

COVID-19 Update: January 25, 2021

Reminders: All previous bulletins and other resources listed at www.gpcovid.com. Send any questions to bizinfo@greaterpeoriaedc.org.

Region 2 Moves to Phase 4

The Illinois Department of Public Health has stated that Region 2, which includes Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford and Fulton counties, has progressed to Phase 4, effective immediately. (Region 3 remains in Phase 4.) **Full regulations for Phase 4 can be found [here](#)**. From the IDPH press release here is a high-level summary of Phase 4:

- RESTAURANTS AND BARS
 - Indoor dining and drinking now permitted for parties of up to 10 people
 - Seated areas should be arranged so that tables allow for 6 feet between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths which are less than 6 feet apart
- RETAIL AND SERVICE COUNTER
 - Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- PERSONAL CARE
 - Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- INDOOR/OUTDOOR RECREATION
 - Reopening select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks); indoor playgrounds and trampoline parks should remain closed
 - Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers or 50% of facility capacity
- MUSEUMS
 - Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
 - Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS
 - Limit to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of room capacity
 - Multiple groups may meet in the same facility if they are socially distanced and in separate rooms

LISC Rural Relief Small Business Grants Opens on January 26

The [Local Initiatives Support Corporation](#) (LISC) is offering [Rural Relief Small Business Grants](#) for up to \$20,000. Grants support small businesses and enterprises affected by COVID-19 across the country, especially those in underserved communities, including entrepreneurs of color, women- and veteran-owned businesses that often lack access to flexible, affordable capital. Applications are being accepted in “rounds” and you must submit a new application for each round in order to be considered for funding in that round. The next application round runs January 26 through February 2. Click [here](#) to learn more and apply

Paycheck Protection Program Open To All PPP Lenders

The SBA opened the Paycheck Protection Program to all participating lenders earlier this week. Eligible small businesses can apply for a First or Second Draw PPP loan. First Draw loans are available to qualified small businesses with fewer than 500 employees. Second Draw loans are available to qualified small businesses with fewer than 300 employees who can also demonstrate at least a 25% in revenues between similar quarters in 2019 and 2020. For both First and Second Draws, the loan amount is equal to 2.5x the average monthly payroll (3.5x for those in the hospitality business) and is borrowed for 5 years at 1%. Loans can be fully forgiven if proceeds are spent on eligible costs such as payroll. Businesses are encouraged to contact

their financial institution or find a qualified lender through SBA's [lender match website](#). More program details [here](#).

eCommerce Webinar

The Illinois Small Business Development Center at Bradley University is offering a training event to help attendees explore the various ways small businesses can use eCommerce. This virtual workshop, "COVID-19 Assistance for Retailers and eCommerce," will feature Patrick Perreault, CEO of GetGlobal, and is offered at no cost. While the focus is on retailers, all businesses are welcome to attend. Registration is required for this event taking place on Tuesday, January 26, from 2 to 3:30pm. Click [here](#) to register.