

Dakota County Resident and Business COVID-19 Resources

Our current best answers to questions we're getting from Dakota County residents and businesses. This list of resources will be regularly updated.

What programs have been set up for business owners that have been forced to close due to COVID-19? What options are available to keep the business afloat?

COVID-19 related information for employers and workers is available on the following websites:

- Minnesota Department of Revenue: <https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/our-response-covid-19>.
 - Information relative to taxes.
- Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Toolkit: <https://www.mnchamber.com/blog/covid-19-business-toolkit>.
 - Note - You do not have to be a Chamber member to access the toolkit.
- Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development: <https://mn.gov/deed/newscenter/covid/>.
 - A plethora of information for employers and job seekers. Unemployment info is here as well as information about “shared work” which is a way to avert lay-offs.
- Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry: <https://www.dli.mn.gov/updates>.
 - Information relative to the trades, license exams, and workers compensation.
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/businesses-employers.html>.
 - Information relative to planning guides.
- U.S. Department of Labor: <https://www.dol.gov/coronavirus>.
 - Information relative to workplace safety; wages, hours and leave; and more.

Where can information regarding Small Business financial support be found?

- **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loans** are now available. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected everyone in our economy, but we know small businesses have been particularly hard hit.

Online applications for these loans are open to Minnesota businesses at:

<https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>

This program can provide low-interest loans of up to \$2 million to small businesses and private non-profits. These loans can go toward working capital to meet needs including payroll, accounts payable, and fixed debt payments that can't be paid due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The current interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses. The non-profit rate is 2.75%. These loans have long-term repayment options, up to a maximum of 30 years. For more information visit the [SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan web page](#).

- Governor Walz signed Executive Order 20-15 on March 23, 2020, directed DEED to develop a **MN Small Business Emergency Loan Program** to fund forgivable loans to small businesses, regardless of such business's organizational form (i.e. independent contractor, sole proprietorship, limited liability company, etc.).

The minimum loan is \$2,500 and the maximum is \$35,000 with no matching contribution required. More details can be found in [Executive Order 20-15](#).

What resources are available for businesses that are remaining open?

- OSHA- Guidance on Preparing Workplace for COVID-19 <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>
- EEOC- Pandemic Preparedness in the Workplace and the Americans with Disabilities Act https://www.eeoc.gov/facts/pandemic_flu.html
- CDC- Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>
- U.S.DOL- COVID-19 or Other Public Health Emergencies and the Fair Labor Standards Act Questions and Answers <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/flsa/pandemic>
- U.S.DOL- COVID-19 or Other Public Health Emergencies and the Family and Medical Leave Act Questions and Answers <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/fmla/pandemic>

How should title agents and mortgage lenders access records while services are shut down?

- Dakota County Property Taxation and Records has set up access to RecordEase (a web subscription service) which will allow title agents and lenders to remotely retrieve documents back to 1993. Email records@co.dakota.mn.us to request access or to request more information on land records information. Staff has been dedicated to responding to phone calls and emails to electronically provide any documents prior to 1993 and other public data information requested.

Where can constituents find food and childcare resources amidst the pandemic?

- Greater Twin Cities First Call for Help
1-800-543-7709
Local 651-291-0211
Free and confidential
Available 24-7 in all languages. Texting available Mon - Fri 8-7 text your zip code to 898-211
- COVID-19 Resource Hotline: If you know someone is in need, dial 211 or text the letters MNCOVID to 898-211
 - MinnesotaHelpNetwork: www.mnhelp.info
 - Minnesota's largest data base of social service programs.
 - How to Videos and chat features Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30
 - This data base supports three major help lines.
 - Disability HUB 1-888-333-2466 [click here](#) to access online resources
 - Senior Linkage Line 1-800-333-2433 [click here](#) for more information
 - LinkVET 1-888-546-5838 [click here](#) for more information
- Fast Tracker www.fasttrackermn.org
 - Fast-Tracker is an online data base to look for mental health and substance disorder resources
- Community Resource Guide for Children and Families in Dakota County.
 - [Click here](#) to access on the Dakota County Website. [Click here](#) to access this document in Spanish This document is created and printed in English and Spanish by Dakota County Public Health. Contact Public Health for information (651-554-6100)
- Children's Mental Health Resources
 - [Children's Mental Health Resource Guide](#). Contact Janell.Schilman@co.dakota.mn.us to request this resource in Spanish.
The Dakota County Integrated Children's Mental Health and Family Service Collaborative guide is a 26-page resource guide available online. [Click here](#) to access.
- Dakota County Early Childhood Resources
 - [Click here](#) to access the Early Childhood Resources Directory in English
 - [Click here](#) to access Early Childhood Resource Directory in Spanish
- [Adult Mental Health Resources](#)
 - [Adult Mental Health Resources in Dakota County](#)
- Transportation Resource Guide
 - [Click here](#) to access the GoDakota Transportation Guide

- Dakota County Community Services Programs
 - [Click here](#) to access the various services and programs that Dakota County Community Services offers. The document is available in English and [Spanish](#).

What is a good resource for people who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic?

- www.uimn.org offers lots of information for residents who have lost their job, as well as information for employers on the 'shared work' program.