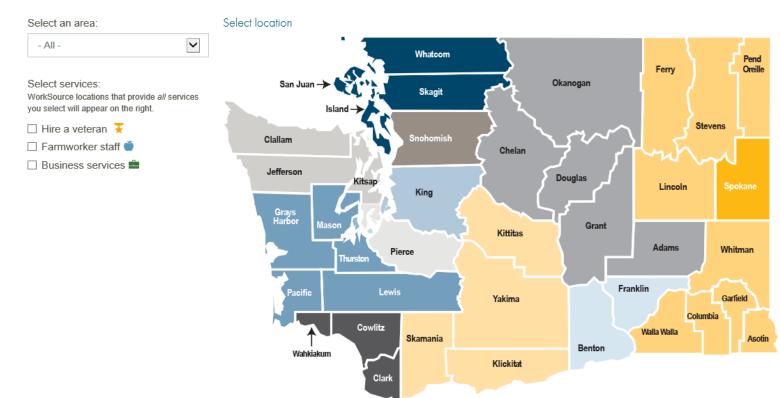


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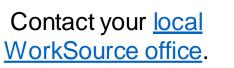
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#### WorkSource locator

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, WorkSource offices throughout the state are providing services in different ways. Please review your local office's information and contact them to find out what is currently available in your area. You can narrow your search by area, office and services provided. The more you narrow your search, the fewer options you will see. If you do not select an area, all WorkSource offices in Washington will be listed.







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# **Business-Friendly Programs**

#### SharedWork –

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- Helps companies to reduce the hours of the employees while running streamlined operations.
- Helps to get employees back to work.
- ESD will not charge any amount of SharedWork benefits that are paid or reimbursed by the federal government. Under the Continued Assistance Act, full federal funding for SharedWork benefits lasts until the week ending Sept. 4, 2021.

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#### **Business-Friendly** PROGRAMS



retaining their skilled employees at reduced hours in place of completely laying them off. An employer can temporarily reduce employees' hours 10 to 50 percent and qualified workers receive partial unemployment benefits to replace a portion of their lost wages.

More than 99 percent of businesses who have benefited from this program would recommend it to other employers. SharedWork is a shared win for Washington recipients, vocational-rehabilitation referrals as well as because businesses win, employees win short- and long-term Temporary Assistance for Needy and communities win! Families recipients. Federal Bonds can be applied to any job with any

and takes only about 10 minutes to complete at esd.wa.gov/sharedwork/apply

Visit us at sharedworkwa.com Apply at esd.wa.gov/wotc 800-752-2500 800-669-9271

Labor Market Information Our website contains valuable data and analysis of The Tax and Wage branch ensures employers have a fair and accurate annual unemployment insurance (UI) Washington's employment conditions, economy, job tax rate. It also verifies and adjusts wage records and

market and workforce. The tools and reports help job seekers, employers and public officials make informed career, business and policy decisions Data + analysis = informed decisions. Search our data. It's quick, it's easy and it's right at

your fingertips. Monthly indicators Wage and economic data reports

- Administrative Fund to pay for job seeker programs. Industry and occupational employment estimates
- Visit us at esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo Visit us at esd.wa.gov/employer-taxes 360-507.9621 \$ 855-829-9243

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Among these nationally recognized programs and services are...



Paid Family and Medical Leave is a new statewide The program provides a tax incentive for employers to hire certain job seekers. The goal is to help these insurance program that provides stability for companies while giving Washingtonians support when they can't individuals become economically self-sufficient and to be at work. The program is funded by premiums paid reward employers who give them a chance by reducing their federal business taxes by \$2,400 - \$9,600. by many employers and their employees through payroll withholding. Small businesses with fewer than Qualified aroups include: Veterans, Supplemental 50 employees are exempt from paying the employer Nutrition Assistance Program recipients, long-term portion of the premium but must still withhold from unemployed, ex-felons, Supplemental Security Income their employees

> Starting in 2020, all eligible part-time, full-time, seasonal and temporary Washington workers will be able to take leave for their own serious illness or injury to care for an ill or injured family member; for parental leave for birth, adoption or foster placement of a child; and military family leave.

Visit us at www.paidleave.wa.gov 833-717-2273



WorkSource is a partnership of state and local aovernment agencies (including Employment Security), colleges and non-profit organizations that offer employment services for job seekers and businesses. There are about three dozen full-service WorkSource centers open to the public across the state, plus several dozen satellite sites that offer a smaller array of services.

WorkSourceWA.com is a powerful recruitment tool changing the way you look for and hire talent. Our value proposition includes face-to-face support with representatives who offer additional assistance with recruitment, host targeted hiring events and job fairs. provide training resources from apprenticeships to internships and more.

Visit us at WorkSourceWA.com 888-316-5627

The Employment Security Department is an equal apportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Lanauage assistance services for limited English proficient individuals are available free of charae. Washington Relay Service: 711

employer, in any state, and cover any employee

Tax and

Wage

provides education on state guidelines and policies

UI taxes are paid by employers and are determined by

a formula intended to maintain liquidity in the Benefit

Trust Fund to pay for unemployment benefits during

a severe recession. The two main components of state

social-cost tax. A third, small portion is the Employment

unemployment taxes are experience-rated tax and

elated to UI taxes.

dishonesty committed on or away from the workplace.

#### SharedWork 1-800-752-2500

#### Tax & Wage 1-855-829-9243

#### Paid Family & Medical Leave 1-833-717-2273

#### Labor Market Information 360-507-9621

#### **Work Opportunity Tax Credit** 800-669-9271

#### Washington WorkSource 888-316-5627 11

Apply now! The SharedWork application is easy



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# A **no-cost hiring campaign** that promotes the value of U.S. Veteran workers to Washington employers.

#### Registered Small, Medium and Large Employers receive:

- Recognition with a **YesVets** decal with annual year decals every year with at least one annual Veteran hired.
- Connect with local qualified job seeking Veterans with your nearest Local Veteran Employment Representative (LVER).
- Priority Regional and statewide Veteran Hiring event booth registration.
- Priority access to YesVets employer resource events.
- Annual recognition ceremony to highlight **YesVets** employers and partners.
- Eligibility for the WA State ESD Commissioner's Hire-A-Vet Small, Medium and Large Employer of the Year Award.

