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# COVID-19

## RESPONSE GUIDE

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## WELCOME

At the Master Builders Association of Pierce County (MBA Pierce) we are very pleased to see beginning of the construction industry getting back to work! Our State Association, the Building Industry Association of Washington (BIAW) and MBA Pierce have worked tirelessly to ensure that our members could return to work in a safe and timely way. Board members, staff, other local home builders associations and most importantly BIAW, have come together to collaborate solutions with the Governor's office. We are at the beginning of this journey and many of our members and those in the building community have found tangible and viable pathways back to work.

Through our legislative and government affairs efforts, we will continue to advocate for our industry. This includes lobbying Pierce County and local cities to adopt legislation that will benefit our members during this unprecedented time. Our continued goal is to make housing more attainable in Pierce County. If you want to learn more about what we have been working on that includes COVID-19 updates, documents, and resources, please see our COVID-19 Resources at [www.mbpierce.com/covid-19](http://www.mbpierce.com/covid-19).

If you aren't an MBA Pierce member yet, we are inviting you to become a part of our community. When you join MBA Pierce, you stand with general contractors, remodelers, electricians, plumbers, real estate agents, designers, etc... the list goes on. Our ability to network and make connections in every aspect of our industry has helped diversify and grow our membership. During this challenging season we need to stand together. Stand with us! Our voice is being heard and it is making a difference.

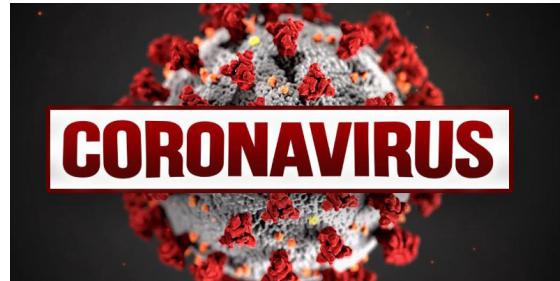
If you're interested in further information about membership, let's set a time at your convenience to discuss how MBA Pierce can help your company grow. Membership Manager [Jennifer Murphy](#) is available to answer any questions about membership and how to get the most out of being a part of MBA Pierce!

**Local:** [mbapierce.com/covid-19](http://mbapierce.com/covid-19)

**State:** [biaw.com/COVID19](http://biaw.com/COVID19)

**National:** [nahb.org](http://nahb.org) - See Coronavirus Preparedness

MBA Pierce is committed to providing our members with the most up-to-date resources and information available in regard to COVID-19. On the websites listed above, you can find information for businesses, in addition to information for employees. In this pamphlet, we will discuss MBA Pierce actions in response to the impact of COVID-19.



If you are looking for additional tools and resources, BIAW and NAHB are hosting webinars on a variety of topics related to COVID-19. MBA Pierce is also hosting a weekly Virtual Coffee Hour to connect with members and discuss their experiences. We hope to provide any support we can during this difficult time.

Currently we are including COVID-19 updates and membership information on our Weekly E-Newsletter. Please let MBA Pierce Staff know if you are not receiving these updates, so we can make sure you are on our contact list. With the situation constantly evolving, we are posting urgent updates to our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mbapierce](http://www.facebook.com/mbapierce).

## STAY HOME, STAY HEALTHY ORDER

Governor Inslee issued a stay-at-home order taking effect on March 25 at 5:30 p.m., which was consequently extended to May 31st, 2020. Those who work in "essential industries" can continue to do their work without being required to work remotely.

[>>View the List and the Order](#)

Businesses not included on this list of essential services are required to have employees work remotely.

Gov. Inslee issued [official guidance](#) that "construction is not considered an essential activity" in the Stay-at-Home Order. As a result, all construction – residential and commercial – was ordered to shut down during the order. There was specific exceptions detailed in the guidance.

Gov. Inslee was one of only few governors who have issued a statewide "Stay at Home" order that did not designate housing construction as "essential." Section 3 (Point d) of [the Order](#) does allow businesses to secure their jobsites and equipment.

