

Good Afternoon! Some updates and important information for our Douglas County businesses . . .

NEW! DRAFT of Phase 2 Reopening

A DRAFT for Phase 2 reopening has been released by the state of Oregon. To view the draft document, please visit the chamber's website: <https://roseburgchamber.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/CHAMBER-NEWS-Phase-2-Reopening-Oregon-DRAFT-NOT-FINAL.pdf>

NEW! U.S. House Passes PPP Flexibility Act

Late last week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed bipartisan legislation in a nearly unanimous vote that would give small businesses utilizing the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) more flexibility in how they can use the funds and still have the loans forgiven in exchange for maintaining their payrolls. The legislation would give businesses seeking full-loan forgiveness 24 weeks instead of eight to spend the funds and lower the minimum amount that must be spent on payroll to 60% instead of 75%.

The legislation now heads to the U.S. Senate, where it is also expected to pass easily. Meanwhile, there are still PPP funds available. If you have not yet applied, contact your financial institution immediately to find out what you might qualify for. Once we have confirmation the PPP Flexibility Act has passed the Senate, we will let our members know the specifics. With the changes, the PPP loan forgiveness application process will be updated as will the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's resource guides and information. Look for future emails on those updates!

New! ACT NOW! Protect Jobs and Prevent Catastrophic Wildfires

We need help protecting family-wage jobs and preventing catastrophic wildfires that threaten Oregon forests. Right now, state government regulators are being pushed by outside groups to stop the sustainable management of our forests. If they succeed, good people will lose their jobs, forests will be at greater risk of catastrophic wildfires and the health and safety of communities and firefighters will be put at greater risk.

With Oregon's unemployment rate rising and a dry spring setting the stage for a dangerous summer of wildfires and smoke, now is the absolute worst time to make risky changes to sustainable forestry practices.

TAKE ACTION NOW

The state Board of Forestry needs to hear from you to reject these risky changes, protect jobs vital to our community, slow the risk for catastrophic fires and continue Oregon's commitment to sustainable forestry.

Tools for Our Businesses from the U.S. Chamber

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Forgiveness Guide

Under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), loans may be forgiven if borrowers use the funds to maintain their payrolls and pay other specified expenses. [Click here](#) to download this step-by-step guide to calculate your loan forgiveness amount, navigate record-keeping requirements, and determine repayment terms on amounts not forgiven.

Reopening Business Digital Resources Center

Last week, as part of the Path Forward initiative, the U.S. Chamber unveiled its [Reopening Business Digital Resources Center](#) to equip America's business community with the latest state guidelines, sector-specific guidance, small business advice, and other tools and resources as we look to reopen safely and keep employees and customers healthy and informed.

Now, the resources center also includes a [customizable workplace flyer](#) to help our members communicate the steps your company is taking to keep them safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19 to employees and customers.

Reopening Business Digital Resources Center Toolkit

In addition to the Reopening Business Digital Resources Center, and as you and your members face new questions and unprecedented new challenges, the U.S. Chamber has also created a comprehensive [toolkit](#) of key messages, example posts, and social media graphics for you to utilize while sharing the tools and resources with your local business communities and networks.

NEW! Need help navigating the PPP loan forgiveness process?

In this video, our US Chamber of Commerce EVP Neil Bradley walks you through all the essential steps, including forgiveness calculations and repayment terms. Watch now:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qUxFUvVjU0s&feature=youtu.be>

And for a printable guide, visit [uschamber.com/PPPforgiveness](https://www.uschamber.com/PPPforgiveness)



Reopening FAQs . . . Answered

NEW! Document from the state clarifying guidance for gyms/fitness:

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2390d.pdf>

Document from the state clarifying guidance for retail:

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2390b.pdf>

Document from the state clarifying guidance for personal services:

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2390a.pdf>

Document from the state clarifying guidance for restaurants:

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2342i.pdf>

Action Alert: Two-Minute Survey - Impact of COVID-19 on America's Small Businesses and the Government's Response

New! We need your feedback on how COVID-19 has effected your business. This data is important as we continue to advocate for our business community and help your businesses reopen and stay open as you navigate the new now. It's easy . . . <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ssbcarfc>

Millions of small businesses across the country have been forced to close their doors in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The sudden loss in revenue has been devastating—putting paychecks, employees and hard-working families at risk. We need an urgent solution that will keep our businesses afloat and protect our communities in the long-term.

That's why the **America's Recovery Fund Coalition** was created, comprised of more than 100 organizations representing 58 million American workers and 45% of the American workforce. We are calling on Congress to create America's Recovery Fund, a relief fund for businesses to operate during this unprecedented crisis, retain and rehire employees, pay rent, meet debt obligations and pay taxes. American's Recovery Fund will be a vital lifeline to business, communities, workers, and state and local governments which rely on our success to fund local economies.

To keep up with the latest from America's Recovery Fund Coalition, please visit the [website](#), like on [Facebook](#), and follow on [Twitter](#). To make it easy for you to tell Congress that you support the fund, click here: <https://actnow.io/usrecoveryfund>

Sign the Petition . . . Roseburg Chamber Endorses "People Not Politicians"/Joins Coalition Supporting IP 57

At its May meeting, the chamber board of directors voted unanimously to endorse the "People Not Politicians" campaign and joined the coalition working to get IP 57 on the November general election ballot. The chamber supports IP 57 because it believes redistricting reform is important for Oregon and the businesses we represent.