#### Visit <u>YesVets.org</u> to learn more or register.





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# **Paid Family and Medical Leave**



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#### **EMPLOYER PREMIUM**

- About  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the premium is the employer's share.
- If your business has 50 or more employees, you must pay the employer share of the premium.
- If you have fewer than 50 employees, the employer premium is optional.
- If your small business chooses to pay the employer share of the premium, you will receive additional benefits for your business (small business assistance grants).



#### EMPLOYEE PREMIUM (MANDATORY FOR ALL EMPLOYEES)

- About <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> of the premium is the employee's share.
- Employers are required to pay this portion of the premium to the state for every employee.
- The premium can be withheld from your employees' paychecks, or your business can pay it on their behalf.

## **Small Business Assistance Grants**

Small business assistance grants are <u>available NOW</u> to employers with 150 or fewer employees.

- These grants provide up to \$3,000 to help cover costs associated with employees on leave.
- An employer may apply for up to 10 of these grants each year, with one per employee on leave.
- Employers with fewer than 50 employees that choose to pay the employer portion of the premium can also be eligible for these grants.

#### How is business size calculated?

- ESD will calculate your business's size on an annual basis Sept. 30 of each year.
- It is based on your average employee headcount over the previous four quarters as reflected in the reports you submit to ESD.
- It is not calculated by FTE positions.



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# **Unemployment Insurance Reporting**

#### **Report and Payment Leniency**

- An unprecedented number of Washingtonians are applying for unemployment and your reports are crucial to finding out if they can establish a claim.
  - Please do everything you can to provide information on time.
- We may waive penalties for responses that are late because of COVID-19.
  - You will need to request a <u>penalty</u> <u>waiver</u> in writing.
  - For more info: <u>https://esd.wa.gov/employer-taxes/tax-penalty-waiver</u>

Here's when to submit your reports and payments: Report & Payment Due: April 30 Q1: January, February, March Report & Payment Due: July 31 Q2: April, May, June Report & Payment Due: October 31 Q3: July, August, September **Report & Payment Due: January 31** Q4: October, November, December



# **Relief of Benefit Charging**

**Relief of Benefit Charging** - We're offering leniency for requests received after the 30-day period. Employers must establish good cause for not sending requests on time.

**Reimbursable employers NOT in the SharedWork program,** the federal government will pay 75% of all benefit charges.

**On Feb. 8, Gov. Inslee signed Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 5061.** The bill is projected to prevent over \$921 million in employer tax increases in 2021 and approximately \$1.7 billion in tax increases over the 2021-2025 time period.

More info at <a href="https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/legislative-resources/proposals">https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/legislative-resources/proposals</a>



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**Work search requirements:** As a result of the COVID-19 crisis, the Legislature suspended this requirement until the pandemic state of emergency is lifted or until the Governor or the Legislature reinstate job search requirements, whichever comes first. Go to our website at: <u>https://esd.wa.gov/unemployment/job-search-requirements</u> for the most updated information.

**Standby:** Standby is ONLY a work search waiver. It is not necessary to request standby during a time period when work searches requirements are being waived.

**Waiting week requirement:** The waiting week is waived for claims filed between 3/14/20 and 1/2/21. Claims filed 1/9/21 or later are required to serve a one-week, unpaid wait week. There is no way to waive this requirement.



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## **Continued Assistance Act**

Expanded unemployment benefits programs: the CARES Act was established in 2020 and ended 12/27/2020. The Continued Assistance Act was implemented and extends <u>portions</u> of the CARES Act programs. Find more at: <u>https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/covid-19</u>

#### Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)

- Total number of available weeks was extended from 50 to 79 weeks.
- PUA is available until September 4, 2021.
- To qualify for PUA, you must meet at least one of the COVID-19 related reasons, and
- You cannot be eligible for regular unemployment benefits in WA or any other state.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)

- Total number of available weeks was extended from 24 to 53 weeks.
- PEUC is payable until September 4, 2021.

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IMPORTANT: Eligibility is determined on a case-by-case basis.

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC 2.0)

- Adds \$300 to all claims (except those receiving Training Benefits).
- Is available to claimants who are eligible for at least \$1 of their underlying benefits after deductions. If the claimant has excess earnings, they do not qualify for FPUC.
- Is only payable for the weeks ending 1/2/21 through September 4, 2021.
- Claimants do not have to apply; payment is applied to those who automatically qualify.



**PPP loan -** you must report the <u>gross amount of money you</u> <u>received from the PPP loan during the week the pay is attributed to,</u> <u>not when the claimant receives the pay</u>.

#### **Unemployment example -**

- The claimant (you) works 20 hours and earns \$20 an hour.
- File the weekly claim reporting having worked a total of 20 hours and earned \$400.

PPP loan forgiveness requirements are not the purview of ESD. All other questions must be directed towards the Small Business Administration.









# Open Mic – Q&A

Small Business Liaison Office smallbusiness@lni.wa.gov 800-987-0145

# Washington State Department of Labor & Industries

# L&I Requirements, Guidance, and Resources Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

# **COVID-19 Related Resources**

## LNI.wa.gov

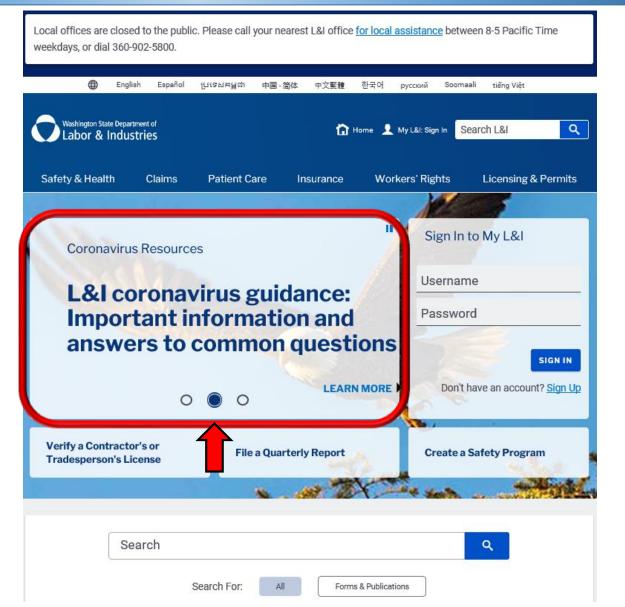
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Then, click the circled link pictured

