



## Resources for Businesses and Employees During the COVID-19 Outbreak

### Is your business classified as an “essential business” under the Governor’s Executive Order?

Generally, businesses that provide necessary services to infrastructure are classified as “essential” under Governor Evers’ Executive order. Nonessential businesses/nonprofit businesses are have been encouraged to cease all activities, except for maintaining minimal basic operations. Visit the website for the **Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation** at <https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/> to see what an “essential business” is, or view Governor Evers’ Executive Order at: <https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf>

**Businesses that are still open shall comply with social distancing requirements.**

### What should my business/place of work do during the outbreak of COVID-19?

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has great **resource for business owners and employees** regarding COVID-19 in the workplace. It can be found here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/employers.htm>

### Is your business suffering as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak?

**If your small business has suffered** during the COVID-19 outbreak, WEDC is offering grants for small businesses with no greater than 20 employees. Visit <https://wedc.org/programs-and-resources/small-business-2020/> for more information.

The SBA has **disaster loans available** for those businesses that are in need of assistance. More information can be found at <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance> and also FAQs can be found here: <https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/EIDL-Frequently-Asked-Questions-final-3-20-20.pdf>. There are loans available for \$10,000 in immediate relief. Funds should be available within 96 hours.

**CLICK HERE FOR THE COVID-19 DISASTER LOAN APPLICATION:** <https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/>



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## Have you found yourself unemployed as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak?

If you have become unemployed through no fault of your own, you may be eligible for assistance from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Developments **Unemployment Benefits**. More information can be found at <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui.htm>

If you are in **search of employment**, visit the Wisconsin Job Center at <https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com/> to view available job opportunities, as well as see important updates regarding COVID-19 and the search for employment.

## I'm self-employed. Can I still get unemployment?

Yes! For individuals who are self-employed, independent contractors, have a limited work history, or are not covered by regular UI, individuals **may be eligible** for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. Visit <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/pua/> for more information.

## As a business owner, how can I retain workers and avoid a layoff?

Under the work-share program from the Department of Workforce Development, companies can plan to reduce hours across a work unit, while retaining employees, and those employees are eligible for UI Benefits. Visit <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwd/publications/ui/uct-17435-p.pdf> for more information.