

COVID-19 Resources for Massachusetts Small Businesses

Baker-Polito Administration's Reopening Massachusetts Plan

On May 18, 2020, the Baker-Polito Administration released *Reopening Massachusetts*, the Reopening Advisory Board's <u>report</u>, which details a four-phased strategy to responsibly reopen businesses and activities while continuing to fight COVID-19: <u>www.mass.gov/reopening</u>

Full Report: https://www.mass.gov/doc/reopening-massachusetts

Guidance for Specific Industries: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts#sector-specific-protocols-and-best-practices-

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Translated Materials: Paycheck Protection Program related materials in languages other than English. Additional information will be translated and posted periodically, and all documents are being provided for informational purposes only: https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-recovery-information-other-languages

Loan Forgiveness Application: The form and instructions inform borrowers how to apply for forgiveness of their PPP loans, consistent with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act): Loan Forgiveness Application and detailed instructions for the application

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

Paycheck Protection Program Information for Small Businesses: Click Here

The Empowerment Grant for Small Businesses

The State Treasurer's Office of Economic Empowerment (OEE) Empowerment Grant Program aims to support the well-being and continuity of small businesses by providing access to capital and empowerment through engaging in OEE resources. Grant resources will be focused on small business owners serving Massachusetts Gateway Cities. The State Treasurer's Office of Economic Empowerment encourages minority-owned, women-owned, veteran-owned, and/or immigrant-owned small businesses located in gateway communities to apply. Applicants may request up to \$2,500 for the proposed need: https://www.mass.gov/how-to/the-empowerment-grant-for-small-businesses

Manufacturing Emergency Response Team (M-ERT)

Through MassTech Collaborative, manufacturers may request funding from the Commonwealth to support the expansion of their production capabilities to make PPE and other critical equipment: <u>masstech.org</u>

Cambridge College's Resource Library for the Business Development Program

The Business Resource Library connects Consultants, Technical Assistance Providers and students to a variety of learning tools, including sample documents and industry trend topics. This library can quickly provide comprehensive information you may need to assist small businesses during their start-up, stabilization and growth phases: https://www.cambridgecollege.edu/resource-library-business-development-program

Small Business Strong

'Small Business Strong' is a private and public sector partnership set up to help small businesses navigate the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. It provide expedited, pro-bono resources to small businesses ranging from access to capital to consulting, business restructuring, business growth, digital marketing and customer engagement plans: smallbstrong.com

MA Small Biz Reopening Guide – A Resource for TA Providers

Helping small business owners FIGURE OUT HOW TO REOPEN their business following the Covid-19 pandemic and the temporary safeguards implemented by the Commonwealth, including the mandatory closing of many businesses. The site is focused on assisting micro businesses, especially those located in low-to-moderate income areas or otherwise underserved communities, including businesses that are owned by people of color, immigrants, and women: sites.google.com/site/masmallbizreopeninggroup/