

COVID-19: Friday, 4-10 Update

In an effort to help you stay informed on the federal, state, and local developments regarding COVID-19, CFCA will be sending updates summarizing the highlights of responses from levels of government. **Please feel free to send this update to colleagues, employees, or anyone you wish to keep up to date on these pressing matters.**

Tell Congress You Need to Keep Your Employees During the COVID-19 Crisis

Help CFCA tell Congress to lower the barriers for accessing Paycheck Protection Program loans.

This program allows employers to file for federal assistance for the purpose of retaining employees and preventing COVID-19 related layoffs. However, as currently implemented, the process presents a great number of challenges for potential applicants and a lack guarantee for these loans only adds to the uncertainty of relief.

This uncertainty is adding to the panic caused by COVID-19, for workers and business owners alike. America, California, and our communities cannot afford the looming layoffs that will occur if this funding is not widely available and guaranteed immediately.

Tell Congress it must guarantee funds for all essential businesses within our industry! Please send a letter to your representatives using the tool on your right.

[Click Here to Send a Letter](#)

Masks Required in Los Angeles Convenience Stores

Starting TODAY, employees and customers at many non-medical essential businesses in Los Angeles, such as convenience stores, will be required to wear a mask or some type of face covering to work or shop.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti announced the mask mandate, called the Worker Protection Order, on Tuesday and instructed businesses to refuse service to any customers not wearing masks.

The order applies to convenience stores, grocery stores,

supermarkets, warehouse stores, food banks, certified farmer's markets, hardware and building supply stores, plumbers, electricians, handyman services, moving services, gardeners, laundromats, dry cleaners, taxis, ride sharing services, car rental companies and hotels, plus restaurants and retail food facilities that prepare and offer food to customers for delivery, pickup or drive-thru.

[You can read the full order here.](#)

CFCA recently shared the CDC recommendation for facial coverings, including how they can be improvised in the event you are not able to access purpose built masks or respirators.

[You can find the CDC recommendations here.](#)

CFCA Requests Postponement of Regulatory Deadlines

CFCA has been working with a significant coalition of business groups throughout the state to request the Governor order a postponement of impending regulatory deadlines with respect to the COVID-19 crisis.

Our coalition has also requested regulatory agencies exercise less stringent enforcement authority on businesses for the extent of the crisis, as businesses work to remain in compliance.

Below is a copy of the letter which elaborates further on this effort.

[Read the Letter Here](#)

CDC Issues New Guidance for Essential Workers Exposed to Coronavirus

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Wednesday issued new guidelines aimed at getting workers who have been exposed to the coronavirus in critical fields back to work faster. Under the old guidance, workers were told to stay at home for 14 days if they were exposed to someone who had tested positive for the coronavirus.

The new guidelines will allow critical workers who have been exposed go back to work as long as they are asymptomatic and follow conditions like taking their temperature before going to work, wearing a face mask at all times and practicing social distancing at work as much as possible.

[View the CDC Guidance Here](#)

CFCA Webinar on CARES Act Recording

Yesterday, CFCA partner Moss Adams presented a webinar for CFCA members explaining tax and business relief during the COVID-19

crisis, as well as breaking down important questions about the CARES Act and how your business can access vital financial support through this turbulent time.

We have provided the recording of the webinar below, so that you can reference the important information provided by the experts as Moss Adams.

[Click Here for the Recording](#)

Paycheck Protection Program Lender Locator

Members have indicated that locating lenders under the Paycheck Protection Program has been a challenge in recent days.

If you are in need of a PPP lender, you can use the tool below to locate banks offering loans to small business seeking this financial support.

[Click Here to Locate a Lender](#)

Below is information from our partners at Maniaci Insurance on three **Southern CA** banks that ARE accepting applications. They are in contact with other banks and we will keep us apprised of more information as they receive it.

All of the following are taking applications from non-clients as well as clients:

Opus Bank

Contact: Hoda Archie, Vice President Opus Bank

harchie@opusbank.com

310-541-4518

www.opusbank.com

Kinecta

Contact: Raul Arechiga, Rolling Hills Estates Branch Manager

Raul.Arechiga@kinecta.org

310-643-2700

www.kinecta.org/sba-paycheck-protection-program/

US Bank

Contact: Sandi Rahim

sandi.rahim@usbank.com

310-541-6433.

<https://apply.usbank.com/applications/business/InquiryForm>

Overview of Key CARES Act Provisions for Employers and Their Employees

California Small Business Alliance member Atkinson, Andelson, Loya,

Ruud & Romo, has assembled a series of CARES Act Fact Sheets in order to help companies understand the key features of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (the CARES Act), including what is available, who is eligible, and how to obtain relief. These Fact Sheets represent a summary of complex, difficult law into approachable and tactile reference guides.

The amount of information released about the COVID-19 Pandemic can be overwhelming and comes on a near daily basis. CFCA will continue to provide all available resources that we possibly can.

[View the Fact Sheet Here](#)

Critical Infrastructure Employee Letter Template

In an effort to prevent any employees from encountering any issues with law enforcement while attempting to perform regular job functions, CFCA has prepared a letter template for employers to use indicating their employees are exempt from local stay-at-home orders and other travel restrictions. This letter indicates your employees as working on behalf of a 'Critical Infrastructure Sector'. CFCA recommends you put the letter on your company letterhead and modify the entry fields accordingly. If you would like the template Word document, please email James Allison at james@cfca.energy.

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