

GGC: COVID-19 POLICY TRACKER

SMALL BUSINESS - COVID-19 RESOURCES

Govt. Entity	As of Date	Provision	Comments
Local	3/16/2020	Local EDC's Waive Fees for Small Businesses	- For example: Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation (AAEDC) decided to waive late fees and other payment modifications for businesses that have loans through AAEDC's finance programs and whose operations are disrupted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. - Businesses are encouraged to regularly check the "Newsroom" section of AAEDC's website, which offers links to state and federal resources available to assist impacted businesses: <a href="http://www.aaedc.org">www.aaedc.org</a>
State	3/16/2020	Maryland Business and Individual Tax Payment Extensions	- Maryland business and individual income taxpayers will be given a 90-day extension for tax payments. No interest or penalty for late payments will be imposed if 2019 tax payments are made by July 15, 2020. - See 90-day extension for tax payments for more information, or reach out to <a href="mailto:taxpayerrelief@marylandtaxes.gov">taxpayerrelief@marylandtaxes.gov</a> with questions.
State	3/16/2020	Maryland Business Tax Filing Date Extension	- Business-related tax filing deadlines extended to June 1, 2020. - Get additional information here: <a href="https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/MDCOMP-281eb05?wtg_ref=MDCOMP_WIDGET_CT">https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/MDCOMP-281eb05?wtg_ref=MDCOMP_WIDGET_CT</a>
State	3/16/2020	Refund for March's Sales and Use Taxes	- If a business has prepaid their sales and use taxes for March, they can get a refund by emailing <a href="mailto:taxpayerrelief@marylandtaxes.gov">taxpayerrelief@marylandtaxes.gov</a> or by calling 410-260-4020.
Federal	3/19/2020	Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program	-Maryland receives official designation for U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) economic injury loans, which provide low-interest loans to companies affected by the outbreak, with President Trump asking Congress to increase funding for the SBA lending program to \$50 billion. -Apply for up to \$2M per business at 30 year terms and 3.75% interest rate. Anticipated turnaround is 21 days. -Learn more and apply here: <a href="https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance">https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance</a>
Private	3/20/2020	Facebook \$100M Small Business Loan Grants	- See: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/business/boost/resource#">https://www.facebook.com/business/boost/resource#</a>
State	3/23/2020	Maryland Department of Commerce COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund Programs for Businesses:	- <b>\$130 million economic relief packages for small businesses and employees. This emergency assistance provides interim relief and proceeds that can be used to pay cash operating expenses including payroll, suppliers, rent, fixed debt payments and other mission critical cash operating costs.</b> - <b>Eligible if you are a Maryland-based business impacted by the Coronavirus with under 50 full- and part-time employees, or a Maryland manufacturer.</b> - <b>Relief package includes:</b>
	3/23/2020	Maryland Small Business COVID-19 Emergency Relief Loan Fund	- This \$75 million loan fund (for for-profit businesses only) offers loans of up to \$50,000 with no interest or principal payments due for the first 12 months, then converts to a 36-month term loan of principal and interest payments, with an interest rate at 2% per annum. - Learn more and apply here: <a href="https://commerce.maryland.gov/fund/maryland-small-business-covid-19-emergency-relief-loan-fund">https://commerce.maryland.gov/fund/maryland-small-business-covid-19-emergency-relief-loan-fund</a>
	3/23/2020	Maryland Small Business COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant Fund	- This \$50 million grant program for businesses and non-profits that make less than \$5M per year offers grant amounts up to \$10,000, not to exceed 3 months of demonstrated cash operating expenses for the first quarter of 2020. Eligible uses include working capital to support payroll expenses, rent, mortgage payments, utility expenses, or other similar expenses that occur in the ordinary course of operations. - Learn more and apply here: <a href="https://commerce.maryland.gov/fund/maryland-small-business-covid-19-emergency-relief-grant-fund">https://commerce.maryland.gov/fund/maryland-small-business-covid-19-emergency-relief-grant-fund</a>
	3/23/2020	Maryland COVID-19 Emergency Relief Manufacturing Fund	- This \$5 million incentive program helps Maryland manufacturers to produce personal protective equipment (PPE) that is urgently needed by hospitals and health-care workers across the country. - More details are expected to be announced by Friday, March 27, 2020.
