

COVID-19 Update: March 21

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.

State Survey of Business Impact

Illinois DCEO is tracking the impact of this crisis on business and is asking businesses to complete a short survey [here](#). Answers to these questions will help inform state policy makers on shaping responses.

“Stay At Home” Essential Businesses

Yesterday Governor Pritzker issued an executive order that will prompt the temporary closure of businesses other than certain “essential businesses and operations.” The full executive order can be read [here](#). Below is a summary of the broad categories defined as essential:

<p>Grocery stores Agriculture and food, beverage, and cannabis production Charitable and social service providers Media Gas stations and transportation-related facilities Financial institutions Hardware and supply stores Critical trades (HVAC, plumbers, electrician, cleaning, etc) Mail, postal, shipping, logistics, delivery, and pick-up services Education institutions Laundry services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restaurants for consumption off-premises• Supplies to work from home (businesses that sell, manufacture, or supply products)• Supplies for essential businesses and operations• Transportation• Home-based care and services• Residential facilities and shelters• Day care centers for employees exempted by this order• Manufacturing• Critical labor union functions• Hotels and motels• Funeral Services
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More SBA Disaster Loan Information

Illinois SBA held a series of webinars on Friday and Saturday to provide information on the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program. The webinars were all sold out, but we’ve stored the PowerPoint slides [here](#). The same webinar is being held twice on Monday, March 23. Register for the 11 am session [here](#) and the 3 pm session [here](#). More information at Bradley's SBDC [website](#).

United Way Volunteer Portal

The Heart of Illinois United Way has created a dedicated portal to organize volunteer opportunities in response to the COVID-19 health crisis. The portal can be viewed [here](#). Please consider sharing this website with any employees who may be in a position to assist.

CDFA COVID-19 Resource Center

The Council for Development Finance Agencies (CFDA) has created a great website collecting information on financing programs and resources to address disaster relief and recovery. You can access the library [here](#).