

Hello Western Nebraska:

Over the past several days, DED and the Governor's Office have started receiving requests from business owners (including health care practices) for potential resources to assist in navigating COVID-19. This is an evolving list, and I will send additional resources as they become available.

**Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program**

U.S. Small Business Administration

SBA working with state Governors to provide targeted, low-interest loans to small businesses and non-profits that have been severely impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Working capital loans up to \$2 million to help small businesses overcome temporary loss of revenue.

<https://www.sba.gov/disaster>

**Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>

**Health Insurance – “Coronavirus – What Does My Health Insurance Cover?”**

Nebraska Department of Insurance

3/11/2020 Consumer Alert regarding communication with major health insurance carriers in Nebraska regarding COVID-19 benefits.

<https://doi.nebraska.gov/sites/doi.nebraska.gov/files/doc/ConsumerAlertCoronavirus-WhatDoesMyInsuranceCover.pdf>

**Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) COVID-19 Guidance**

United States Department of Labor/OSHA

<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/controlprevention.html#health>

**Short-Time Compensation (STC)**

Nebraska Department of Labor

Helps prevent layoffs by allowing employers to uniformly reduce affected employees' hours by 10 to 60 percent while permitting the employees to receive a prorated unemployment benefit.

<https://dol.nebraska.gov/STC>

**Unemployment Insurance Benefits**

Nebraska Department of Labor

Certain requirements waived in response to COVID-19 (waiting period, requirement that one be seeking work and willing to take a new job, charges waived to employers for providing benefits to former employees).

<https://www.dol.nebraska.gov/UIBenefits>

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