

**Van Buren County Economic Relief Team (COVID-19)**

We understand things are rapidly changing not by the day, but by the hour. There are many reliable and unreliable sources of information in the media. As we meet with businesses, a number have inquired about how others are responding to or are preparing for disruptions due to the virus. Economic developers are uniquely positioned to provide support and facilitate communication through our relationships with government leaders and agencies, businesses and local communities.

As your economic development leaders, Market Van Buren will be a source for reliable information to help your business and community. Below is a list of resources currently available, certainly not exhaustive, if you do not find what you are looking for, please contact us immediately.  
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**Official Health Resources:**

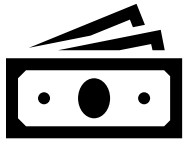
Information from trusted resources, including the State of Michigan's Official Covid-19 Website.

[Michigan Department of Health and Human Services \(MDHHS\) Interim Recommendations for COVID-19 Community Mitigation Strategies](#)  
[Coronavirus in Michigan](#)  
[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

**Business Assistance:**

During these troubling times, we hope to support your business directly and indirectly. Below is information from the Small Business Administration, the State of Michigan and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation on supporting businesses.

[CLAIMING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS IN MICHIGAN COVID-19 GUIDE](#)  
[Resources for Michigan Businesses During COVID-19](#)  
[Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity](#)  
[SBA to Provide Disaster Assistance Loans for Small Businesses Impacted by Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

**SBA Loan Assistance:**

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, congress passed the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2020 making \$1 billion available to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to provide low-interest loans to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, and nonprofits that have suffered substantial economic losses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Governor Whitmer notified the SBA that she is seeking an Economic Injury Disaster Loan Declaration for the state and has initiated the process to receive the declaration from SBA. Once granted, small businesses in qualifying areas will be able to access low-interest loans through the SBA

If you think you may want to explore an SBA Loan, while you are waiting to officially apply, we are recommending small businesses that could benefit from SBA loans to start collecting the information they'll need to complete their application. Examples of information needed can be found at this location: [SBA Loan Information](#).

For additional information or to obtain help preparing the loan application in advance of the declaration, please contact the [Michigan SBA offices](#) in Detroit or Grand Rapids. The Michigan Small Business Development Center can also provide resources for small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Visit their website: [Supporting Your Small Business During COVID-19](#) for additional information.