

# COVID-19 Business Resources

In the interest of supporting and equipping the business community with resources to weather the uncertainty ahead, the Chamber is providing information for owners and employees to help mitigate the impact of social distancing and other risk-lowering actions by customers.

**LATEST NEWS from Gov Ivey as of April 1, 2020** [click here to read letter.](#)

## JSU SBDC (Small Business Development Center)

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact the US economy, it's creating an all-hands-on-deck situation for the advisors of JSU's Small Business Development Center.

Small businesses are vital to Alabama's economy. According to the Small Business Administration, 99.4 percent of businesses in Alabama are small businesses. Yet, they are most vulnerable during this time of economic uncertainty.

The JSU SBDC is assisting current and prospective business owners in nine counties: Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, DeKalb, Etowah, Marshall, St. Clair and Talladega.

The SBDC maintains strong partnerships with area chambers of commerce to provide business services to the small business community. The counseling is free and confidential.

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## Small Business Administration

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has set up a page with information about their Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, guidance for businesses and employers, SBA products and resources, access to capital and exporting assistance, government contracting and local assistance. To visit their page, [please click here](#). **As of April 1, 2020 PPP forms**

**All non-profits eligible for grants or loans from SBA.**

## Chamber of Commerce Association of Alabama

The Chamber of Commerce Association of Alabama (CCAA) consists of Chambers of Commerce, their executives and staff, and members of business and community organizations that directly serve chamber of commerce work in the State of Alabama. Mission

"Building stronger chambers of commerce and communities in Alabama through professional development, partnerships and a united voice for business."

The CCAA has COVID-19 resources on its [website](#) and [facebook](#).

## U.S. Chamber of Commerce

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has established “Combating the Coronavirus” on its website with resources including workplace tips for employees, customizable flyers and signage, preparedness checklists, social media toolkits, travel notices, and reports on the worldwide economic condition and how it may impact your business. To visit their page, [please click here](#).

## Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta hosts a page on their website with a thorough Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about COVID-19, resources on how to prepare your family, as well as information for travelers, schools and childcare, businesses and employers, and community and faith-based organizations. To visit their page, [please click here](#).

## Alabama Department of Public Health

For the most updated information about COVID-19 in Alabama, please visit the Alabama Department of Public Health's resource page on the outbreak [by clicking here](#).

## East Alabama Works

As Alabama continues to deal with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the state's Workforce Development leaders are turning their attention to Workforce Recovery. Supporting our businesses and industries with a strong workforce has been an on-going focus of Alabama's leaders. Now, we turn our attention to taking care of that workforce in this time of crisis with the goal of getting them back to work as soon as possible. <https://alabamaworks.com/east/>

## Alabama Department of Labor

The Alabama Department of Labor announced it has temporarily ordered that relief be offered to employers whose employees must file unemployment compensation claims for weeks filed due to COVID-19 related issues. For more details about this move, [please click here](#). Also, the Alabama Restaurant and Hospitality Association has released an FAQ regarding unemployment insurance benefits and the Alabama Department of Labor. To read the two-page document, [please click here](#).

## Alabama Department of Revenue

The Alabama Department of Revenue has established a helpful resource page for taxpayers to understand the tools, relief and information available to them during these challenging economic times for both individuals and businesses. This includes allowing small businesses to file late without penalty. For more information about the steps the department has taken to provide relief, as well as other informative content, please visit their page by [clicking here](#).

## Manufacture Alabama "Essential" Survey

In the event the State of Alabama orders non-essential businesses to close, Manufacture Alabama has established a survey to keep a record and document those manufacturers considered essential in the event the State takes that action. To access the survey, which is not an official state form, [please click here](#).

## AL Restaurant & Hospitality Association

Because of social distancing, no dine-in orders, work-from-home recommendations, school closures, event cancellations and much more, our industry has been one of the hardest hit economically. [Please click here](#)