Due to the efforts of BIAW and HBA's across the state of Washington, a Construction Working Group was appointed to make recommendations for returning to work with safety guidelines in place. The Working Group developed phases of returning to work. On April 24th, Gov. Inslee announced that Phase 1 Construction restart would go into effect that day.

BIAW continues to negotiate Phase 2 guidelines and requirements.

On May 1, Gov. Inslee announced the Stay-at-Home Order extension and phased approach to re-opening Washington state.

***What does this directive mean for home builders and others in industry?***

Through the original order that closed down construction, and recent efforts to advocate for the restart of construction in our state, BIAW has pushed for action and additional clarification for our industry every step of the way. In this packet you will find resources to help you navigate this crisis, and hopefully give you the tools you need to get back to work.

## Am I exempt from the Stay-at-Home order or do I qualify for Phase 1 Construction Restart?

- How do I know my business is considered exempt? See the Governor's [20-25 Coronavirus Stay Safe-Stay Healthy Order](#), and [Construction Guidance Memo](#).
- My case/business isn't clear, how can I get more information? Visit the [Essential Business Inquiries website](#).
- What part of my business am I still allowed to do? Most of the questions are answered in the BIAW Member Town Hall which you can watch here: [Ask a Lawyer about Enforcement of the Governor Inslee's Order](#).
- Are there any activities that I can do during the order to support my business? Even if you are not deemed an essential business, regular activities such as payroll are still allowed.
- Phase 1 Construction Restart Guidelines are detailed on Page 4 of this booklet.
  - >[View the Phase 1 Construction Restart COVID-19 Job Site Requirements](#)
  - >[Additional Construction Guidance - 'Authorized' Construction Defined](#)
  - >[FAQs from the Governor's Office](#)

## WASHINGTON'S PHASED APPROACH

### Reopening Business and Modifying Physical Distancing Measures

**1**

Phase 1

**2**

Phase 2

**3**

Phase 3

**4**

Phase 4

<b>High-Risk Populations*</b>	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Resume public interactions, with physical distancing
<b>Recreation</b>	Some outdoor recreation (hunting, fishing, golf, boating, hiking)	All outdoor recreation involving fewer than 5 people outside your household (camping, beaches, etc.)	- Outdoor group rec. sports activities (5-50 people) - Recreational facilities at <50% capacity (public pools, etc.)	Resume all recreational activity
<b>Gatherings (social, spiritual)</b>	- None - Drive in spiritual service with one household per vehicle	Gather with no more than 5 people outside your household per week	Allow gatherings with no more than 50 people	Allow gatherings with >50 people
<b>Travel</b>	Only essential travel	Limited non-essential travel within proximity of your home	Resume non-essential travel	Continue non-essential travel
<b>Business/ Employers</b>	- Essential businesses open - Existing construction that meet agreed upon criteria - Landscaping - Automobile sales - Retail (curb-side pick-up orders only) - Car washes - Pet walkers	- Remaining manufacturing - New construction - In-home/domestic services (nannies, housecleaning, etc.) - Retail (in-store purchases allowed with restrictions) - Real estate - Professional services/office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Hair and nail salons/Barbers - Housecleaning - Restaurants <50% capacity table size no larger than 5	- Restaurants <75% capacity/ table size no larger than 10 - Bars at <25% capacity - Indoor gyms at <50% capacity - Movie theaters at <50% capacity - Government (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Libraries - Museums - All other business activities not yet listed except for nightclubs and events with greater than 50 people	- Nightclubs - Concert venues - Large sporting events - Resume unrestricted staffing of worksites, but continue to practice physical distancing and good hygiene

\* High-risk populations are currently defined by CDC as: persons 65 years of age and older; people of all ages with underlying medical conditions (particularly not well controlled) including people with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, people who have serious heart conditions, people who are immunocompromised, people with severe obesity, people with diabetes, people with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis, and people with liver disease; people who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.

# PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION RESTART RESOURCES

This guidance, including sample documents, are provided by BIAW to help you comply with the Phase 1 safety requirements and return to work as quickly as possible.