State	3/23/2020	Maryland Department of Labor's COVID-19 Layoff Aversion Fund	- \$7 million fund is designed to support businesses undergoing economic stresses due to the pandemic by preventing or minimizing the duration of unemployment resulting from layoffs. The award (up to \$50,000 per applicant) can provide funds to help businesses with 500 or fewer employees purchasing remote access equipment and software to allow employees to work from home, provide on-site cleaning and sanitation services or other creative strategies to mitigate potential layoffs or closures. - This funding is NOT for rent or for employee wages. - Learn more and apply here: <a href="http://www.labor.maryland.gov/employment/covidlafund.shtml">http://www.labor.maryland.gov/employment/covidlafund.shtml</a>
State	3/23/2020	\$40M in Additional Funding to Existing Small Business Programs in Maryland	- Additional \$40M to existing state finance programs targeting small businesses to help them survive and preserve jobs of employees.
Federal	3/27/2020	CARES Act Signed by President Trump	- <b>The stimulus bill includes the following for small businesses:</b> (For a helpful Small Business Owner's guide to the CARES Act, please see: <a href="https://www.sbc.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/9/7/97ac840c-28b7-4e49-b872-d30a995d8dae/F2CF1DD78E6D6C8C8C3BF58C6D1DDB2B.small-business-owner-s-guide-to-the-cares-act-final-.pdf">https://www.sbc.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/9/7/97ac840c-28b7-4e49-b872-d30a995d8dae/F2CF1DD78E6D6C8C8C3BF58C6D1DDB2B.small-business-owner-s-guide-to-the-cares-act-final-.pdf</a> . For a section-by-section overview of small business provisions, see: <a href="https://www.rubio.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/e/2/e2d5d75-82b2-4de8-9e4e-89e1cdc2b758/EA7D2DA068B292AB5903710F77D02485.final-section-by-section---keeping-american-workers-employed-and-paid-act.pdf">https://www.rubio.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/e/2/e2d5d75-82b2-4de8-9e4e-89e1cdc2b758/EA7D2DA068B292AB5903710F77D02485.final-section-by-section---keeping-american-workers-employed-and-paid-act.pdf</a> )
Federal	3/27/2020	\$349 Billion to Small Business Administration for its "Paycheck Protection Program" (PPP) Loans	- Paycheck Protection Program loans may be forgiven for those businesses that maintain their workforce. Here are some of the basics: •Loans are available from February 15th through June 30th through the SBA lender network and are 100 percent guaranteed by the government •Qualifying businesses must be small business concern (as defined by the SBA Act) with 500 employees or less •Loans are up to 2.5 times the typical monthly payroll of the business or \$10 million, are 10 years in duration and have an interest rate of not more than 4 percent •Loans may be used to cover payroll, health insurance, rents or mortgages, utilities and other loan interest •Borrowers must certify that they need the loan due to the health response of COVID-19 and that the funds will be used for the approved purposes •Loans may be forgiven up to eight weeks of payroll, rents or mortgage payments, and utility payments if the borrower maintains their employer levels. Loan forgiveness is reduced proportionately by any reduction in the number of employees - To apply, see: <a href="https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources">https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources</a>
Federal	3/27/2020	Employee Retention Credit for Employers Subject to Closure or Experiencing Economic Hardship	- This provision would provide a refundable payroll tax credit for 50 percent of wages paid by eligible employers to certain employees during the COVID-19 crisis. The credit is available to employers, including non-profits, whose operations have been fully or partially suspended as a result of a government order limiting commerce, travel or group meetings. The credit is also provided to employers who have experienced a greater than 50 percent reduction in quarterly receipts, measured on a year-over-year basis. - Wages of employees who are furloughed or face reduced hours as a result of their employer's closure or economic hardship are eligible for the credit. For employers with 100 or fewer fulltime employees, all employee wages are eligible, regardless of whether an employee is furloughed. The credit is provided for wages and compensation, including health benefits, and is provided for the first \$10,000 in wages and compensation paid by the employer to an eligible employee. Wages do not include those taken into account for purposes of the payroll credits for required paid sick leave or required paid family leave, nor for wages taken into account for the employer credit for paid family and medical leave (IRC sec. 455). - <b>Note: Deferral is not provided to employers receiving assistance through the Paycheck Protection Program. The credit is provided through December 31, 2020.</b>
