Economic Development COVID-19 Update

Please know that Congressman Marshall and staff are completely aware of the impacts this situation is having on your businesses and communities. We are here to provide you with resources as we navigate this difficult situation and continue to work with the end goal of defeating this virus and reopening our businesses and economy.

**Tax Day Extended:** The IRS announced all taxpayers will now have until July 15 to file their returns. People can still file their taxes by the original April 15 date if they are expecting a refund.

**DOL Seeking Input:** The U.S. Department of Labor will be hosting a national online dialogue to provide employers and employees with an innovative opportunity to offer their perspective as the Department develops compliance assistance materials and outreach strategies related to the implementation of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). The ideas and comments gathered from this dialogue will inform compliance assistance guidance, resources, and tools, as well as outreach approaches, that assist employers and employees in understanding their responsibilities and rights under the FFCRA. DOL needs your input by March 29, 2020. Anybody who is interested can participate online at [https://ffcra.ideascale.com](https://ffcra.ideascale.com) from now through March 29 or can join a Twitter chat hosted by @ePolicyWorks on March 25, 2020 at 2 p.m. using the hashtag #EPWChat.

**Companies Seeking to Manufacture Medical Products:** FEMA is now coordinating all response efforts for the coronavirus outbreak and has announced a formalized process for companies wishing to import or manufacture medical products used in the fight against the coronavirus outbreak. Inquiries can be sent to: FEMA at covidsupplies@fema.dhs.gov. In the inquiry request, please include the following:
- Manufacturer name and name of parent company, if applicable
- Address of headquarters
- Address of manufacturing site
- Product and model number
- Contact POC (including name, title, phone, and email)

Also include the timeline from which the company believes it may be operational in producing said products. Additionally, if companies have medical supplies or equipment to donate, please email FEMA’s National Business Emergency Operations Center at nbecom@fema.dhs.gov. Please also contact our office if you are submitting information as we can provide a few additional details and assistance as needed.

**Additional information or general questions on how you can help can be found at:** [www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help](http://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help).

**Personal Protective Equipment:** We are aware that many industries are suffering from shortages in personal protective equipment. Our office has been in contact with the office of the Vice President, who is leading the White House’s Coronavirus Task Force, regarding the shortage and are doing everything we can to ensure that we have the proper resources in place for those who need them.

**SBA Emergency Disaster Loans:** On Saturday, Kansas’ Emergency Declaration for the COVID-19 crisis was approved by the federal government, making all Kansas small businesses eligible for the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans. Businesses can secure up to $2 million to help pay bills, continue payroll or continue operations during total shut-downs or partial operation as a result of the coronavirus outbreak. You can learn more [HERE](http://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help). Businesses are encouraged to apply early and can deny funds if they are approved but not needed. The SBA has allow deferred payments on all existing SBA loans for 6 months and increased lending limits for its lending programs.

**Rural Hospital Relief Bill:** Congressman Marshall joined colleagues in introducing H.R. 6365, the Immediate Relief for Rural Facilities and Providers Act of 2020, which would address the critical operational challenges facing rural hospitals and health care providers during the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The Immediate Relief for Rural Facilities and Providers Act of 2020 would:
- Provide immediate relief for critical access hospitals and other rural hospitals in the Prospective Payment System in the form of one-time grants and increased payments under Medicare.
- Provide immediate relief for health care providers (i.e. independent physician practices, ambulatory surgery centers, and more) in the form of a one-time grant and the bill would also provide low-interest loans under the Small Business Administration.

**Phase 3 Legislation:** At this point, we are unsure of the timeline for the Phase 3 legislation. As of early afternoon Tuesday the Senate had not yet voted on the Phase 3 legislation. We still do not have legislative text, but will be sure to keep everyone updated as soon as provisions in the bill are made available.