



RECOVER MANATEE

Your Go To Business Information Kit

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FACTS about COVID-19

Fact 1

Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

Fear and anxiety about COVID-19 can cause people to avoid or reject others even though they are not at risk for spreading the virus.

Fact 2

For most people, the immediate risk of becoming seriously ill from the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to be low. Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more serious complications from COVID-19.

Fact 3

Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people. For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.

Fact 4

There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.**
- **Stay home when you are sick. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.**

Fact 5

You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

- **Fever**
 - **Cough**
 - **Shortness of breath**
- 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.



Coronavirus and the Workplace

Disease Prevention

Employers must maintain a safe work environment for employees. They may require employees to stay home from work if they are at risk of spreading the disease.

There are several steps that employers can take to address the impact of COVID-19 in the workplace. Employers should:

- Closely monitor the CDC, WHO and state and local public health department websites for information on the status of the coronavirus.
- Proactively educate their employees on what is known about the virus, including its transmission and prevention.
- Establish a written communicable illness policy and response plan that covers communicable diseases readily transmitted in the workplace.



Small Business Bridge Loan

The Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program is currently available to small business owners located in all Florida counties that experienced economic damage as a result of COVID-19.

These short-term, interest-free working capital loans are intended to “bridge the gap” between the time a major catastrophe hits and when a business has secured longer term recovery resources, such as sufficient profits from a revived business, receipt of payments on insurance claims or federal disaster assistance.

Note: Loans made under this program are short-term debt loans made by the state of Florida using public funds – they are not grants.

Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loans require repayment by the approved applicant from longer term financial resources.

Loan Details

Designated Disaster Areas: All Florida counties statewide per Executive Order 20-52.

Qualified Applicant

Applications will be accepted by qualified for-profit, privately held small businesses that maintain a place of business in the state of Florida. All qualified applicants must have been established prior to March 9, 2020 and suffered economic injury as a result of the designated disaster. Qualified small business applicants must be an employer business with 2 to 100 employees.

Amount

Up to \$50,000 per eligible small business. Loans of up to \$100,000 may be made in special cases as warranted by the need of the eligible small business.

Term: 1 year

Limitation

Only one loan may be made per eligible business. All previous bridge loans received MUST be paid in full.

Small Business Bridge Loan cont.

Interest Rate

Loans will be interest-free for the loan term (1 year). The Interest rate will be 12% per annum on the unpaid balance thereafter, until the loan balance is repaid in full.

Loan default is subject to a normal commercial collection process.

Application Period

Through May 8, 2020, contingent on the availability of funds.



Economic Injury Disaster Loan

If you have suffered substantial economic injury and are one of the following types of businesses located in a declared disaster area, you may be eligible for a Small Business Association (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL):

- Small Business
- Small agricultural cooperative
- Most private nonprofit organizations

Loan Amounts and Use

Substantial economic injury means the business is unable to meet its obligations and to pay its ordinary and necessary operating expenses. EIDLs provide the necessary working capital to help small businesses survive until normal operations resume after a disaster. The SBA can provide up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses that could have been met had the disaster not occurred. Your loan amount will be based on your actual economic injury and your company's financial needs, regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage.

Eligibility and Terms

The interest rate on EIDLs will not exceed 4 percent per year. The term of these loans will not exceed 30 years. The repayment term will be determined by your ability to repay the loan. EIDL assistance is available only to small businesses when SBA determines they are unable to obtain credit elsewhere.

