



COVID-19 Resources Available for Business and Workers

The City of Maple Grove Economic Development Department understands the challenges facing the business community as we navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic. The City will continually share updates on programs that are available to assist businesses and workers in Maple Grove. If you have questions or are seeking additional information, please contact Brett Angell, Economic Development Manager at bangell@maplegrovern.gov

Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Program

The SBA is providing up to \$2 million in Disaster Assistance Loans for small businesses to be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid due to COVID-19 impacts. The low-interest loans can have a term of up to 30-years, determined on a case-by-case basis. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact the SBA Disaster Assistance customer service center at 1-800-877-8339 or disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Rapid Response

Employers who are planning a closure or major layoffs as a result of the corona virus can get help through the Rapid Response program. Rapid Response teams will discuss your needs with you, help avert layoffs if possible, and provide services to assist workers facing job losses.

DEED Shared Work Program

Employers experiencing a slowdown in their businesses or services as a result of the coronavirus impact on the economy may apply for the Unemployment Insurance Shared Work Program. The program allows employers to seek an alternative to layoffs – retaining their trained employees by reducing their hours and wages that can be partially offset with UI benefits. Workers of employers who are approved to participate in the Shared Work Program receive the percentage of their weekly UI benefit amount based on the percentage of hours and wages reduced, not to exceed 60 percent.

Unemployment Insurance

The unemployment insurance (UI) program assists workers who cannot work, have their hours reduced or lose their jobs as a result of the pandemic. The UI program is prepared and ready to assist these workers. If you are unemployed or have your hours reduced, you may apply for unemployment benefits by visiting www.uimn.org

Childcare for Emergency Workers

If you are a healthcare or other emergency worker, school districts are directed to provide care for your children age 12 and under. School districts and charters will handle the verification of students, which may include securing a letter from the employer or showing an employment badge. Additional information can be found on the Minnesota Department of Education Website.