Federal	3/27/2020	Payroll Tax Deferment	- This provision would allow taxpayers to defer paying the employer portion of certain payroll taxes through the end of 2020, with all 2020 deferred amounts due in two equal installments, one at the end of 2021, the other at the end of 2022. Payroll taxes that can be deferred include the employer portion of FICA taxes, the employer and employee representative portion of Railroad Retirement taxes (that are attributable to the employer FICA rate), and half of SECA tax liability. - <b>Note: Deferral is not provided to employers receiving assistance through the Paycheck Protection Program. The credit is provided through December 31, 2020.</b>
Federal	3/27/2020	Economic Injury Disaster Loans & Loan Advance	- \$10 billion has been allocated for emergency grants of up to \$10,000 for small businesses applying for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL). - Allowing firms with less than 50 employees to borrow up to \$2 million for working capital to help support small businesses overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing. - Interest Rate of 3.75% for small businesses and 2.75% for non-profits. The SBA will also defer payments on existing disaster loans through the end of the year. SBA offers long-term loans up to a maximum of 30 years. Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower's ability to repay. - To apply, see: <a href="https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources">https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources</a>
Federal	3/27/2020	SBA Express Loans	- The maximum loan amount for SBA Express loans would be increased from \$350,000 to \$1 million. Express loans provide borrowers with revolving lines of credit for working capital purposes. - To apply, see: <a href="https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources">https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources</a>
Federal	3/27/2020	New Mandated Leave Rules	- The Phase II bill includes two new, mandated leave policies for employers with fewer than 500 employees: oThe Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act oThe Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act • Costs of the paid leave are offset with a tax credit against payroll taxes paid by the employer • The mandated program is effective beginning April 1st and runs through December 31st • Covered employers will be required to post a notice of these benefits • DOL Guidance: <a href="https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/whd/whd20200324">https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/whd/whd20200324</a> • DOL Posters: <a href="https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/WHD/posters/FFCRA_Poster_WH1422_Non-Federal.pdf">https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/WHD/posters/FFCRA_Poster_WH1422_Non-Federal.pdf</a> - Note: The Phase III bill includes limitations to the total amount employers would need to pay in mandated leave. These provisions appear to be technical corrections to the Phase II policy.
Federal	3/27/2020	Delayed Income Tax Filing and Payment	- Income Tax Filing and Payment Delayed to July 15 - Filing and payment extension for individuals, corporate, pass through entity, and fiduciary taxpayers income taxes – waive interest and penalty for late payments made by July 15. Fiscal and calendar year filers with tax years ending January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020 are also eligible for the July 15, 2020 filing and payment extension. The due date for March quarterly estimated payments that is normally April 15 is extended to July 15, 2020. The extension for filing of returns and payment of income tax owed also extends the statute of limitations for filing a claim for refund of income tax. The extension for filing returns and payment of income tax does not affect the filing of estate tax returns or the payment of estate tax.
Federal	3/27/2020	Expansion of Unemployment Benefits	- Expands unemployment assistance to apply to furloughed workers, and increases it by \$600/ week for four months to pay the salary of every laid-off and furloughed worker, expanding that to nontraditional employees including gig workers and freelancers. The \$600 a week, effectively a \$15 hourly wage for people working 40 hours, would be in addition to whatever each state is giving their workers as base unemployment benefits.
Federal	3/27/2020	Direct Payments to Americans Making Less than \$100,000/Year	- Direct payments via one-time checks of \$1,200 to Americans with adjusted gross income up to \$75,000 for individuals and \$150,000 for married couples. Individuals and couples are eligible for an additional \$500 per child. These checks will be paid by \$5 for each \$100 of income over those thresholds, completely phasing out for individuals whose incomes exceed \$99,000, \$146,500 for head of households with one child, and \$198,000 for joint filers who don't have children. - Eligible U.S. residents must have a work-eligible Social Security number and must not be claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer. - Includes two checks expected to go out starting April 6.