Phase 1 construction only authorizes activities on existing construction projects that can be performed while maintaining the six-foot social distancing requirements and comply with the other Phase 1 Jobsite Safety Requirements. Activities that require work performed less than six-feet apart is not allowed under Phase 1, but will be authorized later under additional Phase 2 jobsite safety requirements.

***Failure to comply with the Phase 1 Jobsite Safety Requirements could result in a jobsite being shut down, potential legal liability, safety fines, or loss of license.***

- >>[Recording from Phase 1 - Return to Work Safely Webinar](#)
- >>[COVID with a Lawyer Webinar](#)

## **Phase 1 Jobsite Safety Plan**

The first requirement is the Phase 1 Jobsite Safety Plan, signed by the contractor, must be developed for every job site. This plan must also be produced at the request of any employee or regulator. >[Template Phase 1 Jobsite Safety Plan, updated 4/30/20](#)

## **Required Jobsite Postings**

Under the Phase 1 Jobsite Safety Requirements, you are required to post on each jobsite, publicly viewable at all times, the following documents. Some of these posters are available in Spanish at [biaw.com](#).

- >>[Jobsite Safety Requirements by the Construction Working Group](#)
- >>[Coronavirus Prevention General Requirements](#)
- >>[Written Notice to Workers, Subcontractors, and Government Officials of Work to be Performed on the Jobsite](#)
- >>[Phase 1 Jobsite Safety Plan, updated 4/30/20](#)
- >>[CDC Recommendations on Hand Hygiene](#)

## **Jobsite Visitor Log**

Under the Phase 1 Jobsite Safety Requirements, you are required to maintain a log of all employees and visitors on each jobsite. Visitor Logs must be retained for a minimum of four weeks. >[Jobsite Visitor Log Sample](#)

## **Jobsite Training**

Every employee must receive an initial COVID 19-specific Training Session. In addition, weekly COVID-19 safety talks are required under Phase 1.

- >>[First Toolbox Talk Training Session and Log-In Sheet Sample](#)

## **Additional Resources**

- >>[DOSH Directive 1.70, with 4/27/20 update](#)
- >>[PPE Resources](#)
- >>[Proclamation by the Governor: High-Risk Employees -- Workers' Rights](#)
- >>[Proclamation by the Governor: Implementation of Phase 1 Construction Restart](#)
- >>[COVID-19 and Business Information for Administrators and Employees](#)
- >>[CDC Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19](#)
- >>[Cloth Mask Guidance](#)
- >>[Office Staff Guidance](#)

# MBA PIERCE EFFORTS: A TIMELINE

For every day residential construction is unable to return to their jobsites, Washington's families lose 23 million per day in wages. Throughout the initial Stay-at-Home Order, we advocated that residential and commercial projects under way should be permitted to start up again — but only if contractors abide by [additional rules](#) to ensure work "is done safely so as to not take a step backward in this pandemic fight." We are pleased that due to collective efforts, Governor Inslee authorized Phase 1 of the restart of residential construction on April 24th. This plan was based on recommendations from the Construction Roundtable work group, which BIAW was a part of.

MBA Pierce's government affairs efforts have been focused almost exclusively on getting residential construction deemed to be an essential industry by the Governor's Office; on getting our members back to work in a safe manner that observes best practices surrounding COVID-19 to keep workers healthy in the midst of the current crisis. Now that Phase 1 has been adopted, we hope to demonstrate that our industry can abide by these guidelines. This will get us closer to adopting looser restrictions of Phase 2, of which details are currently being negotiated.

The following is a timeline of our response to the order.

