



Elmore County Rural Development

Hello. I hope all of you are healthy and wish to share this information that is available to help your small business through COVID-19. I am here to help if you have any concerns or questions. See these websites for help: www.sba.gov, www.commerce.idaho.gov, www.labor.idaho.gov to see the latest news, and please call me if you need help.

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If your small business is struggling during the social distancing or with market interruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic this loan program may be helpful for you. Please see the email below from Jerry Miller with the Idaho Department of Commerce.

See this information from the Department of Commerce:

The Department of Commerce is urging businesses to fill out the form and forward it to Jerry Miller even if you do not plan to apply for the SBA financial assistance yourself. Filling out and submitting the form assists other Idaho businesses who may apply.

Idaho Commerce along with the Idaho Office of Emergency Management is working to secure U.S. Small Business Administration – Economic Injury Disaster Loan Assistance for small businesses impacted by COVID-19. To become eligible for assistance we need affected Idaho businesses to file with Commerce, SBA’s Economic Injury Worksheet. The Economic Injury Worksheet and other supporting materials may be found on Commerce’s [COVID-19](#) page. The assistance is available to both for and not-for-profit businesses. If you or any of your businesses have questions about the worksheets or SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, please send them my way.-Jerry Miller, Idaho Department of Commerce.

Also, the Department of Labor is offering help for employees affected by COVID-19.

Information about Covid-19 (Coronavirus) and Unemployment Insurance

Unemployment insurance is a program for workers unemployed through no fault of their own and is not a paid sick leave program. An individual whose workplace is temporarily or permanently closed may file a claim for unemployment. In order to be eligible, the individual must be physically and mentally able to work and be available for work at the time of filing the claim.

For information on how to file a claim, please visit the [Idaho Claimant Portal](#). If you have additional questions about filing a claim, please contact us at (208) 332-8942 or view our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

If you have questions about Coronavirus, please visit coronavirus.idaho.gov

Sincerely,

Christy Acord

