



This email update focuses on an update from HEDA, Unemployment Insurance program changes, and trainings available from the Hibbing Area Chamber, SBA, and Minnesota Chamber. Today we also sent out a brief email on tax policy changes in the CARES Act and how that can help benefit your business.

Free Interactive Webinar – Roundtable on Remote Work – TODAY at 11:00AM

Join Hibbing Area Chamber staff and your fellow business community members to learn about best practices for remote work. Veteran remote workers and those new to remote work are all welcome! Employees, managers, business owners, and independent contractors are encouraged to attend. [Click here](#) to sign up for today’s FREE event and [click here](#) to download a PDF version of the event flyer.

Update from the City of Hibbing and HEDA

Hibbing Economic Development Authority (HEDA) has taken action to help businesses in response to COVID-19. Effective April 1, 2020, HEDA is deferring collection of HEDA loans from local businesses for six months through September 30, 2020. Businesses with loans through HEDA will not need to make a payment until October 1, 2020. This action does not change these loans into a grant, and loan payment schedules will resume as normal on October 1st.

Changes to UI Application Schedule

Due to the high demand on the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system in Minnesota, new applications are required to be entered on a specific schedule based on your social security number. The amount of benefits you receive will not change based on the day of the week in which you apply for UI. See the image below for the details on the new UI application schedule.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPLICATION SCHEDULE

The table below lists the day and time to start an application based on the last digit of your SSN. **For example: a person with the SSN XXX-XX-XXX6 would apply on Wednesday.**

IF THE LAST DIGIT OF YOUR SSN IS:	DAY OF WEEK YOU SHOULD APPLY ONLINE:
0, 1, or 2	Monday
3, 4, or 5	Tuesday
6, 7, 8, or 9	Wednesday
Any Number	Thursday
Any Number	Friday

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

- The date of application will not affect the amount of benefits you will be paid
- If you already have an Unemployment Insurance account, you can still login anytime.
- Please do not call the Unemployment Insurance office to ask about the status of your application. Your online account will be updated when more information is available.
- If you have questions please visit the Need to Know Page on the UIMN.org site.

APPLY FOR UI ONLINE AT UIMN.ORG



Update on Unemployment Insurance CARES Act Changes

The State of Minnesota operates the federally funded UI program in our state through the Dept. of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). Each state has their own program that operates within federally set guidelines. DEED has provided us with an update that they are working on changes to the program to comply with the provisions of the CARES Act stimulus package. The major changes they are working on are increasing benefit payments of \$600/week for those on UI and changing the application system so that independent contractors, sole proprietors, and "gig workers" are eligible to apply and to calculate their benefits. DEED is awaiting some federal guidance on details related to these changes and hopes to have them implemented quickly.

SBA Loan Application Online Trainings

Minnesota small businesses can now [apply](#) for **SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)**. The SBA Minnesota District office is hosting twice daily online trainings to help answer questions and provide tips for applying. These live webinars are available two times per day through Friday, April 1st. To sign up for one of the free webinars, [click here](#).

Free Webinar - How Federal and State COVID-19 Legislation Can Help Your Business

The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce has recorded a webinar that is available for free to local Chamber member businesses. [Click here](#) to register to watch the webinar on how federal and state COVID-19 legislation can help your business. This webinar seeks to answer your questions on both the state and federal COVID-19 relief packages.