## **March 18th - "Permitting Action Plan" Sent to Local Jurisdictions**

MBA Pierce sent a letter to jurisdictions throughout Pierce County ahead of the eventual Stay-at-Home Order, outlining a Permit Action Plan. This plan requested permit extensions for permits set to expire in the upcoming months, video inspection protocols to meet social distancing guidelines, and to request the appropriate entities to delay all code updates. >>[Action plan](#)

## **March 26th - Response to the Stay-at-Home Order" Sent to Local Jurisdictions**

We sent a follow-up letter to local jurisdictions, addressing the Governor's Stay-at-Home Order and clarification of construction as a nonessential industry. In this letter, we requested permit fee deferral, for jurisdictions to continue to intake permits, for inspections on active permits to still take place in a safe manner, and to reiterate other points made in our letter from the previous week.

## **March 27th - Requesting Local Elected Officials to Petition the Governor's Office that Residential Construction is an Essential Industry**

The Mayor of Lake Stevens and one of their Councilmembers drafted two separate letters (one for mayors and the other for councilmembers) and requested local leaders throughout Washington State to sign on, expressing their support to deem residential construction as an essential industry. We passed on their request and contact information. Several local leaders eagerly signed on.

## **March 30th - Sent a Letter to the Governor, Requesting His Office Determine Residential Construction as an Essential Industry**

MBA Pierce's Executive Officer sent a letter to Governor requesting that he reconsider his determination that residential construction is not an essential industry. Drafts of this letter were also sent to the local Mortgage Bankers Associations, so that they could send something similar to Governor Inslee. Finally, our Legislative Strategy Committee (LSC) sent out similar letters to the Governor, requesting that he determines residential construction to be an essential industry immediately, as well.

### **April 2020 - Assisting the Building Industry Association of Washington (BIAW) in Their Talks with the Governor's Office**

MBA Pierce assisted BIAW in any way necessary to help establish industry-wide best practices regarding working on site during COVID-19. Presently, several home building associations have viewed and generally agreed to safe site practices that BIAW negotiated with Labor & Industries, commercial construction groups, and trades union groups.

### **April/May 2020 - Inspections and Helpful Legislation**

MBA Pierce has been working with jurisdictions to determine their modified inspection protocols so that members can be prepared to adapt to new requirements and procedures. We have also been encouraging jurisdictions to extend permit timelines and defer the collection of permit fees and impact fees to closing or point of sale.

## **BUILDING CODE & STORMWATER MANUAL UPDATES**

On March 31st, MBA Pierce and members of the LSC sent letters to the State Building Code Council requesting a delay in the implementation of the new code updates, slated for July 1, 2020. In combination with efforts of BIAW, we were successful in delaying the new building code updates to **November 1, 2020**. There have been new efforts to further delay this implementation until next year by other home building associations. MBA Pierce is monitoring the situation and general industry response.

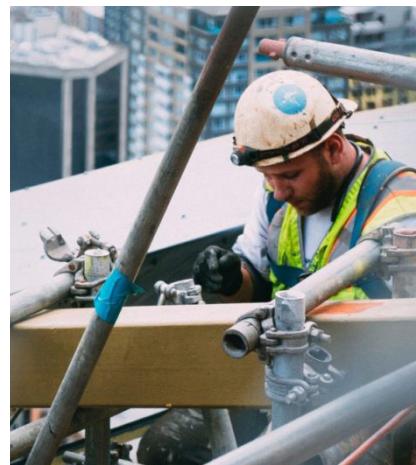
On April 8th, MBA Pierce and members of the LSC sent letters to the Director of the Department of Ecology, requesting the delay in implementation of the adopted Stormwater Management and Site Development Manual, effective December 5, 2020. Members are particularly concerned with the expiration of all permits issued pursuant to prior regulations on the implementation date. The Department of Ecology has reached out to Pierce County regarding our request and the County is pursuing an ordinance that extends the vesting period to **July 1, 2021**.

## **COMMUNICATIONS EFFORTS**

MBA Pierce has been in touch with the Tacoma News Tribune and several publications to spread the word about the damaging implications of construction shut down. Our members, BIAW, and association staff supplemented an article about how the Governor's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" Order has affected the construction industry.

MBA Pierce sent out a press release on the rise of construction site theft during the halt in construction. King 5 News referenced data from this press release on a story they ran on the weekend of April 11th.

