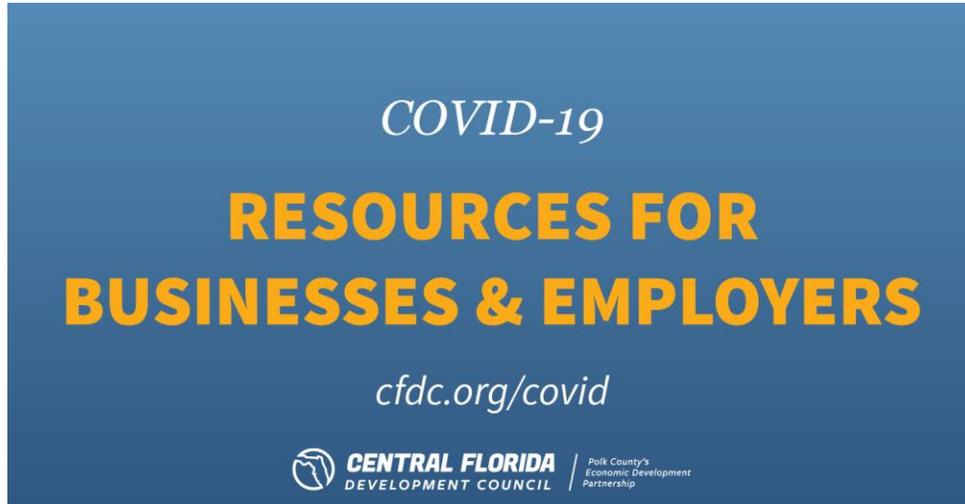


An Update from the Central Florida Development Council

Polk County's Economic Development Partnership



During the **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** emergency, the Central Florida Development Council seeks to provide updated, reliable information to all our stakeholders, including businesses, government leaders, municipal economic development organizations and the community at large. Please do your part to take this situation seriously and implement the necessary precautions to help minimize impact.

The link below directs you to a listing of trusted sources of information, updated regularly for your benefit.

We are strong. We are resilient. We are Polk.

[COVID-19 RESOURCES](#)

FLORIDA SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY BRIDGE LOAN PROGRAM

The Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program is currently available to small business owners located in all Florida counties statewide that experienced economic damage as a result of COVID-19.

These short-term, interest-free working capital loans are intended to “bridge the gap” between the time a major catastrophe hits and when a business has secured longer term recovery resources, such as sufficient profits from a revived business, receipt of payments on insurance claims or federal disaster assistance.

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SBA DISASTER ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM

The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering designated states and territories low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Upon a request received from a state’s or territory’s Governor, SBA will issue under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration.

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CDC RESOURCES FOR BUSINESSES AND EMPLOYERS

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention outlined interim guidance for business and employers based on what is currently known about COVID-19.

The interim guidance may help prevent workplace exposures to acute respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, in non-healthcare settings. The guidance also provides planning considerations if there are more widespread, community outbreaks of COVID-19.

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