**Update from Elmore County Rural Development, as of March 26.**

Businesses please file your claims as soon as possible. If you need help, or have questions, please call Christy at 208-598-0886. A couple of notable resources for you to pass on if you would, please:

1) Businesses with pre-existing SBA EIDLs may defer those payments through December.

<https://njbiz.com/sba-automatically-defers-existing-disaster-loans-december/>

Additional resources may be found at:

* Since the SBA program is a loan some businesses may not qualify for assistance. For those businesses help may be available from [regional economic development district](https://commerce.idaho.gov/communities/economic-development-districts-idaho/) (contact Christy-208-598-0886 for this information) and community development lenders like [MoFi](https://www.mofi.org/)
* Also, feel free to reach out to our businesses counseling partners at the our partners at the Idaho Small Business Development Center <https://idahosbdc.org/> , Idaho Women’s Business Center <https://www.idahowomen.org/> , and Jannus <https://www.jannus.org/program/microenterprise-training-and-assistance-meta/> .
* Questions about the application, process for SBA help should be submitted directly to SBA at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at (800) 659-2955. Due to the scope of the COVID-19 event the best time to contact the call center may be after 4 PM mountain time.

Some resource websites to review for help:

[www.unitedwayscid.org](http://www.unitedwayscid.org)

[www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov](http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov)

[www.labor.idaho.gov](http://www.labor.idaho.gov)

[www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)

[www.commerce.idaho.gov](http://www.commerce.idaho.gov)

If you cannot get through to an organization for help, please keep calling.

Stay safe!  **Christy Acord**