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Livingston County Economic Development Shares Guidance for Small Businesses Affected by COVID-19 Crisis

Geneseo, NY, March 20, 2020 — The Livingston County Economic Development Office has been sharing as much of the pertinent information we have received in an effort to assist our small businesses on their COVID-19 response. Important to note is that this information is continually changing and that our information typically directs owners and employees to other sites that remain updated with the most current instruction. Navigating this sea of information can be daunting, so we have compiled a listing of some of the most helpful sites:

For general business related questions and updates:

Empire State Development: <https://esd.ny.gov/esd-covid-19-related-resources>

For employee and unemployment related questions and updates:

NYS Department of Labor: <https://www.labor.ny.gov/home/> and
<https://www.labor.ny.gov/ui/employerinfo/shared-work-program.shtm>

For orders and directives from the Governor's Office and/or general COVID-19 related questions and updates:

Governor Cuomo Press/Media Releases: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news> or
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>

For small business guidance and loan assistance provided by the Small Business Administration (SBA)*:

SBA Guidance: <https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>

*PLEASE NOTE: The NYS declaration for assistance from the SBA has been made and approval is expected by the end of the week. Once approved, application by a business for disaster assistance can only be made once and will require documentation of economic injury. Please make sure that, prior to application, you understand all options that are available and seek guidance from your banker, local SBDC office, SCORE or an SBA representative.

Bill Bacon, Director of Economic Development, offered the following: "Once we turn the corner on this crisis and the economy begins to rebound, please remember the small business owners in our communities that were forced to make difficult decisions and suffered financially from the COVID-19 response. Now, more than ever, they will need your support to remain viable and stay in business. The way our community members respond for these folks will be paramount to rebuilding the strength of our local economy."

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