Federal	4/9/2020	Main Street Lending Facilities	<p>- The Federal Reserve announced two Main Street Lending Facilities: one for new loans (Main Street New Loan Facility) and the second for expanded loans (Main Street Expanded Loan Facility) as part of a suite of funding measures designed to support the economy. Combined, the total Main Street loan facility – authorized under Section 13(3) of the Federal Reserve Act – will enable up to \$600 billion in new financing for small- and medium-sized businesses.</p> <p>- Eligible borrowers include businesses created or organized in the United States, with up to 10,000 employees or up to \$2.5 billion in 2019 annual revenues, and with “significant operations” and a majority of employees based in the United States. Eligible borrowers must also be financially sound.</p> <p>- A Main Street loan has the following principal attributes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-year maturity</li> <li>• Amortization of principal and interest deferred for one year</li> <li>• Adjustable rate of the SOFR (secured overnight finance rate) + 2.5-4.0%</li> <li>• Minimum loan size of \$1 million</li> <li>• Maximum loan size of the Main Street New Loan Facility is the lesser of (i) \$25 million, or (ii) amount that, when added to the borrower’s existing outstanding and committed but undrawn debt, does not exceed four times the borrower’s 2019 earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA)</li> <li>• Maximum loan size of the Main Street Expanded Loan Facility is the lesser of (i) \$150 million, or (ii) 30% of the eligible borrowers existing outstanding and committed but undrawn bank debt, or (iii) an amount that, when added, to the eligible borrowers existing outstanding and committed but undrawn debt does not exceed 6 times 2019 EBITDA.</li> <li>• Prepayment without penalty</li> </ul> <p>- For more information visit: <a href="https://www.kelleydrye.com/News-Events/Publications/Client-Advisories/The-Federal-Reserve-Launches-600-Billion-Main-Str">https://www.kelleydrye.com/News-Events/Publications/Client-Advisories/The-Federal-Reserve-Launches-600-Billion-Main-Str</a></p>
Federal	4/21/2020	Emergency Coronavirus Stimulus Bill: Additional PPP Funding	<p>- Senate passed an additional \$310B funding for PPP, bringing total PPP funding up to \$660B.</p> <p>- Of the new funds, \$60 billion will be set aside for lenders with less than \$50 billion in assets, with \$30 billion of that reserved for lenders with less than \$10 billion in assets.</p>
Federal	4/21/2020	Emergency Coronavirus Stimulus Bill: Additional EIDL Funding	<p>- Senate passed an additional \$60B funding for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program, which also quickly ran out of money.</p> <p>- Congress is set to approve the additional \$60 billion to restart that program imminently.</p>
State	4/24/2020	Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery	<p>- Governor Larry Hogan released a roadmap to reopening across the state. To read the roadmap, go to: <a href="https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/MD_Strong.pdf">https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/MD_Strong.pdf</a></p>
State	5/6/2020	Renewal of State Emergency / Expansion of Outdoor Activities	<p>- Governor Larry Hogan renewed Maryland’s State of Emergency to protect citizens from further spread of the disease.</p> <p>- He also released a roadmap to reopening across the state. To read the roadmap, go to: <a href="https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/MD_Strong.pdf">https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/MD_Strong.pdf</a></p> <p>- For expansion of outdoor activities info, see: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zdUc2ekN38">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zdUc2ekN38</a></p>
State	5/13/2020	Stage One of the Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery	<p>- Governor Hogan announces gradual reopenings with flexible, community-based approach.</p> <p>- For more information, visit: <a href="https://governor.maryland.gov/2020/05/13/stage-one-governor-hogan-announces-gradual-reopenings-with-flexible-community-based-approach/">https://governor.maryland.gov/2020/05/13/stage-one-governor-hogan-announces-gradual-reopenings-with-flexible-community-based-approach/</a></p>
Federal	5/15/2020	Loan Forgiveness Application Released	<p>- For the loan forgiveness application form, visit: <a href="https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/3245-0407-SBA-Form-3508-PPP-Forgiveness-Application.pdf">https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/3245-0407-SBA-Form-3508-PPP-Forgiveness-Application.pdf</a></p>