Direct link:

LNI.wa.gov/coronavirus





## **Division of Occupational Safety & Health - DOSH**

## **COVID-19 Related Requirements and Resources**

# Many new requirements and resources on the L&I website

- General workplace requirements
- Prevention suggestions
- Industry specific guidance, including:
  - Agriculture Grocery Stores
  - Janitorial
     Retail
  - Healthcare
     Transportation
  - Construction Food processing
- Free DOSH consultation service



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## **Division of Occupational Safety & Health - DOSH**

April 2020



#### Issue 2. Volume 1 Do you know how to avoid COVID-19? Watch for symptoms:

The following symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.



**Janitorial Safety Tip Sheet** 

A series of health and safety tips to prevent work-related injuries in the janitorial industry



a facemask.

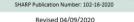
Call your doctor if you...

- · Feel sick, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 OR,
- · Have recently traveled from an area with widespread or ongoing community spread of COVID-19.
- Protect Your Health: Infected people can spread COVID-19 through tiny droplets when they cough or sneeze. Use these practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19:
- · Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- · Don't touch your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stav home when you are sick.
- · Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. · Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects
- and surfaces. For disinfection, use diluted household bleach solutions, alcohol solutions with at least 70 percent alcohol. and EPA-registered household disinfectants (see EPA list of disinfectants for this virus). The virus can live on surfaces for up to 72
  - hours.

- Follow CDC's recommendations for using Wash your hands often! Scrub your hands for at least 20
- seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
- o Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.

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- o Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.
- To learn more about the study, call/text/email SHARP Washington State Department of Labor & Industries 360-819-7908 • 1-888-667-4277 • Janitor Study 20 ni wa nov





#### Coronavirus (COVID-19): **Protecting Grocery Store Workers**

The Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) requires employers to implement the Governor's proclamation: www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-announcesstay-home-stay-healthy%C2%A0order. Employers must ensure social distancing for employees and customers; frequent and adequate handwashing; and that sick employees stay home. Employers must also provide basic workplace hazard education about coronavirus and how to prevent transmission in languages best understood by employees.

#### Workplace Discrimination

It is against the law for any employer to take any adverse action such as firing or threats against a worker for exercising safety and health rights such as raising safety and health concerns to their employer, participating in union activities concerning safety and health, filing a safety and health complaint or participating in a Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) investigation. Workers have 30 days to file their complaint with L&I DOSH and/or with Federal OSHA.

#### Ideas for an Effective Social Distancing Plan:

- Limit the number of customers entering the store to facilitate social distancing at store entrances, throughout store and at check-out lines.
- Require all workers to stay at least six feet away from customers and coworkers.
- Temporarily mark six-foot increments (using adhesive colored tape, chalk, etc.) on the ground or floor to ensure social distancing.

www.Lni.wa.gov/safety-health 1-800-423-7233

- Post large print attention-grabbi readable from a far distance (or electronic reader boards) that in of social distancing practices.
- Designate workers to monitor an distancing at check-out lines.
- Discontinue self-serve foods, free stands and product demonstrati

#### Ideas for an Effective Handwash

- Install hand-sanitizing dispensers entrances and at key locations insid
- Ensure all workers know why and effectively wash hands for at least
- Require workers to wash hands soap and water for at least twen such as when they arrive at work workstations for breaks, eat, use after handling money.
  - Ensure gloves are used for cart: handling money, common use of register or keypad by different c safety and cleaning.
- Set up a schedule to keep these stocked and trash emptied.

#### **Ensure Sick Workers Are Not at**

- Monitor employees for signs of i require sick workers to stay hom
- Ensure employees know the signs of COVID-19 caused by coronavir

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#### Ideas for Providing Basic Workplace Hazard Education About Preventing **Coronavirus Transmission:**

- Instruct all workers on social distancing, handwashing, and other store-wide safety procedures related to coronavirus.
- Teach workers the importance of hand washing before eating, drinking, or using tobacco.
  - Advise on respiratory etiquette, including covering coughs and sneezes and not touching eyes, noses, and mouths with unwashed hands or gloves.
  - Prohibit sharing utensils, phones, work tools, and other workplace items that are not sanitized.
  - Communicate important safety messages/ updates daily with methods such as posters,

#### reader boards, etc. **Checkout Stands and Counters Considerations**

single use bags for groceries.

- Consider closing self-check stands if not all surfaces can be sanitized between customers and if it is not possible to ensure at least six feet between users.
- Consider installing "sneeze shields" at check stands, and ask customers to stand behind them, or relocate pay station key pads further away from worker.
- When supplies are available, provide disposable wipes/hand sanitizer at check-out stands for employees and customers (e.g. at key pads, registers, bagging area). Prohibit reusable shopping bags and provide
- **Stocking and Surface Cleaning**

#### Schedule as much stocking and deep cleaning as possible during closing hours. If a 24-hour store,



call 711. L&I is an equal opportunity employer.

PUBLICATION F414-163-000 [04-2020]

organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html When disinfecting for coronavirus, the EPA recommends using the longest recommended contact time and/or most concentrated solution per the label.

stock during the slowest period of the night.

all times to continuously clean and disinfect

increased schedule. Use the environmental cleaning guidelines set by the CDC.

Appoint a designated sanitation worker(s) at

high-touch surfaces on a significantly

#### **Sample Resources**

- Be sure to follow the label directions for FOOD CONTACT SURFACES when using the chemical near or on utensils and food contact surfaces.
- Use protective gloves and eye/face protection (e.g. face shields and/or goggles) when mixing, spraying, and wiping with liquid cleaning products, like diluted bleach

#### **Other Protective Measures**

- Provide ways for workers to express any concerns and ideas to improve safety.
- Alert store managers or shift supervisors of strategies on handling customers or workers who are not following social distancing practices or demonstrate signs of illness during the visit. For example, it might be helpful to move a coughing customer out of line to a separate checkout station distant from others.
- Update store Accident Prevention Program (APP) to include awareness and prevention measures for diseases and viruses.