South Sound Business also published an article on April 21st about recent economic impact and necessity of residential construction as essential. >>[Read now](#)



# WORKING WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS & PIERCE COUNTY JURISDICTIONS

Throughout these unprecedented times, MBA Pierce has been working with local jurisdictions to implement emergency regulations as well as reactionary policies that benefit the residential construction industry. A full matrix of jurisdictions, their legislation, and staff efforts will be created for MBA's Legislative Strategy Committee (LSC) to track the progress of Pierce County jurisdictions. In the meantime, below is a summary of the particularly notable and meaningful actions that jurisdictions have taken already.

## **Pierce County**

- Passed an ordinance to temporarily suspend Land Use Advisory Committee meetings
- Passed an ordinance to temporarily grant extensions (up to six months) on permits
- Will determine a plat extensions on a case-by-case basis
- Submitted a letter to the Governor's Office, requesting that residential construction be deemed essential
- Allowing inspections on Finals, Roofing, and Shearwall
- Requesting to partner with MBA Pierce on eventual stimulus efforts to boost housing construction once the COVID-19 crisis is over

## **Tacoma**

- Determined housing construction to be an essential industry, allowing construction within City limits to continue so long as builders submit a best practices health plan and sign an indemnification agreement (upon City's request as the latter is not always required)
- Submitted a letter to the Governor's Office, requesting that residential construction be deemed essential
- Established Director's Rule(s) to allow for permit and plat extensions

## **Lakewood**

- Will administratively extend building permits set to expire

## **Puyallup**

- Passed an ordinance to temporarily grant extensions (up to six months) on permits and short plats
- Drafting an ordinance to defer permit and impact fees to closing

## **Auburn**

- Deferred the collection of impact and building permit fees to closing
- 180 day extension to all 2,000+ active building permits in Auburn

## **Bonney Lake**

- Automatically extending any building permit set to expire during the Governor's Stay-at-Home Order
- Applicants can write a request for a plat extension if need be, citing the COVID-19 pandemic response

## **Orting**

- Can allow for up to 180 day extension on building permits

## **Milton**

- Offering to extend permit for building if applicants request

# RESOURCES FOR EMPLOYERS

## **What financial programs are available to my business?**

BIAW held a webinar with officials from the Small Business Administration and WA State Employment Security Division that answered a number of frequently asked questions.

[>> View the Town Hall Webinar](#)

## **Small Business Administration (SBA)**

The SBA has created robust programs that include bridge loans, debt relief, Paycheck Protection and economic injury disaster loans.

[>> Learn more](#)

The CARES Act, which contains \$376 billion in relief for American workers and small businesses, is accessible now for small businesses. In addition to traditional SBA funding programs, the CARES Act established several new temporary programs to address the COVID-19 outbreak. [>> View available funding options](#)

## **Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)**

The Paycheck Protection Program is a loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. SBA will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities and is available until June 20, 2020. [>> Learn more](#)

## **Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)**

This loan advance, which does not have to be repaid, provides up to \$10,000 of economic relief to any small business with less than 500 employees (including sole proprietorships, independent contractors and self-employed persons), private non-profit organization or 501(c) (19) veterans organizations affected by COVID-19. SBA has implemented a \$1,000 cap per employee on the advance, up to a maximum of \$10,000. So, a business with 3 employees, would be eligible to receive only \$3,000 up front, as opposed to the originally stated \$10,000. [>> Learn more](#)

If you were unable to get an application in to the SBA for funding through either program, NAHB encourages you to still visit with your SBA-approved lender for PPP, or [download the EIDL application](#) from the SBA website to ensure you are prepared when the next round of funding opens. We are confident it is a question of when, not if, these programs get a funding boost based on when Congressional leaders come to an agreement.

