

LAKE FOREST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Business Updates & Resources

Good afternoon,

Please review the latest updates and shared resources for businesses during the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation.

If you have not done so already, the City of Lake Forest and Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce prepared a business survey to let us know how COVID-19 is impacting your business. You can complete the survey [here](#).

This newsletter edition contains the following information:

- CARES Act FAQ
- Time for Takeout
- Utility Information
- Federal and National Resources
- State of California Resources
- Local Resources

Businesses can call the Economic & Business Recovery Call Center at (714) 480-6500 during hours of operation Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bilingual call center operators will be available to assist and assess situations, and offer resources tailored to meet individual business needs.

Respectfully,

Carlo Tomaino
Economic Development Manager

CARES Act Approved



On March 28, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act")

was signed into law. The CARES Act provides economic relief to businesses, States and municipalities, and individuals affected by COVID-19. While the scope of the CARES Act is wide-ranging, the City has put together a FAQ sheet to help with some questions you may have.

[Click here to read the FAQ sheet](#)

Businesses may apply through any existing SBA lender or through any federally insured depository institution, federally insured credit union, and Farm Credit System institution that is participating. Visit sba.gov for a list of SBA lenders.

Time for Takeout

Time for takeout is a free service for restaurants to post takeout offers. Create family menus, meal kits, fresh items to cook at home, takeout incentives or packages that customers can pick-up. Offer great pricing and curbside if possible. It is important that you send all of the details in text (no .pdfs). Time for Takeout requires the following information:

- Restaurant Name
- address
- website
- hours
- phone number
- All details of your takeout offers. Do not send pdfs.

The site is continually adding takeout options, delivery, frozen meals as well and meal kits from a variety of restaurants. Attention Restaurants: send takeout offers to: info@ocrestaurantassociation.org.

Utility Service Providers

Help with Financial Challenges and Payments

As the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation continues to develop, utility agencies are doing everything they can to enhance the safety and well-being of its customers and employees. If you are unable to make a bill payment, please contact your service provider immediately. Links to utility provider websites, as well as customer service phone numbers, are listed below.

[Southern California Edison \(SCE\)](#): (800) 655-4555

[Irvine Ranch Water District \(IRWD\)](#): (949) 453-5300

[So Cal Gas](#): (800) 427-2000

Federal and National Resources

[CDC Interim Guidance & Recommendations for Business and Employers](#)

Provides up-to-date guidance and recommendations for business operations, cleaning,

and sanitizing practices

[SBA Small Business Guidance and Loan Resources](#)

Provides guidance on available financial resources for small businesses

[U.S. Chamber of Commerce Updates & Resources for Small Businesses](#)

Provides links to available resources, information about upcoming legislative measures, and additional advice for small businesses

[U.S. Chamber of Commerce Updates & Resources for all Businesses](#)

Provides links to available resources and suggestions for businesses in operation

[SCORE Business Resources](#)

Provides updates on Business Consulting Services and events; hosts webinars and remote consulting services for small businesses

State of California Resources

[CA Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development](#)

Provides information about state agencies and the resources they provide to all businesses

[CA Department of Public Health](#)

Provides latest statewide health updates and guidelines

[CA Department of Labor & Workforce](#)

Provides information and links to resources available to workers and employers throughout the state

[Office of the Small Business Advocate](#)

Provides access to regional small business assistance centers throughout the state

[CA Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank \(IBANK\)](#)

Provides guidelines to apply for Disaster Assistance and Jump Start Loans

[CA Treasurer's Office](#)

Provides information about and guidelines to apply to the state's Capital Access Program (CalCAP)

[Franchise Tax Board](#)

Provides information about access to Special Tax Relief

[CA Department of Tax and Fee Administration](#)

Provides information and Guidelines for state Tax Assistance and Relief

Local Resources

[Lake Forest Economic Development](#)

Provides links to these resources and additional business resources available through the City of Lake Forest

[City of Lake Forest Alert Center](#)

Provides access to alerts and latest updates on local government activities

[Nixle - City of Lake Forest Text Alerts](#)

Provides the ability to sign up for updates on city activity

[Orange County Health Care Agency](#)

Provides the latest updates on community measures, case status, and health guidelines

[Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce](#)

Provides the latest updates on community events, including cancellations and postponements

Stay Up to Date!



Like us on Social Media!

For the latest news on events and programs in the Lake Forest business community, check out our social media pages:

- Like us on [Facebook](#)
- Follow us on [LinkedIn](#)
- Follow us on [Instagram](#)

Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram will be utilized on a daily basis to promote upcoming events, highlight business resources, Lake Forest job listings, Business Spotlights, and business success stories to better connect with the Lake Forest business community and promote businesses to residents.



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