State	5/27/2020	Outdoor Dining, Additional Activities to Complete Stage One	<p>- For more information, visit: <a href="https://governor.maryland.gov/2020/05/27/governor-hogan-announces-resumption-of-outdoor-dining-additional-activities-to-complete-stage-one-of-recovery/">https://governor.maryland.gov/2020/05/27/governor-hogan-announces-resumption-of-outdoor-dining-additional-activities-to-complete-stage-one-of-recovery/</a></p>
State	6/3/2020	Allowing Reopening of Certain Businesses and Facilities Subject to Local Regulation	<p>- Governor Hogan announced the following types of businesses may reopen:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Animal adoption shelters.</li> <li>b. Art galleries.</li> <li>c. Bookstores.</li> <li>d. Car washes.</li> <li>e. Clothing and shoe stores.</li> <li>f. Florists.</li> <li>g. Furniture stores.</li> <li>h. Jewelers.</li> <li>i. Lawn and garden stores.</li> <li>j. Pawn shops.</li> <li>k. Pet groomers.</li> <li>l. Sporting goods stores.</li> <li>m. Tobacco and vape shops.</li> </ol> <p>- For the full bill, visit: <a href="https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/OLC-Interpretive-Guidance-COVID19-14.pdf">https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/OLC-Interpretive-Guidance-COVID19-14.pdf</a></p>
State	6/3/2020	Stage Two of the Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery	<p>- Governor Larry Hogan announced certain businesses could open up outdoor areas to customers subject to certain regulations.</p> <p>- For the full bill, go to: <a href="https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Gatherings-EIGHTH-AMENDED-6.3.20.pdf">https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Gatherings-EIGHTH-AMENDED-6.3.20.pdf</a></p>
State	6/3/2020	Renewal of State Emergency	<p>- Governor Larry Hogan renewed Maryland’s State of Emergency to protect citizens from further spread of the disease.</p> <p>- For the bill, go to: <a href="https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/4th-Renewal-of-State-of-Emergency-6.3.20.pdf">https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/4th-Renewal-of-State-of-Emergency-6.3.20.pdf</a></p>
Federal	6/3/2020	Bill H.R. 7010 - Paycheck Protection Flexibility Act	<p>- Under the Bill, the PPP has been amended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revise the eligibility requirements for loan forgiveness by reducing the portion of the loan proceeds that must be spent on payroll from 75% to 60%. As a result, up to 40% of loan proceeds can be spent on certain qualified non-payroll items such as rent, mortgage interest, and utilities.</li> <li>• Revise the eligibility requirements for loan forgiveness by extending the time period for businesses to spend the loan proceeds from 8 weeks to 24 weeks.</li> <li>• Increase the minimum loan term from 2 years to 5 years.</li> <li>• Permit businesses seeking loan forgiveness to defer payroll taxes without penalty.</li> <li>• Give businesses an additional 6 months to rehire employees or restore payroll levels without incurring any reduction in the forgiveness amount, by extending the rehiring safe harbor from June 30, 2020 to December 31, 2020.</li> <li>• Provide exemptions in eligibility for loan forgiveness when an employer is unable to rehire an employee or hire a replacement and for the inability to return to the same level of business due to compliance with certain COVID-19-related orders or other circumstances.</li> </ul> <p>A copy of House Bill H.R. 7010 may be found here: <a href="https://www.congress.gov/bills/116/congress/house-bill/7010/text">https://www.congress.gov/bills/116/congress/house-bill/7010/text</a></p>
Federal	6/8/2020	Federal Reserve Board expands Main Street Lending Program (MSLP)	<p>- On June 8 the Federal Reserve Board announced an expansion of MSLP to allow more small and medium sized businesses to receive support. The changes included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lowering the minimum loan size for certain loans to \$250,000 from \$500,000;</li> <li>• Increasing the maximum loan size for all facilities;</li> <li>• Increasing the term of each loan option to five years, from four years;</li> <li>• Extending the repayment period for all loans by delaying principal payments for two years, rather than one; and</li> <li>• Raising the Reserve Bank’s participation to 95% for all loans.</li> </ul> <p>The Fed expects the Main Street program to be open for lender registration soon and once open encourages participating lenders to begin making Main Street loans immediately. The MSLP intends to purchase 95% of each eligible loan that is submitted to the program, provided that the required documentation is complete and the transactions are consistent with the relevant MSLP requirements. The MSLP will also accept loans that were originated under the previously announced terms, if funded before June 10, 2020.</p>