



COVID-19: Tuesday, 3-24 Update

CFCA will provide updates at the close of each business day this week, following federal, state, and local announcements

In an effort to help you stay informed on the federal, state, and local developments regarding COVID-19, CFCA will be sending updates at the close of each day 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.**

CFCA Outreach to Regulatory Agencies

CFCA is still in regular communication with the head of local CARB enforcement and other regulatory agencies, as well as CUPA contacts to determine what is currently being discussed by these entities. Now that we have worked out some of the “here and now” problems and events, CFCA is looking to medium and long term issues that may arise.

Current pressing matters include the Cargo Tank Vapor Recovery Assistance Program and procedures for certifications, stickers, and other field activities.

We will keep you informed as these conversations progress.

Portable Equipment Registration Program - Compliance Advisory

From CARB:

"On March 19, 2020, the Governor issued an emergency order in response to the COVID-19 directing residents to stay at home, or at their place of residence, except under specified conditions. While portable equipment requirements continue to be in effect, we recognize during this period potential delays in installation of placards and stickers on registered equipment may occur. PERP staff has discussed the impacts of this situation with local air districts. In the event an unpermitted or unregistered portable engine or equipment unit must operate immediately to alleviate the threat to public health and safety during this emergency order, please submit a completed [Form 40](#) (Notification of

Operation in an Emergency Event) to PERP (please see form for instructions).

If you have any questions, please contact our [staff](#)."

[PERP Contacts Here](#)

Legislative Analysts Office Launches Reports of COVID-19 Response Policies Effects on California

Today, the Legislative Analysts Office (LAO) has launched a series of reports detailing how Federal COVID-19 actions are affecting California. The first report released by the LAO focuses on unemployment insurance (UI) for workers impacted by COVID-19. According to the LAO, the key provisions of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act include:

- Giving states the authority to change certain UI policies without requiring federal approval through the U.S. Department of Labor
- Providing \$150 million in funding for UI administration
- Increasing Federal funding for extended UI benefits if the state's unemployment rate exceeds a certain number
- Suspending state payments and interest on federal loans to the UI Trust Fund

The report goes on to list a number of potential issues related to UI. For instance, with such a dramatic surge in UI applications, the LAO predicts workers will not receive benefits within the normal timeframe of three weeks.

[Read the Report 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.

[Learn More](#)

Show that Your Business is 'Essential'

CFCA has produced the attached images for you to display in your business, indicating your status as 'Essential' during the statewide COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place.

The first is a notice you can display, explicitly defining your business as 'essential' as defined by Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20.

The second is a badge you can display, proudly indicating to your customers, that you are an essential business during this time of crisis.

CFCA recommends you print the badge as a 4"x4" image on a 6"x6" sticker, or 6"x6" image on an 8"x8" sticker, but no larger, otherwise, it will cause distortion.

For the notice, it is formatted for a standard 8.5"x11" sheet of paper.

If your printer requires the original .png file for the badge, please contact James Allison at james@cfca.energy.

[Click Here to Download the Notice](#)

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COVID-19 Pandemic Coverage Webinars

The California Small Business Alliance has recently sent out an invitation for businesses to tune into a complimentary webinar service covering COVID-19 updates, provided by Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, a business law firm based out of Sacramento. They will be providing continuous coverage of the changes and hurdles California employers will face in the coming weeks in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic. These complimentary webinars will guide you in striking an appropriate balance between employee rights and business operations during these challenging times, and will provide updated information multiple times per week concerning new legislation and

recommendations from government agencies. Feel free to invite other businesses to join our webinar series.

[Learn More](#)

[Resource Article from aalrr](#)

Day at the Capitol Postponed

Finally, in an abundance of caution, CFCA announced last week that we will be postponing Day at the Capitol until such time that the COVID-19 concerns have subsided. For those who have already registered, CFCA will issue a full refund for your registration, upon request. For those who have reserved rooms under our block with the Sheraton, we advise you cancel your reservation immediately, and you will be issued a full refund by the hotel.

Updates will be provided as they become available.

We apologize for any inconvenience, but out of an abundance of caution, CFCA is taking these steps to ensure the health and safety of our members.

For any questions regarding current Day at the Capitol registrations or hotel reservations, please contact Amber Palmer at (916) 646-5999 or palmer@cfca.energy.