COVID-19 Update: March 22 4 pm

We continue to assemble resources and information for the business community regarding COVID-19. Please visit www.gpcovid.com for a complete list of business resources and send any questions to bizinfo@greaterpeoriaedc.org.

Essential Business Checklist
Illinois DCEO has put together a helpful FAQ for businesses to use to help with the “essential business” designation here.

Bradley SBDC Ready to Work on SBA Loan Applications
The Illinois Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Bradley University and the Turner Center for Entrepreneurship are ready to assist small businesses affected by COVID-19. Specifically, the staff has been trained on the SBA emergency loans available to area small businesses affected by the economic slowdown. More here.

Filing for Unemployment
With IDES physical offices being closed, unemployed workers have two options for filing for unemployment: call 1-800-244-5631 or visit https://www2.illinois.gov/ides.

Social Distancing Guidance
The Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford County Health Departments issued guidance on social distancing requirements for essential businesses and operations. Read it here.

Illinois Manufacturers Association FAQ
IMA has put together an FAQ on COVID related business issues that is being constantly updated. You can find it here. While geared towards manufacturing, it is relevant for all types of business operations.