#### Resources

#### L&I's COVID-19 webpage: www.Lni.wa.gov/agency/outreach/novel-coronavirusoutbreak-covid-19-resources

King County Public Health Grocery store guidance with downloadable posters here: www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/communicablediseases/disease-control/novel-coronavirus/retail/ grocery-stores.aspx

> WA Food Industry Association: www.wa-food-ind.org/Covid-19

#### Get help

For a free safety and health consultation go to www.Lni.wa.gov/SafetyConsultants or call 1-800-423-7233 or visit a local L&I office.

Upon request, foreign language support and formats for persons

with disabilities are available. Call 1-800-547-8367. TDD users,

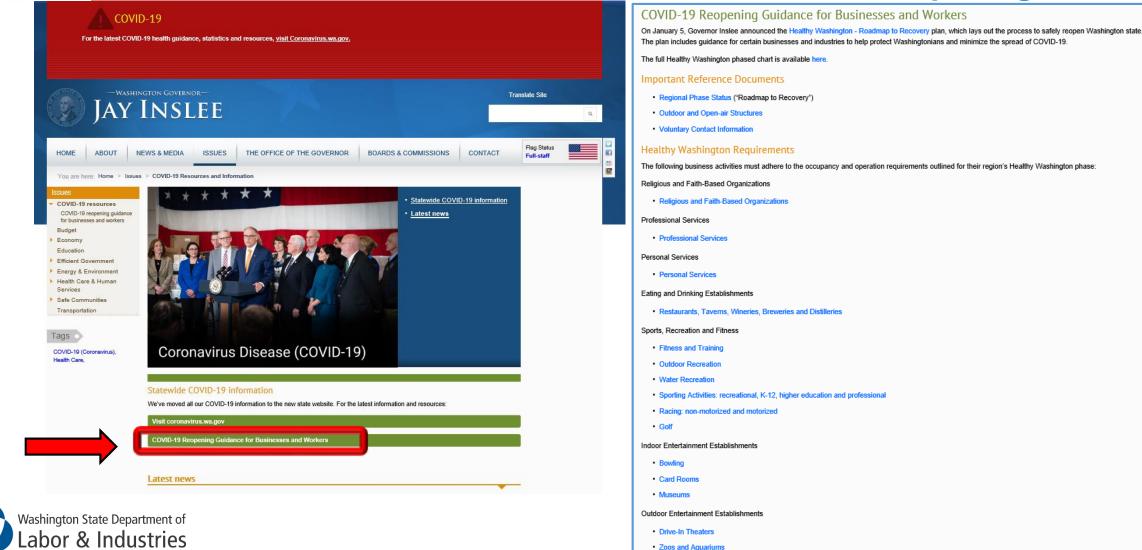


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#### **Reopening Guidance**



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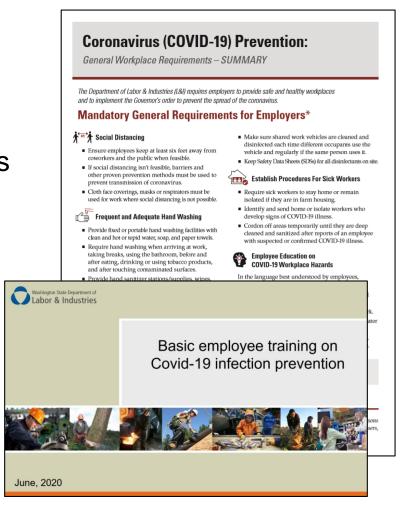
#### **General Workplace Requirements for COVID-19**

#### Mandatory general requirements for all employers

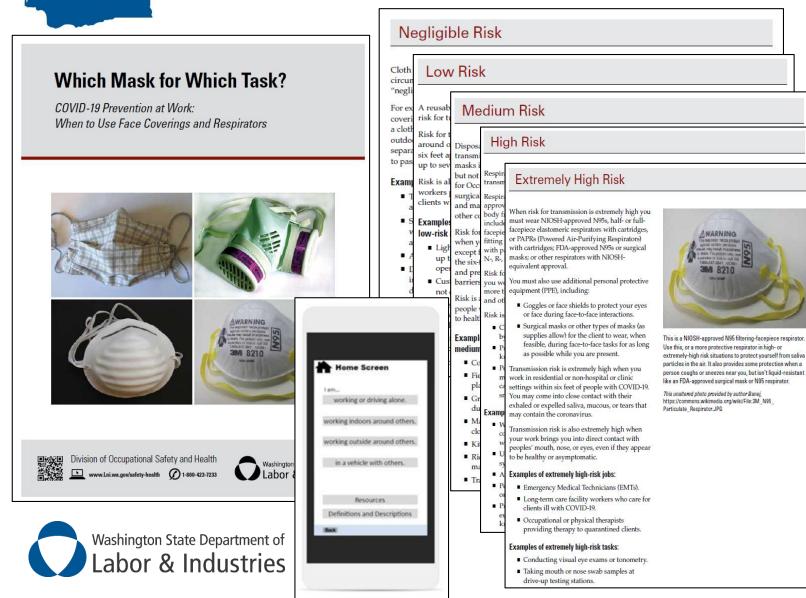
(more detail provided on L&I publication F-414-167-000)

- 1. Face masks and social distancing
  - Required for employees, customers, vendors & contractors
  - At least 6 feet apart and other controls
- 2. Frequent and adequate hand washing
- 3. Routine and additional cleaning and sanitizing
- 4. Establish procedures for sick workers
- 5. Employee education (in language of preference) and daily health assessment



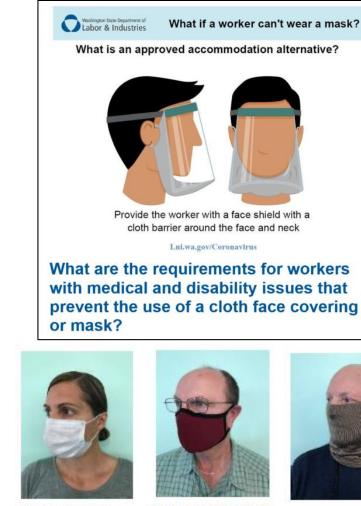


# **Face Coverings Guidance**



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#### "Humanity Shield" or "Badger Shield"



