

## COVID-19 Update: March 16 4 pm

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

- The Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI), announced today the organization will begin accepting donations in response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) to address emerging community needs in central Illinois. The Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund will accept tax-deductible donations that will be used to provide grant support to nonprofit organizations engaged in meeting emerging community needs related to the impact of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). An advisory committee will make recommendations to the CFCI Board of Directors about where unmet needs and funding gaps exist. Grants will then be made from the fund to help address those needs. More information [here](#).
- We have received a number of questions regarding unemployment insurance and filing for employees impacted by COVID-related shutdowns. There is still not a lot of specific information available but we will keep looking. You can access some information from the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) [here](#). (Warning: high traffic has caused their website to crash. You may have to try multiple times.) National Law Review does have a good summary of the House bill that was passed early Saturday morning [here](#). Note that the bill still needs to be passed by the Senate and signed by the President, both of which are expected this week.
- The Illinois Gaming Board has ordered the suspension of all video gaming operations at licensed operations as of 9 pm tonight (Monday, March 16). More [here](#).
- Manufacturing Excellence Partnership programs across the country have put information together. You can find the Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center (IMEC, headquartered at Bradley) [here](#). Some great information has also been put together by Impact Washington which you can access [here](#). Of particular note is information on creating a Business Continuity Plan which can be found [here](#).