More information can be found at: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>



Resource Information

Manatee County Emergency Management 941-749-3500
mymanatee.org

Manatee County Sheriff
941-747-3011

Manatee County Animal Services
941-742-5933

Manatee County Solid Waste
941-792-8811

Manatee County Citizens Action Ctr.
941-742-3500

Manatee County Special Needs
941-749-3500, ext. 7828

Salvation Army Emergency Needs
1-800-725-2769

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
850-245-7105

State of Florida Disaster Response
(Business Damage Assessment Survey)
www.FloridaDisaster.biz

American Red Cross
941-792-8686

Florida Hurricane Financial Help Line
1-800-488-4406

FEMA
1-800-621-3362

FEMA-Hearing Impaired TDD
1-800-427-5593

State of FL Emergency Information
1-800-342-3557

State of Florida Highway Patrol
941-751-7647

Peace River Electric
1-800-282-3824

Florida Power and Light
1-800-468-8243

Florida Division of Emergency Management
850-815-4000

Employee Information

211

<http://www.211.org/>

Dial: 211

Confidential helpline

- Food & housing
- Youth Programs
- Physical & Mental Health Services
- Job Search & Training Assistance
- Disaster Services

ACCESS Florida

<http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida/>

Food, Medical Assistance and Cash

Florida Kid Care

www.floridakidcare.org

1-888-540-5437

Low-cost health insurance for children birth through 18

Gulfcoast Legal Services

www.gulfcoastlegal.org

1-800-230-5920

Assistance with government benefits

- Unemployment
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families – TANF

Manatee Community Action Agency

<https://stepupsuncoast.org/>

941-827-0188

- State and Local Programs
- Rent Assistance
- Electric & Heating Bills
- Debt Counseling
- Medical Bills & Free Health
- Mortgage Help
- Other Bills & Assistance
- Low Interest Loans
- Student Loans
- Work from Home

Manatee County Government

Coast2CoastRx

<http://www.coast2coastrx.com/>

Free Discount Prescription Card

- Save up to 75% on prescriptions

We Care Manatee

www.wecaremanatee.org

941-755-3952

Free medical care for the uninsured

Whole Child Manatee

<http://www.wholechildmanatee.com/>

Services for families with children 18 and under

Reemployment Assistance COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

If your employment has been negatively impacted as a result of the mitigation efforts in Florida to stop the spread of COVID-19, you may be eligible to receive Reemployment Assistance.

- Individuals who may be eligible for Reemployment Assistance may include:
- Those who are quarantined by a medical professional or a government agency,
- Those who are laid off or sent home without pay for an extended period by their employer due to COVID-19 concerns, or
- Those who are caring for an immediate family member who is diagnosed with COVID-19.

Individuals whose employment has been impacted but are still receiving wages through paid leave are not eligible to receive Reemployment Assistance.

What is Reemployment Assistance?

Reemployment Assistance provides temporary wage replacement (unemployment insurance) benefits to eligible individuals who are out of work through no fault of their own.

Am I eligible for Reemployment Assistance?

If you have a history of wages in the state of Florida, you are actively able and available to seek and accept new employment, and you are currently unemployed or work reduced hours through no fault of your own, you may be eligible to receive Reemployment Assistance benefits.

How do I file a Reemployment Assistance claim?

Reemployment Assistance claims are handled by the CONNECT system. You can file your claim by accessing CONNECT through www.floridajobs.org in the Reemployment Assistance Service Center in the right-hand corner of the page.

People who need assistance filing a claim online may call 1-800-681-8102.

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Reemployment Assistance COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions cont.

What will I need to complete an application?

You will need the following information to complete an application:

- Social Security Number
- Driver's License or State ID
- Your last 18 months of employment (including name, separation reason, earnings, and dates of work)
- Work authorization (if not a US citizen)
- DD-214 member 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 (if a military employee)
- SF 8 or SF 50 (if a federal employee)

What happens after I file a claim?

Your claim has two levels of review after you complete an application:

- Your history of wages is reviewed to determine if you have earned enough to qualify for benefits
- Any issues (such as job separation) found during your application are reviewed to determine eligibility

You must login to the CONNECT system every two weeks to request benefit payment. Your first date to return to CONNECT is provided at the end of your application. You must request benefits even while your claim is being reviewed. During your request, you will need to report your job searches, work and any earnings.



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