Ear Loop Mask

Cloth Face Covering 2-Layered Neck Gaiter

## Suggested Best Practices with Customers & Masks

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- Use highly visible signage (signage is required)
- Provide a supply of disposable masks
- Politely educate about the requirement
- If won't wear a mask, offer accommodation:
  - Curbside pickup
  - Delivery
  - Scheduled appointment
- Stay safe don't try to physically block or remove them from the premises

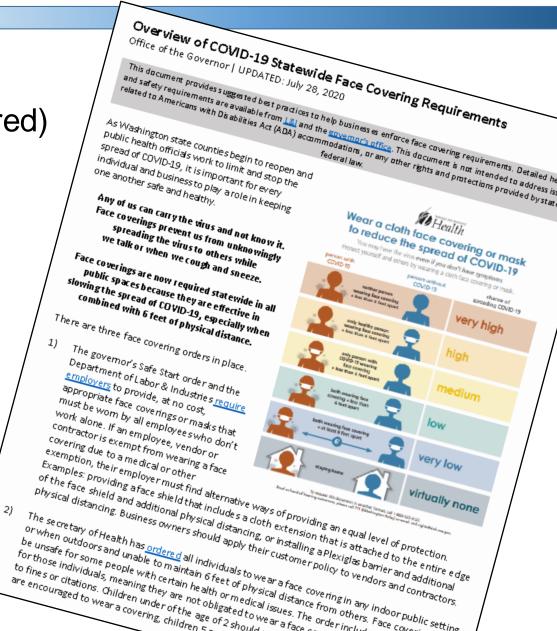
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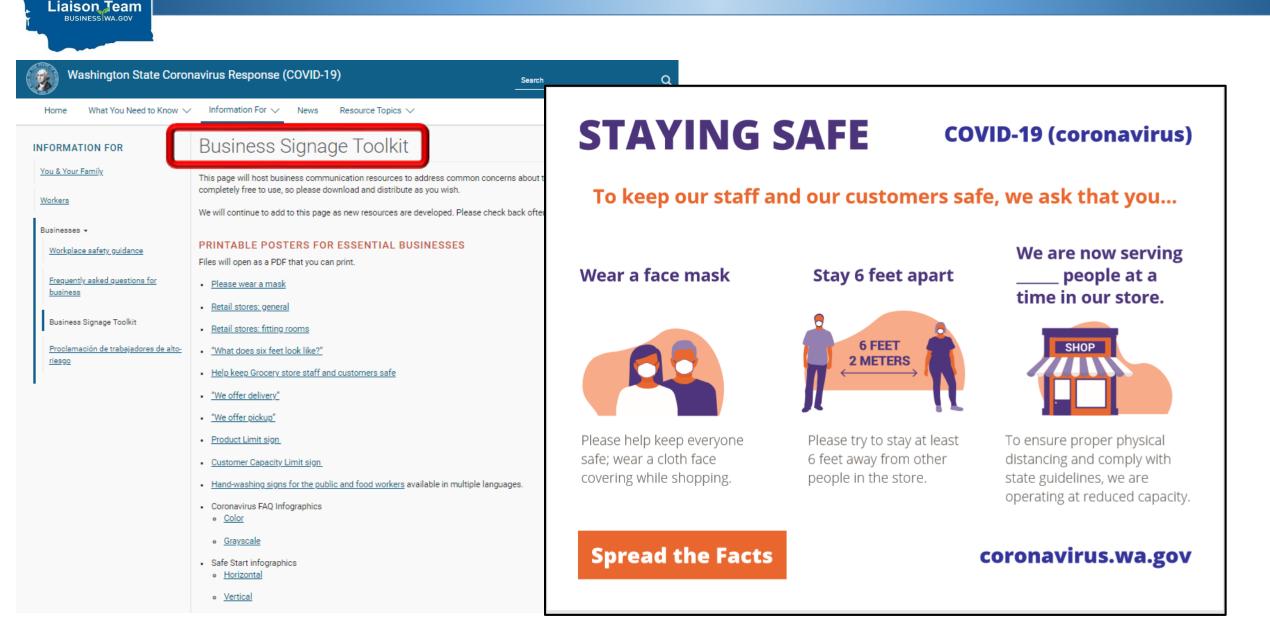
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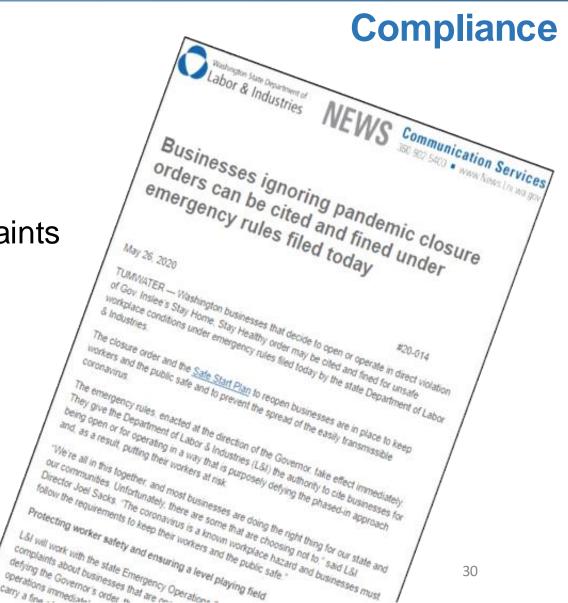
## **Division of Occupational Safety & Health - DOSH**

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#### **DOSH Compliance**

- Workplace inspections
  - Random or a result of injuries or complaints
- Governor's Safe Start Plan
  - Businesses in violation can be cited
  - Fines of \$10,000 or more







## **Employer Assistance Program (EAP) – Delayed Payments**

#### If your business has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic:

- L&I is waiving late penalties and interest for premiums if qualifying businesses file on time and pay within 90 days
- Payment periods longer than 90 days can be requested, but penalties and interest may apply
- To participate, file quarterly reports timely, paying what you can at that time
  - Then email **DialerCollections@Lni.wa.gov**, requesting delay
  - Include L&I account number





