

**Summary of Current Business Support Measures  
and Guidance Provided by the Vermont Agency of  
Commerce and Community Development (ACCD)  
and the VT Department of Labor (DOL) in  
Response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19)  
(Updated March 13, 2020)**

**VT Dept. of Labor Guidance**

The DOL has announced that it has begun issuing guidance for employers and employees on potential impacts to unemployment insurance benefits, workers compensation, employee sick-time and other issues as a result of COVID-19. Watch the DOL website for updates:

**[Vermont Department of Labor](#)**

For more information on Unemployment Insurance, please call **UI Employer Services at (802) 828-4344**.

**Business Impacts and SBA Loans**

ACCD has created a dedicated email address through which it is encouraging Vermont businesses impacted by the response to COVID-19 a share their experiences with the agency.

***Clicking on the link below will open a blank email message, with the ACCD email address pre-populated.***

**[commerce.covid19@vermont.gov](mailto:commerce.covid19@vermont.gov)**

With the passage of the federal Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act on March 6th, the Small Business Administration (SBA) will be able to provide Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) through a [Governor's Certification Disaster Declaration](#).

In order to qualify for the EIDL program, the State of Vermont must demonstrate sufficient need within the business community for disaster loan assistance. ACCD, therefore, is encouraging Vermont businesses to complete an assessment form available on the Agency's website and return it to [commerce.covid19@vermont.gov](mailto:commerce.covid19@vermont.gov) *as soon as possible*.

**[Estimated Disaster Economic Injury  
Worksheet for Business](#)**

Alternatively, businesses may call call a special ACCD hotline established to report COVID-19 response impacts and be directed to additional resources:

**ACCD Hotline: (802) 461-5143**

Specific areas of business impact for which ACCD is seeking input include:

- Economic injury
- Supply chain impacts

- Workforce impacts (including those caused by lack of childcare)
- Business travel restrictions
- Visitor travel and tourism activities
- Remote worker capabilities

Lastly, employer are encouraged to sign up for the Business and Economic Response to COVID-19 Newsletter to receive updates directly from ACCD and VT DOL.

**[Business and Economic Response to COVID-19 Newsletter Sign Up](#)**

The Town of Middlebury will continue to distribute email updates regarding COVID-19 as they become available.