The chamber believes Oregon voters should choose their politicians—politicians should not choose their voters. The process for drawing congressional and legislative district boundaries has for too long been controlled by elected officials who should not be drawing their own district maps. It's time to end gerrymandering. [Please join us and sign IP 57?](#)

IP 57 call for an *independent, citizen-led redistricting commission*.

- The commission would be made up of 12 citizens: 4 Republicans, 4 Democrats, and 4 people who are not affiliated with either party.
- Incumbent politicians, lobbyists, and political operatives cannot serve on the commission.
- Commissioners may not favor or discriminate against any candidate, elected official or political party.

Want to learn more about the measure? Check out its website at www.peoplenotpoliticiansoregon.com.

Main Street Lending Program

The Federal Reserve announced it is establishing a “Main Street Lending Program.” The Main Street Lending Program is designed to provide support in the amount of \$500,000 up to \$200 million during the current period of financial strain by supporting the provision of credit. The availability of additional credit is intended to help companies that were in sound financial condition prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic maintain their operations and payroll until conditions normalize. The Federal Reserve designed Main Street to support small and medium-sized businesses that were unable to access the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or that require additional financial support after receiving the PPP loan. Main Street loans are not forgivable.

Details

For more information on the Main Street program, including available loan amounts and borrower eligibility, please see the [Term & Conditions, FAQs, and related information](#).

Current Status

The Federal Reserve is currently working to create the infrastructure necessary to operationalize the program. Once officially launched, we will advise the membership.

Eligibility

- (1) The business must have been established prior to March 13, 2020.
- (2) The business must not be an “Ineligible Business.”
- (3) The business must meet at least one of the following two conditions:
 - (a) The Business has 15,000 employees or fewer, or
 - (b) The Business has 2019 annual revenues of \$5 billion or less.
- (4) The business must be a U.S. business.
- (5) The business may only participate in one of the Main Street facilities (MSNLF, MSPLF, or MSELF) and must not also participate in the PMCCF.
- (6) The business must not have received specific support pursuant to the Coronavirus Economic Stabilization Act of 2020. For the avoidance of doubt, businesses that have received PPP loans are permitted to borrow under the Facility, provided that they are eligible borrowers.
- (7) The business must be able to make all of the certifications and covenants required under the program.

*See the MSNLF, MSPLF, and MSELF term sheets and Section H of these FAQs for more information.

Accessing the Program

Once the program is operational, small and medium-sized businesses interested in the program should seek to apply for program loans from an eligible lender.

Safety Checklist for Restaurants and Lodging Operations

The Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association (ORLA) has created safety checklists for restaurant and lodging operations. ORLA launched the checklists earlier this week, providing safety strategies and protocols for restaurants and lodging properties. The checklists are available on [ORLA's website](#).

Need PPE?

Businesses in Douglas, Coos and Curry counties can now order PPE (masks and hand sanitizer) from www.sowibsupply.com.

Personal services providers are encouraged to use Level 2 or Level 3 masks when “close-in” with customers (and face shields in some circumstances). Medford’s own Quantum Innovations, out of Medford, is one of the few places that has these masks in stock. They also sell surface disinfectant, no-touch thermometers and more: <https://qtmi.net/shop/>

Business Oregon has launched a new resource for businesses struggling to find PPE: <https://supplyconnector.org/states/oregon/>

Guidance on Face Coverings

Under [new statewide guidance for face coverings](#), all of the following businesses must provide face coverings and require employees to wear them:

- Grocery stores
- Fitness-related organizations
- Pharmacies
- Public transit agencies and providers
- Personal services providers
- Restaurants, bars, breweries, brewpubs, wineries, tasting room and distilleries
- Retail stores
- Ride sharing services

In public, all Oregonians must wear a face covering on public transit, and the state strongly recommends that Oregonians wear a face covering in settings like grocery stores where physical distancing is difficult to maintain.

Chamber Updates

NEW! Information Floor. While the chamber has continued to maintain office hours and be operational during the COVID-19 pandemic, the information/visitor floor was temporarily closed to the public. On Monday, June 1, the information floor was reopened to the public. Information is currently self-service and the chamber has taken necessary precaution/established guidelines to protect visitors and employees. The information floor is open to the public Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

NEW! Member Businesses Days/Hours of Operation.

Help us promote you! We get inquires every day about what businesses are open and about the days and hours of operation for those businesses. Shoot us an email at info@roseburgareachamber.org and let us know if you're open and what days and hours so we can tell your potential customers and clients! 😊

Membership Luncheon. The chamber has rescheduled its next membership luncheon for Monday, August 17, in order to provide the largest number of our members as possible the opportunity to participate. We fully expect to be in Phase 2 on this new date. Those with season passes or May tickets, already have your seat reserved for the August luncheon and program. The luncheon program, a "Timber & Wood Products Industry Update," will be presented by Roseburg Forest Products president & CEO Grady Mulbery. More information regarding ticket sales will be available via "Chamber News" emails in July.

After Hours Business Networking. Our June "After Hours" business networking event at Cascade Community Credit Union, is not cancelled . . . just postponed until fall. Look for details in future "Chamber News" emails and newsletters. _

NEW Information and Resources for Businesses Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic: <https://roseburgchamber.com/news/current-news/>

Please continue to check back, as the chamber updates its resource information almost daily. And, please share this link with friends and colleagues. The more our local businesses armed with information and access to resources, the stronger our recovery.

We are so happy to see many of our local businesses starting to reopen. And, we are grateful for the patience and understanding their clients and customers will exhibit as these businesses adjust to and implement new guidelines for their operations.

**Let us know how we can help. Tell us your story.
Stay Safe...Stay Strong! We Are In This Together!
Please remember . . .**



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