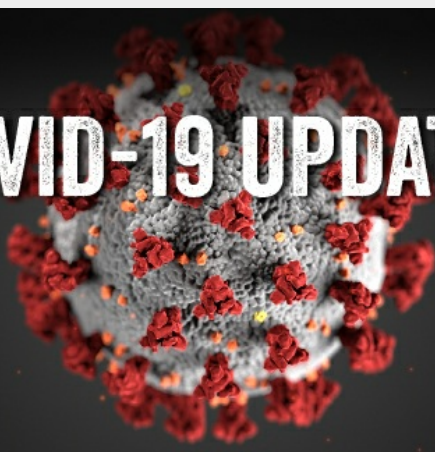


COVID-19 UPDATES & INFORMATION



Special Notice to Dublin Businesses

May 6, 2020

StopWaste Temporarily Suspends Reusable Bag Ordinance



StopWaste has temporarily suspended the Alameda County Reusable Bag Ordinance (established in 2016) including inspections, enforcements and bag charge requirements.

Consistent with State and County orders prohibiting customers from bringing any reusable item into grocery stores in an effort to further prevent the spread of COVID-19, StopWaste has suspended store inspections and enforcement of the ordinance, and are not asking stores to charge for bags. StopWaste will provide 30 days' notice to stores when inspections and enforcement of the ordinance resumes. If you have questions regarding the ordinance, please contact Meri Soll at StopWaste via [email](#).

StopWaste has provided guidance for consumers and businesses on the reusable bags on their [website](#).

FAQ Available for CARES Act Employee Retention Credit

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has posted updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to their website providing answers regarding the Employee Retention Credit under the CARES Act. The Employee Retention Credit encourages businesses that have been financially impacted by COVID-19 to keep employees on their payroll. The refundable tax credit is up to \$5,000 per employee.

- Eligible Employers may claim the Employee Retention Credit for qualified wages that they pay after March 12, 2020, and before January 1, 2021.
- If your business receives a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan, then you are not eligible to claim the Employee Retention Credit.
- Employers can receive both the tax credit for qualified leave wages under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and the Employee Retention Credit as long as it is not for the same wages (the amount of wages claimed for the Employee Retention Credit cannot include wages for which the employer receives tax credits under the FFCRA).

Read more on the IRS [website](#).

How To Calculate Your Maximum PPP Loan Amount



The Small Business Administration (SBA), in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, issued a guidance (on 4/24/2020) to assist businesses in calculating their payroll costs for purposes of determining the amount of a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan businesses can apply for.

Read the PPP [Guidance](#). More information is on the Treasury Department's [website](#).

Additional Information about the Main Street Lending Program

The Federal Reserve has provided more details (including an updated FAQ) about the Main Street Lending Program. Once the Program is operational, small and medium-sized businesses interested in the Program can apply for Program loans by contacting an eligible lender.

For more information, visit the Federal Reserve's [website](#).

World Central Kitchen's #ChefsForAmerica

World Central Kitchen's #ChefsForAmerica is a non-governmental meal delivery program. World Central Kitchen (WCF) is working across America, including in the East Bay, to safely distribute individually packaged, fresh meals in communities that need support - for children and families to pick up and take home, as well as delivery to seniors who cannot venture outside.



WCF's priority is to support small, independent restaurants that may otherwise not remain in business. If you are an independently-owned restaurant and want to get involved, visit their [website](#).

"Stand for Small" Resources

The Small Business Saturday Team at American Express has created "Stand for Small" to provide educational resources, network connections, offers and mentorship opportunities to help address the current needs of small businesses, including resources to boost your online presence.

For more information, visit their [website](#).

We're Here for You

The City of Dublin appreciates our business community and remains committed to being your source for reliable and accessible information and resources.

In addition to the COVID-19 [Business Impacts webpage](#), we have compiled a COVID-19 [Business Resource Guide](#) (PDF updated 4/13/2020). Be sure to also visit the City's [COVID-19 webpage](#) with up-to-date information and resources about the pandemic.

The Economic Development Division team is available via [email](#) or by calling 925-833-6650. Language assistance is available over the phone by request.

The Dublin Business News Update is a bi-monthly publication highlighting the latest news and event affecting the business community. For more information or assistance, please contact Economic Development via email, economic.development@dublin.ca.gov, or phone: (925) 833-6650.

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