

HELP FOR BUSINESSES AND WORKERS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

These are unprecedented times and will require extraordinary measures. Information is coming in and changing daily, so we want to provide you with a **daily update** on resources available to assist your business in this crisis. Please share this message with others to sign up for business e-mails at: <https://southbury-ct.org/bizlist>. Follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthburyEDC/> and sign up to receive Town e-alerts at: www.southbury-ct.org/e-alerts.

FOR BUSINESSES

DISASTER LOANS

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved CT's request asking the federal agency to issue a declaration that will enable Connecticut's small business owners to receive economic injury disaster loans. Small businesses and nonprofit organizations in Connecticut that have been negatively impacted by the global COVID-19 outbreak are now eligible for disaster relief loans of up to \$2 million from the SBA.

Small businesses can learn more about the program and apply for financial assistance at www.sba.gov/disaster or call the SBA at 1-800-659-2955.

Small businesses with questions about this SBA loan program or other assistance provided at the state-level can call **860-500-2333** to speak directly with a Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) representative.

How to Apply for a Disaster Loan

Visit the [SBA website on Disaster Loans here](#)

[The Three-Step Process: Disaster Loans](#)

[The Three-Step Process: Disaster Loans \(en Espanol\)](#)

TAX FILING DEADLINES

Also of note for businesses, The CT Department of Revenue Services has **extended filing deadlines for certain annual state business tax returns**. More on that here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DRS/News---Press-Releases/2020/2020-Press-Releases/Effective-Immediately-DRS-Extends-Filing-Deadline-for-Certain-Annual-State-Business-Tax>Returns>

FOR WORKERS

The CT Department of Labor has more information on unemployment benefits and other frequently asked questions related to COVID-19 on their website at

www.ctdol.state.ct.us/DOLCOVIDFAQ.PDF or visit filectui.com. This includes information for workers and information employers can share with their employees.

For the most up-to-date information on Connecticut's response to the coronavirus pandemic and resources visit ct.gov/coronavirus.

LOCAL BUSINESS HOTLINE: (203) 262-0683 is the Southbury Economic Development Office. Economic Development Director is available by appointment, and by phone and by e-mail at: EcoDevDirector@southbury-ct.gov. Do not hesitate to reach out if you have a question or need assistance.

HELPFUL LINKS FOR YOUR BUSINESS

SBA to Provide Disaster Assistance Loans for Small Businesses Impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19)

<https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>

Town of Southbury

<https://southbury-ct.org/coronavirus>

How Businesses Should Handle the Coronavirus Outbreak

<https://www.entrepreneur.com/article/345759>

Keeping the Workplace Safe

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/workplace-school-and-home-guidance.pdf>

Stay Up-To-Date by Following SBA on Twitter

https://twitter.com/SBA_Connecticut

TIPS on Covid19, for CT business owners

<https://ctsfdc.com/covid19-tips-for-small-businesses/>

State of Connecticut Case Information

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus>

Small Business Development Center – CT news

Sign up for SBDC's newsletter by click here: www.CTsbdc.com

Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

[https://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/guidance for employers to plan and respond to coronavirus.pdf](https://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/guidance%20for%20employers%20to%20plan%20and%20respond%20to%20coronavirus.pdf)

[https://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/coronavirus workplace tips for employees.pdf](https://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/coronavirus%20workplace%20tips%20for%20employees.pdf)

Article Simulating the Impact of Social Distancing

<https://wapo.st/corona-simulator?tid>

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