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## Important COVID-19 Info for the Construction Industry

Below is a compilation of information related to COVID-19 and Illinois construction.



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## SBA Loans for Small Businesses

As part of the federal stimulus package, the SBA will be providing loans to small businesses (under 500 employees). These funds will be made available on a first come first serve basis so it is important to apply NOW. Borrowers are required to pay back the interest in a 6-12 month time frame and the federal government will repay the

**For more information:**

<https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19>

For questions contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center at 1-800-659-2955 or via email at

[disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov)

principal. The federal government is encouraging banks to make these loans available ASAP. If you're in need of a loan, contact your local banker immediately.

**There's More...** Click below for a schedule of webinars to help walk you through the federal stimulus package and the small business loan program.

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## COVID-19 Business Loans & Disaster Relief: What's Available and How To Apply

The **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)**, the largest financial assistance Act ever, includes thousands of dollars in direct payments to most Americans, and significant loan packages designed to help keep businesses, not-for-profits and corporations afloat. With a massive \$2 trillion allocated for businesses, nonprofits, individuals, federal agencies, and state and local governments, the **CARES Act** has been designed to distribute capital quickly and broadly. With the passage of the CARES Act and other measures at the Federal, State, Local and private level, you have a growing number of resources and relief programs to help. On Wednesday, April 1st at 3 p.m. CST, join Warady Davis for a complimentary, LIVE WEBINAR and Q&A session for an overview of the NEW CARES Act emergency small business loans, other programs and how to apply. Register at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3675554527805498382>

## FFCRA Employment Tax Credits Begin April 1st

The IRS announced that employment tax credits for paid qualified sick leave wages and paid qualified family leave wages required by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) will apply to wages and compensation paid for periods beginning on April 1, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2020. The same time period will be taken into account for credits for paid qualified sick leave equivalents and paid qualified family leave equivalents for certain self-employed individuals provided by FFCRA. [READ MORE.](#)

**“Pursuant to the order, construction is deemed an essential infrastructure exception.** Construction projects may continue as long as management and workers **comply with social distancing requirements, which include maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals,** washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, cover coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands. Many construction projects have implemented more stringent infection control measures, and if so, those should continue as well”.



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