## **Workers' Compensation Insurance Premiums**

### **Reported Employee Hours**

#### Hours for workers' comp premium reporting:

- For hourly employees, you don't need to report non-working hours
- For salaried employees
  - If you typically report a standard 160 hours per month, or 480 hours per quarter, for your salaried workers:
    - You can temporarily report actual hours worked instead
    - Keep good records





## **COVID-19 Related Workers' Compensation Claims**

- In most cases, exposure and/or contraction of a virus would not be considered an allowable workers' comp claim
- Under certain circumstances, COVID-19 claims from health care providers and first responders will be allowed
  - For illness or quarantine
- Other workers, claims will probably not be approved
  - Will evaluate on a case-by-case basis
- COVID-19 related claims won't affect employers' experience ratings



# WA Paid Sick Leave



# By law, employees can choose to use their accrued sick leave in the following circumstances:

- Business is closed by a public official due to a health-related reason
- Care for a child whose school or childcare is closed for a health-related reason
- Employee is required to leave work because of a COVID-19 exposure
- Employee is seeking a medical diagnosis, care, treatment, or preventative medical care for themselves or family member (for COVID-19 or any illness)



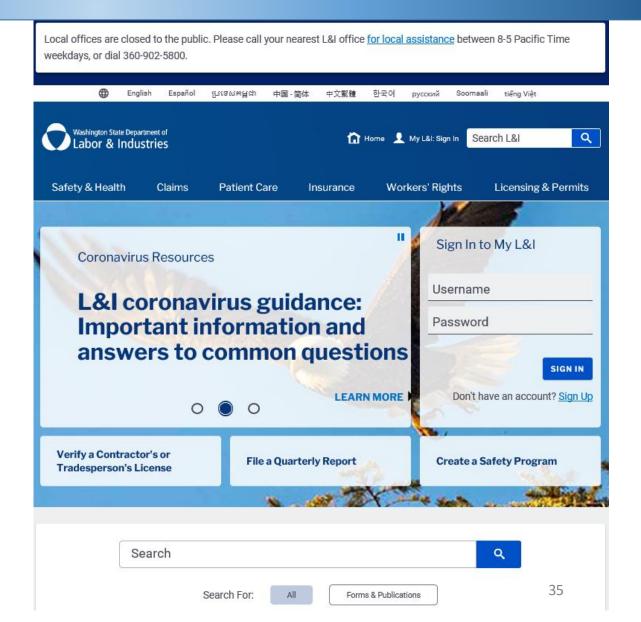
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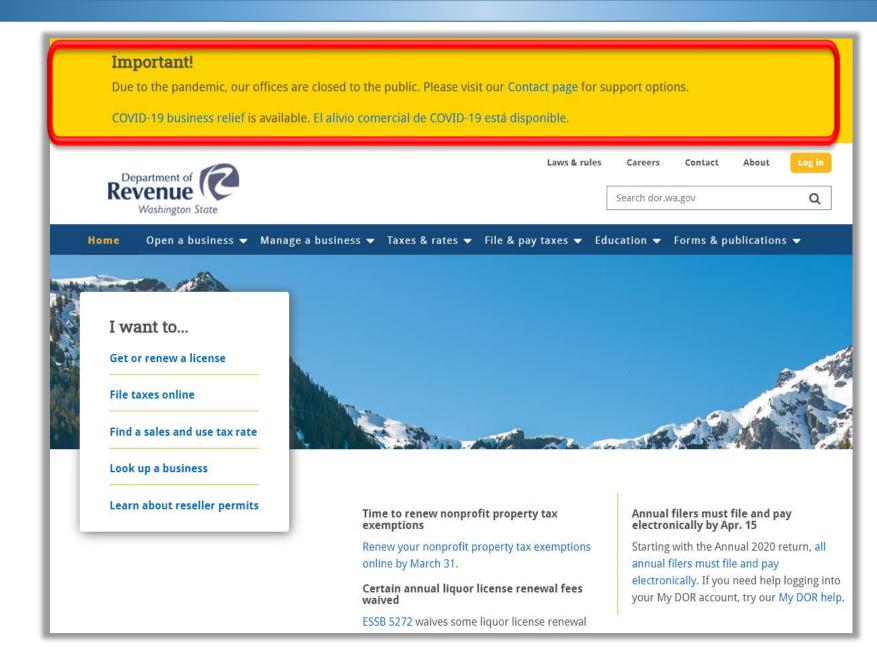




## Small Business Requirements and Resources: Business Relief

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## **COVID-19 Online Resources**





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# **Additional Online Resources**

#### **Business Relief During COVID-19 Pandemic**

Updated Feb. 26, 2021

#### Alivio para los negocios durante la pandemia de COVID-19

#### Our offices are temporarily closed

Services are available online and our call center agents are ready to assist by phone or chat.

While offices are closed, there will be delays in processing incoming and outgoing U.S. mail. This includes things such as general correspondence, processing paper tax returns, applications, and/or permit requests, petitions or request for administrative review, and acknowledgment of any legal documents.

Legal process is accepted at our Tumwater office between 8 a.m. and noon, Monday – Friday.

In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Governor has implemented statewide restrictions. Revenue is offering relief for impacted businesses.

#### **Payment Extensions**

to pay.

Revenue will provide payment extensions, upon request, to businesses in the industries directly impacted by these restrictions.

- Please request a payment extension *before* the due date.
- You are still being asked to *file* your returns by their original due dates even if you are unable

Additional resources Coronavirus.wa.gov Emergency financial assistance grants WA State relief WA: COVID-19 Business Resources WA Department of Commerce Crisis Planning Tools & Resources Federal relief SBA: Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources IRS: COVID-19 Tax Relief and Economic Impact Payments Guidance for COVID-19 related temporary business activities

Additional information for restaurants – COVID 19



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# **Office and Workload Impacts**

All of our offices remain closed to the public.

