



Important Information Regarding COVID-19

Resources for businesses that are impacted by COVID-19:

Small business owners can now apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) at <http://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>, call the disaster assistance customer service center at 1-800-659-2955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339), or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

A CDC infographic titled "CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)". It features a blue background with a silhouette of a person coughing into their elbow. The text provides information about symptoms and where to find more information. The CDC logo is in the bottom left corner.

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019
(COVID-19)

Patients with COVID-19 have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness. Symptoms can include

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

*Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

cdc.gov/COVID19-symptoms

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Information from the CDC: Patients with [#COVID19](https://twitter.com/COVID19) have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness. Symptoms include fever, cough, or shortness of breath. Learn more about COVID-19 symptoms: <https://bit.ly/38zjnYo>

Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC) Business Retention Expansion COVID-19 Business Impact Survey

SEDC has released a critical survey to help measure the impact of COVID-19 on existing businesses. Information gathered will help provide valuable data to decision-makers in government and position your organization as a leader and

champion to assist local business. This survey was developed by 25 volunteer economic development professionals who came together to meet the need for concrete information on the human and economic impacts being felt by companies in the communities we represent. Click [HERE](#) to take the survey.

Virtual Town Hall: Business Continuity and Lending in the COVID-19 Crisis

We're all in this
T  **GETHER**

Be kind
and help
neighbors
if you can

Practice
patience

Check in
with friends
and family

Please join the scheduled Virtual Town Hall that will focus on **Business Continuity and Lending** that is being hosted by the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce on:

Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST

During these extraordinary times, we believe more than ever in Building Community Through Business. Employers of all sizes, all parts of our region, and every industry in our region are making hard decisions about workforce wellbeing and retention, business continuity and contingency planning for a crisis that is proving unpredictable. The Asheville Chamber and Economic Development Coalition for Asheville-Buncombe County will be hosting a series of Virtual Town Halls to get timely information to the business community that will help the families of our community endure the Covid-19 crisis, and thrive in the recovery that will follow.

On Tuesday, March 24rd at 3 pm, please join us for Virtual Town Hall on Business Continuity and Lending opportunities to support both the business and

the employee. The panelists will offer programmatic updates and resources available to businesses during this time of uncertainty. Corey Atkins, VP of Public Policy, will also give updates on legislation underway at both the Federal and State level. The Zoom call will accommodate the first 500 callers and allow for real time written questions. If you're unable to join - the recorded call will then be posted on the Chamber's [business resources page](#) for viewing. Special thanks to our panelists:

- Sandra Dennison, Regional Center Director, Small Business & Technology Development Center, WCU
- Sharon Oxendine, Director, Western Women's Business Center
- Matthew Raker, Executive Director, Mountain BizWorks
- Joe Ward, Regional Executive, First Bank

Please click the link to join the webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/336827954>

To join by phone: 1-929-205-6099 Webinar ID: 336 827 954

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