

COVID-19 Update: April 23

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.

Stay-At-Home Order Extended Through May

This afternoon Governor Pritzker announced his intention to extend the “Stay-At-Home” order through Saturday, May 30. The governor stated that there will be some modifications starting May 1 and briefly outlined a few:

- Hospitals and other medical centers can resume some elective surgeries and other medical procedures.
- Retail stores currently deemed “non-essential” can begin filling orders for delivery or curbside pickups.
- Phased re-opening of state parks and golf courses with some regulations remaining in place.

In addition, starting May 1, all individuals over the age of 2 will be required to wear a mask when in public and proper social distancing is difficult (i.e. a grocery store). The governor also announced that there will be new guidelines on social distancing for essential businesses like manufacturing. According to the [Illinois Manufacturers Association](#), those safety guidelines will include:

- Face coverings must be provided to all employees who are not able to maintain six feet of social distancing
- Manufacturers may only operate essential lines
- Occupancy limits for essential businesses
- Encourage staggered shifts

More information on these regulations and changes to the Stay-At-Home will be posted as soon as available. Media coverage [here](#).

Paycheck Protection Program Training On-Line

The Kim Group and Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce hosted an online seminar to discuss the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and provide step-by-step instructions on how to complete the application. A recording of the webinar can be found [here](#).

PPP Application Window Opening Soon

Moments ago the US House of Representatives approved a \$484 billion relief package that includes a replenishment of PPP. It is expected to be quickly signed by the President. The window for accepting PPP applications may open as soon as tonight or tomorrow morning. Local banks are reporting a considerable number of completed applications already in queue that were halted when the first round closed. If you are interested in PPP and have yet to apply, you should contact your bank or financial institution immediately. The application can be located [here](#). The Treasury Department also has a variety of useful information on PPP [here](#).

LISC Small Business Relief Grant Application Window Open

The second round of applications are now being accepted for LISC’s Small Business Grant program. The program will award \$5000, \$7500 or \$10,000 to for-profit businesses. According

to their website, “priority will be given especially to entrepreneurs of color, women- and veteran-owned businesses and other enterprises in historically under-served places who don’t have access to flexible, affordable capital.” Applications are being accepted until Tuesday, April 28 at 11:59PM EST. More information and application [here](#).

ShelfLove Open For Business

A few weeks ago we told you about ShelfLove, a startup on-line retail platform developed by Pekin native and Eureka College grad [Anna Palmer](#). ShelfLove gives small, independent retailers to sell their products on-line to a national market without creating their own online presence. After getting retailers to sign up and list their products, the site is now live for shoppers. Click [here](#) to see Central Illinois businesses who have products listed. The list includes So Chic Boutique (Peoria, Morton); The Runaway Rack (Metamora); One Fit Stop; Small Town Girls Boutique (Lacon); Peoria Riverfront Museum Gift Shop (Peoria); Succulent Natural Skincare (Tivoli); and Tick Tick Fizz (Washington). Retailers interested in learning more and signing up should visit click [here](#).

Temporary Restraining Order over Workers Compensation Rule

From Illinois Manufacturers Association: Sangamon County Judge John M. Madonia issued a temporary restraining order following [a lawsuit filed](#) by the Illinois Manufacturers’ Association and the Illinois Retail Merchants Association earlier this week seeking to block emergency amendments filed by the Illinois Workers’ Compensation Commission that create a presumption that the workplace is the cause of COVID-19 cases.

RESOURCE REQUESTS

- **Community Foundation of Central Illinois:** Requesting monetary donations for the Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund. Information [here](#)
- **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](#).