

COVID-19 Update: April 17

Reminders: All previous bulletins and other resources listed at www.gpcovid.com. Resource requests from our community institutions listed at the end of this bulletin. Send any questions to bizinfo@greaterpeoriaedc.org.

City of Peoria Economic Development COVID Resource Calls

The City is hosting weekly calls to communicate upcoming COVID-19 related financial and other resources on Thursdays from 1-1:40 on Zoom. For more information send an email to economicdevelopment@peoriagov.org to request an invitation code to attend. The next call will be Thursday April 23, 2020. The topic will be Community Development Block Grant Funding.

Illinois Liquor Control Commission Reminder on Restaurant Pre-Mixed Drinks

The Illinois Liquor Control Commission has received inquiries from bars and restaurants seeking authority to sell pre-mixed drinks/cocktails “to-go” and for “delivery” in the non-original packaging. The Commission has not authorized the sale of premixed cocktails in non-original containers for off-premises consumption. Read their bulletin [here](#).

Illinois DCEO Technical Assistance Webinars

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Regional Economic Development Team, Office of Minority Economic Empowerment, and the Small Business Association will be hosting technical assistance webinars to support businesses and workers across Illinois. Panelist include: Matthew Simpson, DCEO African American Business Development Manager; Jonathan McGee, Acting DCEO Deputy Director of Regional Economic Development; and Bo Steiner, Illinois District Director for the Small Business Administration. The webinar for our region will be Friday, May 8, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Registration is free but required [here](#).

Resources for the Beauty Industry

One of the hardest hit industries has been the beauty industry (hair stylists, barbers, estheticians). These businesses are often run as sole proprietorships with no additional employees, making them ineligible for many of the state and federal programs. The delay in unemployment filing for the self-employed is an additional hardship. The Professional Beauty Association has put together a set of industry resources regarding the virus here. They also have a small grant program (\$500 max) for beauty professionals facing financial difficulties. Find more [here](#).

RESOURCE REQUESTS

- **Community Foundation of Central Illinois:** Requesting monetary donations for the Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund. Information <https://communityfoundationci.org/>.
- **UnityPoint Health:** UnityPoint is seeking personal protective equipment (PPE) and other medical supplies. They are also in search of medical personnel to help them prepare in the event that there is an influx of sick patients. Information [here](#).
- **OSF Healthcare:** OSF seeking personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators and other supplies. Information [here](#).
- **Peoria Innovation Alliance:** PIA is gathering the maker community to discuss ways individuals and small companies can make supplies like masks. Information [here](#).

- **Heartland Health Services:** Seeking personal protective equipment, medical supplies, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes unopened. More information [here](#).
- **UICOMP Accepting Handmade Masks** – The University of Illinois College of Medicine is accepting donations of handmade masks. Details can be found [here](#).
- **IWIRC:** Seeking standard PPE such as N-95/surgical/home-made masks, face shields, gowns, and latex-free gloves. Donated supplies can be dropped off at their downtown Peoria clinic location at 736 SW Washington St. Information [here](#).