

May 21, 2021

Dear Gurnee Business Partner:

Bridge Phase Order

On May 17, Governor J.B. Pritzker issued [Executive Order 2021-10 \(Bridge Phase Order\)](#) which among other things rescinds the order requiring face coverings for fully vaccinated people when not in transit, schools, congregate settings or healthcare settings. Businesses at their option may continue to require face coverings for everyone while on their private property.

Small Business Administration (SBA) Updates

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has announced that the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) will be closing on Monday, May 24. Below, please find details and resources for this and other SBA programs:

Last Call For Restaurant Revitalization Fund Applications



RRF closes on Monday, May 24th at 7 p.m. CT

Eligible eating establishments have until **Monday, May 24, 7 p.m. CT**, to submit applications to the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF). The American Rescue Plan Act established the program to provide funding to help restaurants and other eligible businesses keep their doors open. Applicants can apply at restaurants.sba.gov.

Get help with your application

Applicants can refer to the [RRF Program Guide](#) for assistance working through the application. The Call Center Support team is also available at [844-279-8898](tel:844-279-8898). Have questions? Review the [RRF Knowledge Base](#) for answers to frequently asked questions about the program.

RRF application trainings

Trainings and portal tutorials can help applicants prepare and complete their RRF application online.

- [Watch: Special briefing on RRF with SBA and Public Private Strategies Institute](#)
- [Watch: Learn how to apply for RRF](#)

[Apply here](#)

SBA Program Updates



Paycheck Protection Program

SBA is currently offering PPP loans through **participating community financial institutions** until **May 31, 2021** or until remaining funds are exhausted. Please note that not all community financial institutions are participating in PPP.

[Find a lender](#)

Shuttered Venue Operators Grant

The Shuttered Venue Operators Grant program is open and eligible entities can apply now. Eligible applicants may qualify for grants equal to **45% of their gross earned revenue**, with the maximum amount available for a single grant award of \$10 million.

[Apply](#)

Economic Injury Disaster Loan

In response to COVID-19, small business owners, including agricultural businesses, and nonprofit organizations can apply for the COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL). Applications are open until December 31, 2021.

[Apply](#)

Upcoming trainings

Digital Strategy for Global E-commerce

Learn about digital strategies for the global marketplace from successful exporters who are using them to increase global sales. Hear about grants, programs, and services available to help you create and implement your digital global strategy. This event is part one of a two-part series presented by the SBA, the [Export-Import Bank \(EXIM Bank\)](#), the U.S. Commercial Service, and the [U.S. Census Bureau](#). **Thursday, May 20, 1 p.m.**

[Register](#)

SBA Support for Commercializing Innovation

Join the Illinois SBDC International Trade Center for a webinar discussing the major considerations for starting a business in Illinois including writing a business plan, choosing a business structure, registering ownership, determining tax requirements, and more. **Thursday, May 20, 3 p.m.**

[Register](#)

Business Beyond Borders

Join the [United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce](#), EXIM Bank, and the SBA to learn about resources for capital, production expansion, marketing, and more. **Tuesday, May 25, 1 p.m.**

[Register](#)

Growing Your Global E-commerce Sales

Learn about the logistics of growing global e-Commerce including tips for handling payment and shipping in the electronic environment. The session will also include federal support programs for all your export needs. This event is part two of a two-part series presented by the SBA, the EXIM Bank, the U.S. Commercial Service, and the U.S. Census Bureau. **Thursday, May 27, 1 p.m.**

[Register](#)

Hiring Employees vs. Subcontractors: What You Need to Know

Join us to learn the general rules from the Internal Revenue Service that apply to an independent contractor as opposed to an employee. Bring your questions! There will be time for a Q&A. **Thursday, May 27, 11 a.m.**

[Register](#)

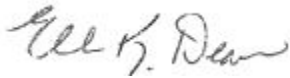
Stay updated

Visit sba.gov/relief for updates on the loan programs, guidance for businesses and employers, and other SBA resources.

If you have questions about your already submitted EIDL application, contact the SBA Disaster Customer Service Center at [\(800\) 659-2955](tel:8006592955) or disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Follow [@SBA_Illinois](https://twitter.com/SBA_Illinois) on Twitter. E-mail questions to illinois.do@sba.gov.

Sincerely,



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