



# Town of Southbury

## COVID-19 Business Update

May 6, 2020

### **A note from the Economic Development Director:**

A reminder, if you haven't already, to please take a few minutes to complete our business [survey](#). This will help provide a clearer picture of the status of our business community.

**New:** Wednesday Webinar ~ beginning *next* Wednesday we begin a series of webinars specifically for Southbury business owners. See details on our first one below.

Contact me for a virtual meeting by web or phone. E-mail: [EcoDevDirector@southbury-ct.org](mailto:EcoDevDirector@southbury-ct.org)

*Stay Safe, Stay Strong* Southbury ~ Kevin Bielmeier

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### **NEW BUSINESS UPDATES**

**5-6-2020 The Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program portal (EIDL)** has reopened as a result of funding authorized by Congress through the Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act. The legislation has provided additional funding for farmers and ranchers and certain other agricultural businesses affected by COVID-19.

Agricultural businesses include businesses engaged in the legal production of food and fiber, ranching, and raising of livestock, aquaculture, and all other farming and agricultural related industries (as defined by section 18(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 647(b)). Eligible agricultural businesses must have 500 or fewer employees. Applications can be completed on-line at: [APPLICATION](#)

**Free Face Masks Are Still Available to Businesses & Nonprofits** – 3-ply surgical face masks are still available by request [25 max], as supplies last, for your business or nonprofit, thanks to an anonymous local donation. Send request to: [EcoDevDirector@southbury-ct.gov](mailto:EcoDevDirector@southbury-ct.gov)

**5-4-2020 Governor Lamont Announces Statewide Launch of Free Online Job Training Program for Unemployment Claimants During COVID-19 Emergency, SkillUp CT Allows Jobseekers to Upgrade Skills From Their Own Homes**

Governor Ned Lamont has announced the statewide expansion of a program that will make free online learning licenses available to recipients of unemployment insurance, including those who have been impacted by the economic fallout of the COVID-19 public health crisis. The SkillUp CT program will significantly expand access to comprehensive online course work from a leading global provider for thousands of Connecticut residents. Originally launched in eastern Connecticut, a sustained rollout of the program across the state over the coming weeks will enable recently laid-off workers to upgrade

their skills and earn industry-recognized certifications even while the doors to most brick-and mortar education and training providers remain closed. For the full release click:

<https://portal.ct.gov/.../Governor-Lamont-Announces-Statewide...>

<http://ct.metrixlearning.com/landing.cfm>

## **UPCOMING WEBINARS & OPPORTUNITIES**

**5-7-2020 Reopen CT Advisory Group** will present their initial guidelines during the Governor's daily press briefing, usually held at 4:00pm. Link to live video stream: <http://www.ct-n.com/>

**5-13-2020 Wednesday Webinar @ 12 Noon ~ "Returning to Work in Southbury"**: For Business Owners preparing to rehire their workforce. Southbury Economic Development Director, Kevin Bielmeier will host with:

- Jeffrey Manville, First Selectman of Southbury
- Catherine N Awwad, Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board
- Steve Romano, CT Department of Labor

Link to register: TBD Questions may be submitted prior to: [ecodevdirector@southbury-ct.gov](mailto:ecodevdirector@southbury-ct.gov)

**Southbury Business Survey**: Click: [SURVEY](#)

Please take a few minutes to complete this, if you own a business or nonprofit in Southbury.

## **RESOURCES**

**Testing for Essential Workers**: PhysicianOne Urgent Care in Southbury is doing priority COVID-19 testing to all essential workers, including the asymptomatic. They are asking all essential workers, including healthcare workers, first responders, postal workers, pharmacy workers, food and agriculture workers, grocery employees, public works and other infrastructure employees, to please schedule a virtual visit to be evaluated for testing.

Details: <https://physicianoneurgentcare.com/coronavirus2019>

Pandemic Relaunch Toolkit for Restaurants & Bars Click: [HERE](#)

COVID-19 Small Business Resource Kit [HERE](#)

Southbury Covid-19 Business info and resources are gathered: [HERE](#)

Advance CT Covid-19 Resources & Upcoming Webinars: [HERE](#)

CT-SBDC COVID-19 Emergency Business Resource Guide: Click: [HERE](#)

State COVID-19 [Business Resources](#) and DECD Hotline is (860) 754-8342

**Restaurants** offering pick-up or delivery, and all of the other food options in Southbury is kept up-to-date on the town website: <https://southbury-ct.org/restaurants-covid19>