# **Apply TODAY!** Funds Available for Small Businesses in Douglas County

Our local CCD Business Development Corporation successfully received funds from the state of Oregon's COVID-19 Emergency Business Assistance Program. The purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance to small businesses adversely affected by economic conditions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic that have <u>not</u> received federal emergency assistance under the federal CARES Act or other federal programs to date.

The funds will be disbursed to eligible small businesses located in Coos, Curry or Douglas counties in the form of grants, not loans. CCD began accepting applications on June 29, 2020.

<u>CCD/State of Oregon COVID-10 Emergency Business Grant Application</u> <u>Program Information Sheet</u>

Submit application package to: <a href="mailto:covid19grants@ccdbusiness.com">ccdbusiness.com</a> or hand deliver to one of CCD Business Development Corporation offices:

Coos Bay Office 540 Anderson Ave. Coos Bay, OR 97420 Roseburg Office 522 SE Washington Ave., Ste 111A Roseburg, OR 97470

# **LOOK WHO'S OPEN FOR BUSINESS!**









# **NEW!** COVID-19 RELIEF AVAILABLE for Second Quarter CAT Payments

As the deadline approaches to make estimated Corporate Activity Tax (CAT) payments for the second quarter, the Oregon Department of Revenue reminds taxpayers of relief available to those businesses negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As adopted in administrative rule 150-317-1500, the department will honor a business taxpayer's good-faith efforts to comply with the CAT and not assess penalties if they document their efforts to comply, including how COVID-19 has impacted their business.

The CAT applies to all business entity types, such as C and S corporations, partnerships, sole proprietorships, and other entities. Businesses are required to register for the CAT within 30 days of reaching \$750,000 in Oregon commercial activity in the calendar year.

## **Chamber Membership Luncheons ARE BACK in August**

## **August Membership Meeting Luncheon\***

Monday, August 17, 2020 – 11:10 am – 1:00 pm

Program: Timber & Wood Products Industry Update

Presenter: Grady Mulbery, President & CEO of Roseburg Forest Products

Advanced Ticket Purchase is Required / Priority Given to Roseburg Chamber Members

Ticket Sales Close on Tuesday, August 11 at Noon / PURCHASE MY TICKET

# Federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Deadline EXTENDED ... Apply Today

The federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds are still available, and the June 30 deadline has been extended five weeks to August 8, for small businesses, nonprofits, independent contractors and other eligible borrowers to access a **forgivable** loan through the SBA's <u>Paycheck Protection Program</u> (PPP). Contact your local financial institution to see if it is a participating PPP lender.

## **Guides/Tools for Reopening Our Businesses**

clarified information.

## **Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce**



## RACC's Business Resource Guide for Reopening.

If you haven't yet checked out the chamber's Business Resource Guide for Reopening, you should. The guide has great information and valuable tips and resources for our businesses reopening in Phases 1 and 2. As with everything these days, the guide is frequently updated as the chamber obtains more and

<sup>\*</sup> Please note: Due to state mandate guidelines and physical distancing policies there will be a few changes to the luncheon. We will be staggering arrival times so please make sure to include a good phone number and email address with your reservation so that we may contact you regarding your arrival time, party size and seating arrangements.

#### **US Chamber of Commerce**

### Reopening Business Digital Resources Center

As part of the Path Forward initiative, the U.S. Chamber unveiled its <u>Reopening Business Digital Resources</u> <u>Center</u> 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 <u>customizable workplace flyer</u> 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 <u>toolkit</u> 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!** Statewide Face Coverings Mandate for Indoor Public Spaces

**NEW updated guidance from OSHA**: OSHA continues to refine their guidance for businesses. The latest version is here: <a href="https://osha.oregon.gov/Documents/COVID19-Face-Covering-Advisory-Memo.pdf">https://osha.oregon.gov/Documents/COVID19-Face-Covering-Advisory-Memo.pdf</a>

On June 30, Governor Kate Brown extended her coronavirus emergency order to September 4, and told business associations, that compliance with the new statewide mask order will determine whether the Governor will need to follow the lead of other states and reinstate business closures. Effective July 1, there is a statewide mandate to wear face coverings in indoor public spaces.

Here is the <u>Oregon Health Authority guidance</u> about which businesses are subject to the new statewide mask order, as well as the <u>Oregon OSHA guidance</u> for how impacted businesses should follow the order. If your business is impacted, here is what is expected:

Post clear signs at every entrance to your business stating that masks are required indoors.

- Post a staff member at each entrance telling customers that masks are required.
- If customers do not have a mask, provide one.
- If the customer refuses the mask, ask if they have a medical condition that would make wearing a mask difficult.
- If the customer indicates a medical condition exists, ask no further questions and allow the customer to enter.
- If the customer has no medical condition and still refuses a mask, tell them they may not enter the facility.

We understand the tremendous burden these guidelines place on our businesses to enforce the personal responsibility of individual Oregonians to adhere to the health guidelines. Statewide business organizations have voiced these concerns to the governor and her team.

Concerns about the availability of face masks throughout the state have been raised with the governor's office, as well. If you need masks or other **personal protective equipment (PPE)**, please check out these resources:

- 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 is one of the
  few places that have these masks in stock. They also sell surface disinfectant, no-touch thermometers
  and more: <a href="https://qtmi.net/shop/">https://qtmi.net/shop/</a>

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

## **Chamber Notes & Updates**

Resource Guide for Reopening. If you haven't yet checked out the chamber's Business Resource Guide for Reopening, you should. The guide has great information and valuable tips and resources for our businesses reopening in Phases 1 and 2. As with everything else these days, the guide is frequently updated as the chamber obtains more and clarified information.

**Information/Visitor Floor.** The information/visitor floor is open to the public. Information is currently self-service and the chamber has taken necessary precaution/established guidelines to protect visitors and employees. *Masks are required*. 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. An outdoor kiosk provides information seven days a week.

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 <a href="mailto:info@roseburgareachamber.org">info@roseburgareachamber.org</a> and let us know if you're open and what days and hours so we can tell your potential customers and clients! <a href="mailto:open.org">open.org</a> and clients! <a href="mailto:open.org">open.org</a> and let us know if you're open and what days and hours so we can tell your potential customers and clients!

<u>SAVE THE DATE!!! After Hours Business Networking</u>. Our June "After Hours" business networking event at Cascade Community Credit Union, is not cancelled . . . just postponed until fall, scheduled for **September 8**. Look for details in future "Chamber News" emails and newsletters.

## NEW Information and Resources for Businesses Related to the COVID-

19 Pandemic: <a href="https://roseburgchamber.com/news/current-news/">https://roseburgchamber.com/news/current-news/</a>

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 are armed with information and access to resources, the stronger our recovery.

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