



Resources for Fighting COVID 19

Businesses are concerned about their long-term viability, as well as the health and wellbeing of their employees and customers. Below are a number of excellent sites to help you, your employees and customers remain safe and tools to assist the financial loss your business may experience.

The Monroe Chamber is open. If you need additional information or have a question, please call 318-323-3461.

Here are 9 steps you can take to stay safe and help our community!

1. Stay calm
2. Social distancing
3. Avoid groups greater than 10
4. Sit or stand 6 feet apart
5. Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer frequently
6. **If you are sick, stay home** and call your provider - **DO NOT** come to the ER unless you are sick enough to be admitted
7. Offer to babysit and help healthcare workers who may have children not in school, so that they can come to work
8. Don't come visit at the hospital, use FaceTime, Skype, Facebook or a simple phone call to virtually visit with your loved ones
9. DONATE BLOOD - Our community needs this life saving resource. It is absolutely safe to donate.

CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION:

- Office of the Governor – Coronavirus Specific - <https://www.gov.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/89>
- LDH Office of Public Health - Coronavirus - <http://ldh.la.gov/Coronavirus/>
- CDC Coronavirus (COVID-19) - <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- John Hopkins University Global Cases Arc GIS Map - <https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>
- United Way of Northeast Louisiana 211 - <http://www.unitedwaynela.org/disaster.php>

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE RESOURCES:

- SBA's COVID-19 Disaster Relief Lending - <https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19>

- Handout-SBA Disaster Assistance Resources for Business - <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance>
- SBA Louisiana District Office - <https://www.sba.gov/offices/district/la/new-orleans>
- Military Reservists Economic Injury Loans - <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Information/MREIDLLoans>
- US Chamber of Commerce - <https://www.uschamber.com/>
- US Chamber of Commerce Corporate Aid Tracker Form - <https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/disaster-corporate-aid-trackers>
- US Chamber Foundation - <https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/>
Business Tool Kit - <https://www.uschamber.com/coronavirus-response-toolkit>
- LABI - <https://www.labi.org/>
- Facebook Small Business Grant Program - <https://www.facebook.com/business/grants>

OTHER RESOURCES:

- CDC Interim Guidance for Business and Employers - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>
- Louisiana Bankers Association (LBA) - https://www.lba.org/LBA/LBA_at_Work/Emergency_Preparedness_Coalition/2020_Coronavirus_Resources/LBA/Publications_News/Emergency_Preparedness_Coalition/2020_Coronavirus_Resources.aspx
- Louisiana Business Emergency Operations Center (LABEOC) - <https://labeoc.org/welcome.aspx>
- Louisiana Workforce Commission - <http://www.laworks.net/>
- OSHA Guidance - <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/>
- Small Business Development Centers (SBDCS) - <https://www.lsbdc.org/ulm>
- USDA - <https://www.usda.gov/>

LOCAL RESOURCES

- City of Monroe - <https://monroela.us/coronavirus>
- City of West Monroe - <https://www.westmonroe.com/>
- Ouachita Parish Police Jury - <https://www.oppj.org/>
- Monroe City Schools - <https://www.mcschools.net/>
- Ouachita Parish Schools - <https://www.opsb.net/>
- LA Department of Education - <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/covid-19>
(Resources for Parents)

HOSPITALS

- St. Francis Medical Center - <https://stfran.com/>
- Glenwood Regional Medical Center - <https://www.glenwoodregional.org/>
- Ochsner LSU Monroe - <https://www.ochsnerlsuhs.org/>
- Life Share Blood Center - <http://www.lifeshare.org/>

TAKING CARE OF YOUR EMPLOYEES

Employees who are laid off due to the COVID 19 or whose hours have been reduced, may be able to receive unemployment compensation. They can file a claim at www.louisianaworks.net/hire or by calling our Claim Center at **866-783-5567**.

If you are temporarily closing or reducing your hours of operations due to COVID-19, please contact the Louisiana Workforce Commission to discuss how we can provide assistance and answer your questions about unemployment insurance and other programs and resources available. Contact us at EmployerServices@lwc.la.gov your unemployment insurance questions. Be sure to provide your company's name, a point of contact, telephone number and email address, as well as specifics on the assistance you are requesting. The Employer Call Center, 225-326-6999, is also available. For other programs and assistance, contact the American Job Center in your area. To find the closest American Job Center, go to http://www.laworks.net/Downloads/WFD/AJC_Contacts.pdf .

IMPORTANT NOTE: As per the Governor's proclamation, reimbursable employers impacted due to COVID-19:

RESOURCES OFFERED BY CHAMBER MEMBERS

Gallagher - <https://www.ajg.com/us/pandemic-preparedness/>

GOVERNOR EDWARDS PROCLAMATIONS

<https://gov.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/newsroom/category/10>

Prayer during this Pandemic – Provided by St. Francis Medical Center

May we who are merely inconvenienced

Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors

Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home

Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close

Remember those that have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips

Remember those who have no safe place to go,

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market

Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home

Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,

Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,

Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbor.

Amen

~ Cameron Bellm