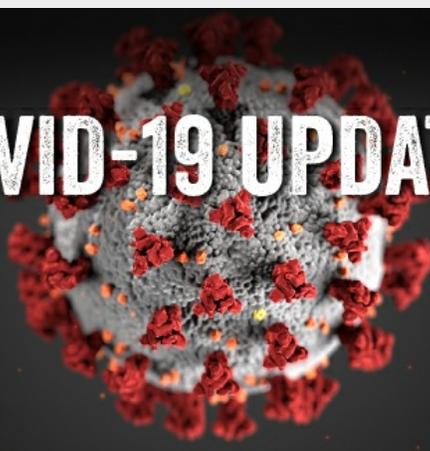


COVID-19 UPDATES & INFORMATION



Special Notice to Dublin Businesses

April 20, 2020

Facebook Small Business Grants Program

On April 20, 2020, Facebook launched a two-week application period for businesses in the San Francisco Bay Area to apply for their COVID-19 Small Business Grants Program. Facebook is expecting to provide grants to up to 30,000 eligible small businesses in more than 30 countries. To be eligible to apply, businesses must:

- Be a for-profit company
- Have between 2 and 50 employees
- Have been in business for more than a year
- Have experienced challenges from COVID-19
- Be in or near a location where Facebook operates



For more information, read the [application guide](#).

To apply, visit Facebook's [website](#) and click on the "See Available Locations Button."

Salesforce Care Small Business Grants

Salesforce is offering 300 grants awarded at \$10,000 each in the U.S. for a total of \$3 million through the Salesforce Care Small Business Grants. To be eligible to apply, businesses must:

- Be a for-profit company
- Have between 2 to 50 employees
- Have been in business for 2 full years as of March 2020
- Have an annual revenue between \$250,000 and \$2 million
- Have experienced challenges from COVID-19
- Meet all other eligibility requirements as stated in the Grant Program Terms



Applications will be accepted from California businesses from April 27 to May 4, 2020. Information about Salesforce Care Small Business Grant program is now available on the website of Salesforce's grant partner, [Ureeka](#).

Face Coverings

On Friday, April 17, 2020, the Health Officer of Alameda County issued new public health

requirements for everyone to wear a face covering when engaged in essential activities and work.

All Essential Businesses, as well as entities and organizations with workers engaged in Minimum Basic Operations (except for Healthcare Operations, which are subject to their own regulation regarding specified face coverings), must:

Require their employees, contractors, owners, and volunteers to wear a Face Covering at the workplace and when performing work off-site any time the employee, contractor, owner, or volunteer is:

- i. interacting in person with any member of the public;
- ii. working in any space visited by members of the public, such as by way of example and without limitation, reception areas, grocery store or pharmacy aisles, service counters, public restrooms, cashier and checkout areas, waiting rooms, service areas, and other spaces used to interact with the public, regardless of whether anyone from the public is present at the time;
- iii. working in any space where food is prepared or packaged for sale or distribution to others;
- iv. working in or walking through common areas such as hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking facilities; or
- v. in any room or enclosed area when other people (except for members of the person's own household or residence) are present.

Drivers:

Each driver or operator of any taxi, or private car service or ride-sharing vehicle must wear a face covering while driving or operating such vehicle, regardless of whether a member of the public is in the vehicle, due to the need to reduce the spread of respiratory droplets in the vehicle at all times.

For clarity, a face covering is not required when a person is in a personal office (a single room) when others outside of that person's household are not present as long as the public does not regularly visit the room. By way of example and without limitation, a construction worker, plumber, bank manager, accountant, or bike repair person is not required to wear a face covering if that individual is alone and in a space not regularly visited by the public, but that individual must put on a face covering when coworkers are nearby, when being visited by a client/customer, and anywhere members of the public or other coworkers are regularly present.

Required Signage:

All Essential Businesses, as well as entities and organizations with workers engaged in Minimum Basic Operations must also take reasonable measures, such as posting signs, to remind their customers and the public of the requirement that they wear a face covering while inside of or waiting in line to enter the business, facility, or location; take all reasonable steps to prohibit any member of the public who is not wearing a face covering from entering; and must not serve that person if those efforts are unsuccessful and seek to remove that person.

A sample sign to be used for notifying customers can be [downloaded](#).

An alternate version with a white background can also be [downloaded](#).

Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program Lapse in Appropriations

Due to limited funding, the Small Business Administration (SBA) has temporarily closed the application portal for EIDL loans and EIDL Advances, and by law, will not be able to issue new loan approvals once the programs experience a lapse in appropriations until additional funding is authorized by Congress (Congress is currently negotiating another stimulus bill, however, we do not have details on the pending legislation).

You can read the statement issued on April 20, 2020 by the SBA on their [website](#).

What this means for Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Applications:

- In order to ensure funding to those who already applied, new EIDL applications will no longer be accepted. This went into effect on Thursday, April 16, 2020.
- EIDL applications previously submitted are continuing to be reviewed, approved, and funded on a first come, first serve basis.

What this means for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP):

Already-approved PPP Loans will continue to be processed. Applicants will need to consult with their lender regarding individual status, as the lender is the one approving the loan.

Supplemental Benefits and Hand Washing Standards for Food Sector Workers

Last week, Governor Newsom announced paid sick leave benefits and additional workplace protections for food sector workers impacted by COVID-19.

The action filled a gap left by federal relief that had provided similar paid leave benefits for employers with fewer than 500 workers by entitling certain food sector workers from large employers in the food sector industry impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with two weeks of supplemental paid sick leave if they are subject to a quarantine or isolation order or medical directive.

The Executive Order covers a range of food sector workers from farmworkers to those workers who work in the retail food supply chain, including pick-up, delivery, supply, packaging, retail, or preparation. Eligible workers thus include grocery workers, restaurant or fast food workers, workers at warehouses where food is stored, and workers who pick-up or deliver any food items. By April 23, 2020, the State Labor Commissioner will provide a model notice for employers. For more information, please visit their [website](#).

Additionally, the Executive Order provides health and safety standards to increase worker and customer protection by permitting workers at food facilities to wash their hands every 30 minutes, or as needed, to increase proper sanitation measures. Cal-OSHA recently issued guidance for the grocery industry on best practices on physical distancing, disinfecting, and the use of reusable bags. Download the [COVID-19 Infection Prevention in Grocery Stores guidance](#).

Read more about Executive Order N-51-20 on the Governor's [website](#).

Social Media Tips for Restaurants During COVID-19

Visit Tri-Valley has created a video discussing ways local restaurants can leverage social media during the Shelter-in-Place order, including content ideas during this time that are either inspirational, educational or entertaining.

Watch the [video](#) and download the [resources](#).



We're Here for You

The City of Dublin appreciates our business community and remains committed to being your

source for reliable and accessible information and resources.

In addition to the COVID-19 [Business Impact webpage](#), we are now offering a COVID-19 [Business Resource Guide](#) (PDF updated 4/13/2020). Be sure to also visit the City's [COVID-19 webpage](#) with up-to-date information and resources about the pandemic.

The Economic Development Division team is available via [email](#) or by calling 925-833-6650. Language assistance is available over the phone by request.

The Dublin Business News Update is a monthly publication highlighting the latest news and event affecting the business community. For more information or assistance, please contact Economic Development via email, economic.development@dublin.ca.gov, or phone: (925) 833-6650.

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