

City of Meriden, Connecticut

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PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

City of Meriden is Providing Informational Resource to Business Owners During COVID-19

MERIDEN- The City of Meriden is providing informational resources to all local business owners who have inquiries pertaining to business assistance during the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has a plan and response towards the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and is working directly with state Governors to provide targeted, low-interest loans to small businesses and non-profits that have been severely impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Small businesses are encouraged to do their part to keep their employees, customers, and themselves healthy. The [SBA website has outlined programs of assistance](#) and [recommended strategies for employers to use during COVID-19](#). Businesses faced with pressing financial needs due to COVID-19 are asked to reach out to a [local SBA office](#). In addition, a list of approved resources and contacts that local Meriden business owners can reach out with inquiries pertaining to business assistance is listed below.

As of March 16, Governor Ned Lamont has announced a regional approach to combatting the novel coronavirus – or COVID-19 – throughout the tri-state area. These uniform standards will limit crowd capacity for social and recreational gatherings to 50 people effective 8PM tonight. This follows updated guidance that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued yesterday recommending the cancellation or postponement of in-person events consisting of 50 people or more. The three governors also announced that restaurants and bars that serve food will temporarily be required to move to take-out and delivery services only. Bars that do not serve food will be required to temporarily close. These measures will take effect at 8PM tonight.

“We understand that local businesses are an economic driver in Meriden, and any temporary closure will be a financial and community disruptor,” said Joseph Feest, Director of Economic Development. “However, our top priority is maintaining public health and safety of all Meriden residents and therefore, we would like all Meriden business owners to know all available resources if a need for assistance arises.”

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Connecticut District Office:

SBA District Office

[860-240-4700](tel:860-240-4700)

Connecticut_DO@sba.gov

DECD Small Business Assistance

General Contact: Sheila Hummel at [\(860\) 500-2405](tel:860-500-2405)

sheila.hummel@ct.gov

OSHA:

Connecticut Department of Labor

Occupational Safety and Health Division

[38 Wolcott Hill Rd.](#)

[Wethersfield, CT 06109](#)

Telephone: [\(860\) 263-6900](tel:860-263-6900)

Other Resources:

Article-Coronavirus CT: How Small Businesses Can Survive The Outbreak

<https://patch.com/connecticut/branford/coronavirus-ct-how-small-businesses-can-survive-outbreak>

CDC Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

Department of Labor FAQs About COVID-19 for Workers and Employers:

<http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/DOLCOVIDFAQ.PDF>

SBA Disaster Assistance in Response to the Coronavirus:

<https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19>

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