[>> Status on eligibility and availability is constantly changing.  
Please keep checking back on the SBA website for the most up-to-date information.](#)

- >> [CARES Act Summary for SBA Loans](#)
- >> [What to know about the CARES Act](#)
- >> [Small Business Owners Guide to the CARES Act](#)
- >> [FAQs: Employee Retention Credit under the CARES Act](#)

### **Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grant Program**

Announced by Governor Inslee on April 7th, this program will award businesses with fewer than 10 employees, who have been in business for at least a year, up to \$10,000. Awards will be approved on a case-by-case basis and are dependent on the availability of funds. The objective is to support businesses through the crisis and enable them to retain as many employees as possible. *Applications Closed*

>> [Learn more](#)

### **Internal Revenue Service**

In addition to extending the tax filing deadline until July 15, 2020, the IRS announced that Americans who owe federal taxes can defer their payment for 90 days from the original April deadline, interest and penalty free, up to \$1 million.

**Tax Credits:** COVID-19 IRS Payroll Tax Credits Available to Small & Midsized Employers >> [Learn more](#)

**CARES Act Employee Retention Credit:** The Employee Retention Credit is a fully refundable tax credit for employers equal to 50 percent of qualified wages (including allocable qualified health plan expenses) that Eligible Employers pay their employees. This Employee Retention Credit applies to qualified wages paid after March 12, 2020, and before January 1, 2021. The maximum amount of qualified wages taken into account with respect to each employee for all calendar quarters is \$10,000, so that the maximum credit for an Eligible Employer for qualified wages paid to any employee is \$5,000. >> [Learn more](#)

Eligible employers for the purposes of the Employee Retention Credit are those that carry on a trade or business during calendar year 2020, including a tax-exempt organization, that either:

- Fully or partially suspends operation during any calendar quarter in 2020 due to orders from an appropriate governmental authority limiting commerce, travel, or group meetings (for commercial, social, religious, or other purposes) due to COVID-19
- Experiences a significant decline in gross receipts during the calendar quarter.

### **Washington State Department of Revenue**

The Washington State Department of Revenue has issued a helpful guide that outlines frequently asked questions about how to file and pay online, audits, and more. >> [Learn more](#)

**B&O Tax:** The Washington State Department of Revenue is allowing businesses to request a one-time, 24-month penalty waiver if you have not owed a late penalty in the last 24 months. Also, businesses can request a 30-day extension of B&O taxes without payment or 30+ days with deposit. For more information, call (360) 705-6705.

[>> Learn more](#)

**Excise Tax Filing Assistance:** The Washington State Department of Revenue will work with businesses that cannot file or pay their excise taxes on time due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Affected businesses may qualify for filing extensions or penalty waivers. [>> Learn more](#)

#### **The US Department of Labor (DOL)**

More information will be coming out with further guidance for granting small business exemptions from the Response Act that require employer-paid sick and medical leave. NAHB will be voicing ideas for this guidance with the agency and will keep you in the loop as DOL develops and publicizes its criteria. [>> Learn more](#)

#### **SharedWork Program**

SharedWork is a voluntary business sustainability program that provides flexibility to retain employees at reduced hours. This is a little known but powerful program to help workers stay employed while drawing needed benefits. [>> Learn more](#)

## **HELPFUL LINKS & FAQS**

[>> Washington State Official Coronavirus Response Website](#)

[>> US Dept of Labor - COVID-19 Workplace Resources](#)

[>> Workers' Compensation Coverage and Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Common Questions](#)

[>> CDC Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)

[>> Evaluating Contracts in the Wake of the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)

[>> OSHA Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#)

[>> Remote Notarization](#)

[>> BIAW's electronic-conferencing blog for tips and suggested tools](#)

[>> How do I hold my permits? BIAW Blog Post](#)

# RESOURCES FOR EMPLOYEES

## **Washington State Employment Security Division**

If you or an employee is affected by COVID-19, Employment Security has programs that may be able to help. The agency has adopted a series of emergency rules to relieve the burden of temporary layoffs, isolation, and quarantine for workers and businesses. >>[Learn more](#)

The WA State Employment Security Division has a great COVID website that is being constantly updated. You can consult this [scenario worksheet](#), which provides answers for a variety of situations. >>[Additional information for employers](#)

- When an employee applies for benefits, they should select "laid off" as the reason for separating from an employer. Choose "Company temporarily closed" from the secondary options.
- This does not apply to employees who are considered essential critical infrastructure workers, as outlined by the governor.
- Work search requirements are optional for all claimants until further notice.
- Employees can request standby status for up to 12 weeks.
- The one-week waiting period to be eligible for unemployment benefits is waived.

