

Wisconsin Government Relations Update: COVID-19 Response

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Wisconsin Small Businesses Approved to Apply for Federal Disaster Loans

- Small businesses may receive up to \$2 million in federal loans for COVID-19-related losses:
 - 3.75% interest rate for small businesses;
 - 2.75% interest rate for nonprofits; and
 - Payments may be extended up to 30 years.
- To apply, you will need the following:
 - Tax Information Authorization ([IRS Form 4506T](#)) for the applicant, principals, and affiliates;
 - Most recent Federal Income Tax Return;
 - Schedule of Liabilities ([SBA Form 2202](#));
 - Personal Financial Statement ([SBA Form 413](#));
 - Profit and loss statements; and
 - Monthly sales figures ([SBA Form 1368](#)).

WEDC Provides Loans To Wisconsin Businesses with 20 or Fewer Employees

- [Grants available](#) of up to \$20,000 to targeted businesses with up to 20 employees to cover rent and to meet payroll expenses, including paid leave (including sick, family and other leave related to COVID-19).

Federal and Wisconsin Income Tax Payment and Return Due Dates Extended to July 15, 2020

- The [extended deadlines](#) apply to individuals, trusts, estates, partnerships, associations, companies or corporations.
- The extension applies to income tax payments, estimated income tax payments and returns originally due April 15, 2020.
- Tax filers do not have to file any extension forms to be eligible for this new due date.
- There is no limit on the amount of payment to be postponed, and there are no income exclusions.
- No interest or penalty for the period of April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020.
- Interest, penalties, and underpayment interest for failure to make quarterly estimated tax payments with respect to such postponed federal income tax filings and payments will begin to accrue on July 16, 2020.

WI Gov. Evers Urges Wisconsinites to Stay Home - No Current Plans for Shelter in Place

- Although Governor Evers reiterated last week that Wisconsin does NOT currently have a statewide shelter-in-place order, on Saturday, March 21, Governor Evers urged Wisconsin citizens to stay home.
- In a press release, Gov. Tony Evers reminded Wisconsinites to follow the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), urging the public to stay home as much as they are able to help protect the health and safety of Wisconsin's healthcare workers.
- Gov. Evers' video message to Wisconsinites can be found [here](#), and is available on both his [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.

Wisconsin Legislative Leaders Request No Further Business Restrictions

- Last week, Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, Speaker of the State Assembly, Robin Vos, and Assembly Majority Leader, Jim Steineke, [asked Governor Evers NOT to place additional restrictions on Wisconsin businesses](#) amid the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Links to Minnesota COVID-19 Resources

- [MN Employment and Economic Development: COVID-19](#): Links to health resources, information for workers and employers. Information will be updated as available.
 - [Information and Resources for Workers](#)
 - [Information and Resources for Employers](#)
 - [DEED Rapid Response page](#)
- [MN Unemployment Insurance: COVID-19](#): Information on executive order regarding unemployment benefits and relief for taxpaying employers.
- [MN Dept. of Labor and Industry: COVID-19 Updates](#): Information on worker protections, worker's compensation, and other issues.
 - [Worker Protections Related to COVID-19](#)
- [MN Dept. of Health: COVID-19 Information for Businesses and Employers](#)
- [MN Chamber of Commerce: COVID-19 Resources](#): Includes links to state agency COVID-19 pages, guidelines for businesses, and information on economic impacts.