Business Resources During COVID-19

Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! is ready to assist all employers and employees in the UP.

State Provides Guidance to Employers Contemplating Potential Layoffs
Click HERE to read the newest update from the State of Michigan.

How can you help your staff if you must lay off employees?

- Provide each employee a notice that it is a temporary layoff due to COVID-19 and they will be called back as soon as possible.
- Eligible employees should apply for unemployment online at www.michigan.gov/ufia or call (866) 500-0017
- Additional unemployment resources for employees can be found here and for employers here.
- As an employer, if you have additional unemployment questions, please contact the Employer Ombudsman (OEO) through your MiWAM account or call 866-366-0004

Having trouble keeping your business staffed?
Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! is in operation and is working with individuals who are displaced but willing to work rather than collect unemployment. If you are willing and able to accept temporary, displaced employees, please contact Holly Peoples at (906) 280-2441.

Work Share Program
Employers are encouraged to implement the program that permits employers to maintain operational productivity during declines in regular business activity instead of laying off workers. More information about Work Share can be found here.

Latest Information on Coronavirus
Updates will be posted to Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

Employers with questions:
Contact Holly Peoples at (906) 280-2441

Employees with questions:
Contact your local Michigan Works! office to schedule an appointment with a workforce specialist or call 1-800-285-WORKS (9675)
PARTNER RESOURCES

MEDC Resources for Michigan Businesses During COVID-19
- Click HERE to visit the MEDC Coronavirus page.
- Pure Michigan Business Connect is a Matchmaking platform between suppliers and buyers who need supplies during COVID-19 outbreak

OSHA’s Guidance for preparing workplaces for COVID-19
If you are remaining open, please read OSHA’s manual on preparing your workplace for COVID-19

Disaster Assistance Loans for Small Businesses Impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19)
The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) 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. Click HERE for the online application.

For other COVID-19 resources for your small business, visit SBDC’s Coronavirus page.

For additional information:
Contact Laura Mahronic – Regional Director for the SBDC
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Call 211
Please dial this number if you or your employees need information on additional resources are available to those in need.