

## COVID-19 Update: April 20

Reminders: All previous bulletins and other resources listed at [www.gpcovid.com](http://www.gpcovid.com). Resource requests from our community institutions listed at the end of this bulletin. Send any questions to [bizinfo@greaterpeoriaedc.org](mailto:bizinfo@greaterpeoriaedc.org).

### Paycheck Protection Program Advice

As was widely reported, the popular Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) ran out of funding toward the end of last week. Congress is currently negotiating a fourth relief package and all indications point toward another round of funding coming to PPP. Over the weekend we spoke with nearly 10 bank leaders in Peoria, all of whom advised that companies interested in PPP should not wait until new funding is announced. Interested parties should be in contact with their bank or financial institution and complete the application, which can be located [here](#), even if it cannot yet be submitted. The Treasury Department also has a variety of useful information on PPP [here](#). It is important for borrowers to be thorough, accurate and complete and gather all the required documentation prior to submitting. This is all work that can be done now while businesses are waiting for new funding to be announced. Some businesses have had success in hiring agents or working with their accountants to complete the paperwork, which alleviates extra work on your lender and frees him/her to process more completed applications.

### Forbes Article on Assistance to Hospitality Workers

In an article about a large donation by Barcardi to assist hospitality workers, Forbes does a nice job of cataloging a number of other charitable efforts aimed at helping hospitality workers. Read the article [here](#).

### Child Care Assistance

Employees in “essential businesses” (i.e. health care, manufacturing, grocery, etc.) can find more information about emergency daycare services [here](#).

### OSHA Relief on Certain Requirements

OSHA announced that due to the coronavirus health emergency it may be difficult to meet certain standards. As a result, employers will be granted relief if they are unable to fulfill annual testing, inspection, training and auditing due to coronavirus if the employer makes a good faith effort to stay in compliance. More [here](#).

### Landmarks Illinois Grant for Nonprofits

Landmarks Illinois has created a new, temporary grant fund to provide monetary assistance to non profit organizations that have been financially impacted by the pandemic. Grants of \$2,000 will be available to nonprofit organizations with an annual revenue of less than \$1 million or fewer than 7 employees. More information [here](#).

## RESOURCE REQUESTS

- **Community Foundation of Central Illinois:** Requesting monetary donations for the Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund. Information <https://communityfoundationci.org/>.
- **UnityPoint Health:** UnityPoint is seeking personal protective equipment (PPE) and other medical supplies. They are also in search of medical personnel to help them prepare in the event that there is an influx of sick patients. Information [here](#).
- **OSF Healthcare:** OSF seeking personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators and other supplies. Information [here](#).

- **Peoria Innovation Alliance:** PIA is gathering the maker community to discuss ways individuals and small companies can make supplies like masks. Information [here](#).
- **Heartland Health Services:** Seeking personal protective equipment, medical supplies, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes unopened. More information [here](#).
- **UICOMP Accepting Handmade Masks** – The University of Illinois College of Medicine is accepting donations of handmade masks. Details can be found [here](#).
- **IWIRC:** Seeking standard PPE such as N-95/surgical/home-made masks, face shields, gowns, and latex-free gloves. Donated supplies can be dropped off at their downtown Peoria clinic location at 736 SW Washington St. Information [here](#).