## **State - Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML)**

If an employee is sick with COVID-19, as with any other illness, a healthcare provider must certify that they are unable to work in order to qualify for Paid Family and Medical Leave. Quarantine (and school closures) are not qualifying events under this program. >>[Learn more](#)

## **Federal - Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)**

Giving all American businesses with fewer than 500 employees funds to provide employees with paid leave, either for the employee's own health needs or to care for family members. >>[Learn more](#)

## **Crisis Connection**

Connects people with crisis services like applying for food, child care, cash, long-term care and health care. >>[Get help](#)

# LET'S STAY CONNECTED: VIRTUAL WEEKLY MEETING

## Weekly Virtual Coffee Hour

Have important questions or just want to chat? Join us for our weekly Wednesday morning Virtual Coffee Hour! Grab a cup of coffee and get connected as we discuss current topics related to COVID-19, and updates on business resources. We will do our best to answer any question you may have about your business. This is also a way to stay in touch and encourage fellow industry professionals.

**Every Wednesday**  
**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**



Visit the calendar [mbapierce.com](http://mbapierce.com) for the Meeting ID and password. We look forward to Zooming with you!

## GIVING BACK

MBA Pierce has organized several opportunities available for members wanting to give back and provide support to the local community during this difficult time. If you are interested and able to help with the following opportunities, please reach out to MBA Pierce Staff.

### MBA Meals for Medical Workers

It is no doubt that MBA Pierce has members that care. As a community, we are experiencing the hard-hitting effects of COVID-19. It's times like these where we need to come together as a community and help support each other. We want to provide meals for our local medical professionals. Nurses and Doctors are making daily sacrifices to battle this pandemic on the front lines and keep us safe. It is our hope to further support them in any way we can.

We are asking members to donate to provide meals for medical workers. We are supporting MultiCare Tacoma General Hospital and delivering meals on a weekly basis.

Not only that, we want to utilize our member catering companies by giving them the opportunity to fulfill these orders each week during this difficult time. Please donate at any level you can. A \$13 donation will provide one meal for a healthcare worker. [>Learn more](#)



**\$13 = 1 meal**

**\$65 = 5 meals**

**\$130 = 10 meals**



Feel free to donate any number of meals. We know families and businesses are suffering economically, so any gift is meaningful. We hope to reach at least 20 meals to make a delivery each week. We appreciate your support in helping to give back to our local healthcare heroes.

We made our first meal delivery to MultiCare Tacoma General Hospital on Tuesday, April 14th. MBA Pierce 2020 President Scott Walker of Rush Residential and Angie Jacobsen of Georgio's Catering (along with Georgio's Chef, Randy Spears) made a delivery of 50 meals to MultiCare Tacoma General Hospital. >[Learn more about our first meal delivery](#)

If you're an MBA Pierce member and would like to contribute to this cause, we are hoping to continue this effort throughout April and May. If you would like to donate, reach out to Shannon Cox at [scox@mbapierce.com](mailto:scox@mbapierce.com) or call (253) 254-0084 with the number of meals you would like to provide. We are accepting payments with Credit Card. Please note any Staff member can accept donations for the Meal Drive.

### **N95 Mask Drive**

When the crisis of COVID-19 hit, we wanted to support our healthcare workers by sharing a request from the County Executive's office. Due to demand and medical mask shortages, nurses and doctors are reusing single use masks throughout the day. MBA Pierce put out a call to action for our builders, remodelers, painters, and everyone else who had extra protective masks – Our generous members made large donations of N95 masks so they can be distributed to local healthcare professionals.

If you would still like to make a donation, visit Washington State Hospital Association to find out [where to donate personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#).

Thank you for joining us in doing our part to support our community.