- Phone or live chat M-F, 8 am 5 pm, 360-705-6705 (Wed. open at 9am)
- dor.wa.gov/ContactUs
- Always available: Website and My DOR

Processing delays in incoming/outgoing US mail

- General correspondence
- Tax returns, permits, and business applications
- Payments by check or money order
- Petitions, administrative review requests, and legal documents



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# **Tax Returns and Outstanding Balances**

Tax Returns – file even if you are unable to pay

- Payment extensions
  - Request before the due date.
  - They only *postpone payment* due date; tax is not waived.
- Tax returns filed and paid in full by the extended due date are considered timely, and will not incur interest.
- Payment plans may also be available.
  - If you are on a payment plan, maintain contact with your Revenue Agent.

Outstanding balances interest waiver

• From Feb. 29, 2020 until the end of the COVID-19 State of Emergency



# **Licenses and Endorsements**

### License Renewals

- We are waiving business license delinquency fees on late renewals.
- We do not, however, have authority to extend your business license expiration dates.

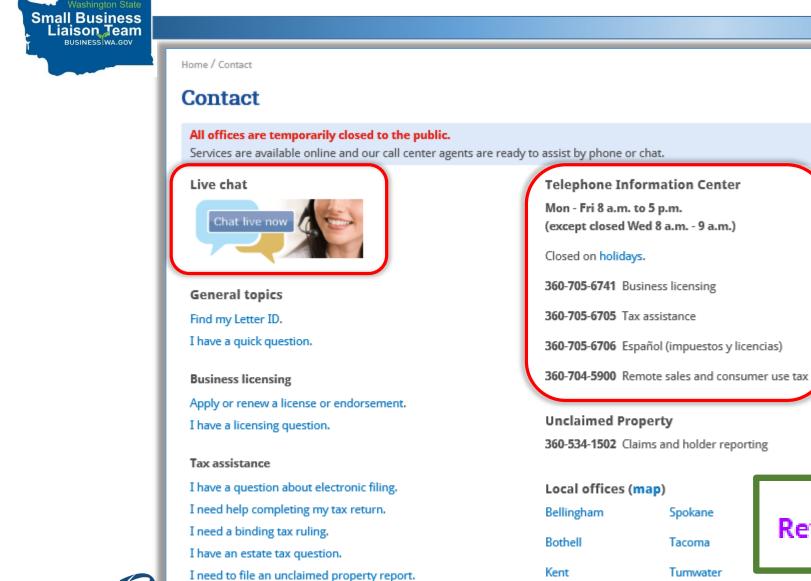
### State and Local Endorsements

- Check with the state or local regulatory agency that issued your endorsement to determine if continued operation is allowed.
  - dor.wa.gov/StateEndorsement
  - dor.wa.gov/CityEndorsement



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# **Contact Information**



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#### **Additional Options**

- <u>DORCommunications</u>
   <u>@dor.wa.gov</u>
- Secure messaging through My DOR

**Revenue alphabetical directory** 

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Additional services



## **Department of Social and Health Services**

# Division of Child Support - New Hire Reporting Program -

### Report <u>all</u> Newly Hired and Rehired employees within 20 days.

 Rehired: Employees returning after more than 60 consecutive days or needing a new W-4

### What to Report

- Employee Info: Name, Addr, SS#, Date of birth, Date of hire
- Washington State Department of Social & Health Services Transforming lives
- Employer Info: Name, Mailing Address, FEIN

### Why and How?

### Impacts Families and Businesses

- Timely enforcement and delivery of child support
- Saves millions by reducing fraud and overpayments in Unemployment, L&I and other benefits.

### **Free Reporting Options:**

#### Visit <u>www.NewHire.wa.gov</u>

- Online Reporting
- Fax: 800-782-0624



- Phone: 800-562-0479
- Multi State reporting



# **Department of Enterprise Services**

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- Learn about how to sell goods and services to the state
- Doing Business with DES
- DES Washington Electronic Business Solutions
- Open Checkbook: state agency payment information
- <u>Washington Data</u>: the general purpose open data portal for the State of Washington
- Questions: <u>WEBSCustomerService@des.wa.gov</u> or (360) 902-7400, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.





#### RESOURCES

- Check the DOH dashboard for daily data updates.
- Phase Finder <u>https://form.findyourphasewa.org/210118771253954</u>
- Vaccinations by Location
- https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization/Vaccine LocationsViewour current
- <u>Resources and Recommendations</u> (DOH guidance page)
- <u>Subscribe to receive news releases</u> and notices about press conferences, which are all streamed live on TVW.
- Follow DOH on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u> and subscribe for updates to our Medium blog, <u>Public Health Connection</u>.
- Visit the DOH website at <u>www.doh.wa.gov/coronavirus</u> or the state response website at <u>www.coronavirus.wa.gov</u>



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### **Coronavirus Economic Aid Programs**

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) 1<sup>st</sup> Draw 2<sup>nd</sup> Draw

Shuttered Venue Operator Grant (SVOG)

**Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)** 

**Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF)** 

April 22, 2021

Seattle District Office (206) 553-7310 Janie Sacco janie.sacco@sba.gov (206) 300-3863

### What is a First Draw PPP Loan?

#### For eligible applicants that did not receive a PPP loan prior to Aug. 9, 2020

- PPP loan eligibility now includes additional types of entities.
- Covered eligible expenses are expanded.
- Borrowers can now select a covered period to use PPP loan proceeds anytime between 8 and 24 weeks after disbursement.
- Certain borrowers may request an increase to their original PPP loan amount.
- Must apply <u>on or before May 31, 2021</u>, or until Congressional appropriations expire.
- Go to: <u>www.sba.gov/ppp</u> and select First Draw Loan Information
- There have been eligibility changes related to delinquent student loan debt, felony issues, and the use of ITINs.

### What is a Second Draw PPP Loan?

For borrowers that previously received a PPP loan, have 300 employees or less, and suffered a 25% reduction in gross receipts

- For most borrowers, the maximum loan amount of a Second Draw PPP loan is 2.5x average monthly 2019 or 2020 payroll costs, up to \$2 million.
- For borrowers in the Accommodation and Food Services sector (NAICS 72), the maximum loan amount for a Second Draw PPP loan is 3.5x average monthly 2019 or 2020 payroll costs, up to \$2 million.
- Second Draw PPP loan applicants must submit the information on SBA Form 2483-SD (Borrower Application) when applying to their lender.
- Must apply <u>on or before May 31, 2021</u>, or until Congressional appropriations expire.
- Go to: <u>www.sba.gov/ppp</u> and click on Second Draw Loan Information

### **Shuttered Venue Operator Grant**

- Who Can Apply: Live venue operators or promoters, Theatrical producers, Live performing arts organization operators, Relevant museum operators, zoos and aquariums who meet specific criteria, Motion picture theater operators, Talent representatives, Each business entity owned by an eligible entity that also meets the eligibility requirements
- Amount of Grant: For an eligible entity in operation on January 1, 2019, Grants will be for an amount equal to 45% of their 2019 gross earned revenue or \$10 million, whichever is less. For an eligible entity that began operation after January 1, 2019, Grants will be for the average monthly gross revenue for each full month you were in operation during 2019 multiplied by six (6) OR \$10 million, whichever is less.
- For more information go to <u>www.sba.gov/svogrant</u>
- The re-opening date of the portal is pending.
- Must have been in operation as of Feb. 29, 2020; venue or promoter must not have received a PPP loan on or after December 27, 2020

### **Economic Injury Disaster Loan**

- SBA's EIDL program offers a low fixed interest rate (3.75% to for-profit businesses and 2.75% to non-profit businesses) and a 30-year maturity for small businesses, landlords, or non-profits.
- May have an EIDL and a PPP loan at the same time.
- Use of proceeds: any working capital purpose including all operating expenses, inventory purchases, and principal and interest payments on business loans.
- May not be used for: debt consolidation, fixed asset purchases, relocation expenses.
- Reconsideration Requests email to: <u>PDCrecons@sba.gov</u>. You may use this for declined loans and for loan increases.
- Collateral Change Requests email to: <u>PDC.PDCAccountsCollateralReview@sba.gov</u>
- Funded through December 31, 2021 or until funds are exhausted.

### **Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF)**

- Please go to the following website for detailed information about the program: Restaurant Revitalization Fund (sba.gov)
- Eligible entities are businesses that are not permanently closed and include businesses where the public or patrons assemble for the primary purpose of being served food or drink
- Includes:
  - Restaurants
  - Food stands, food trucks, food carts
  - Caterers
  - Bars, saloons, lounges, taverns
  - Snack and nonalcoholic beverage bars (e.g., coffee shops, ice cream shops)
  - Bakeries\* (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
  - Brewpubs, tasting rooms, taprooms\* (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
  - Breweries and/or microbreweries\* (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
  - Wineries and distilleries\* (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
  - Inns\* (onsite sales of food and beverage to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
  - Licensed facilities or premises of a beverage alcohol producer where the public may taste, sample, or purchase products
  - Other similar places of business in which the public or patrons assemble for the primary purpose of being served food or drink

All entities listed above that do not have an asterisk are presumed to have greater than 33% onsite in 2019 food and beverage sales

### Washington Small Business Development Centers

Bellingham - Sherri

Des Moines - Rich Shockley

Lacey - Jennifer Dye

Omak - Lew Blakeney

Daymon

Your SBDC Advisor can assist you in filling out the PPP application and forgiveness forms, along with many other aspects of small business ownership, including start-up, growth and transition planning.

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### There is no cost to you!





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Grimstead

Kristina Hines

- Janet Toth & Giselle Saguid

Poulsbo/Kitsap County

Seattle - Internationa

Spokane - International

Walla Walla - Judy Jones

Trade - Vern Jenkins

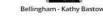
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Spokane - Julia Lara







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Contact your local advisor: https://wsbdc.org/contact -an-advisor/ washington@wsbdc.org



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### **Contact Summary**



Employment Security Department WASHINGTON STATE













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# Thank you









# Employment Security Department Additional Reference Slides



Experience a qualifying event

 Work 820 hours in Washington during the qualifying period Title 50A RCW

#### **Family members**

- Spouse/domestic partner
- Child

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- Son/daughter-in-law
- Grandchild
- Grandparent
- Parent (in-law and step)
- Sibling



#### Qualifying events

- Welcoming a child through birth, placement, foster or adoption
- Serious health conditions or injuries (your own or a family member's)
- Certain military-connected events

Family Leave = 12 x typical workweek hours

Medical Leave = 12 x typical workweek hours

Combination = 16 x typical workweek hours

Pregnancy Disability = add 2 weeks of medical leave

# **COVID-19 & PFML**

### **Paid Family and Medical Leave:**

- If you are sick or caring for a family member who is sick.
  - Eligibility requires a Certification of Serious Health Condition form signed by a healthcare provider.
- Individuals cannot receive benefits from Paid Family and Medical Leave and Unemployment Insurance in the same week. This includes both state and federally funded unemployment.



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### 3 steps if you're applying/restarting your claim:

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- 1. Check out <u>esd.wa.gov/unemployment/tips</u> to avoid common issues.
- 2. Log on to eServices Thurs. Sat. when it is less busy.

3. It is best to apply/<u>restart your claim</u> the same week you leave your job. If you can't, you have through the following week.





### Helpful Web Pages for Employers and Workers

- 1. ESD homepage: <u>https://esd.wa.gov</u>
- 2. Employer taxes: <u>https://esd.wa.gov/employer-taxes</u>
- 3. COVID-19 Page: https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/covid-19
- 4. COVID-19 business info: <u>https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/covid-19-employer-information</u>
- 5. Employer resources: <u>https://esd.wa.gov/about-employees</u>
- 6. Work/job search requirements: <u>https://esd.wa.gov/unemployment/job-search-requirements</u>
- 7. Extension of benefits: <u>https://esd.wa.gov/unemployment/benefit-extensions</u>
- 8. WorkSource resources: <u>https://www.worksourcewa.com/</u>
- 9. ESD Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonESD</u>



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800-318-6022 – UI hotline & weekly claims (8a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon. – Fri.) 855-829-9243 – Employers UI tax accounts 833-717-2273 – PF&ML 800-752-2500 – SharedWork 800-669-9271 – WOTC & Bonding