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## COVID-19 Response

The Victoria Economic Development Corporation values the health and safety of our community, local businesses, employees and your families. In the midst of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we want to reassure you that we are here for you. While there is uncertainty in the coming weeks ahead, we are here to provide resources to help you and your employees in this time. Victoria County has already implemented a swift plan of action to handle COVID-19 with great care to protect our community.

[Learn more about Victoria's COVID-19 action plan here.](#)

Texans may now call [2-1-1](#) for information on COVID-19 and local community resources.

Governor Abbott has announced qualifying small business across the state will be eligible for Small Business Administration (SBA) loan programs. There are two loan products related to disaster relief for small businesses; CARES Act - Business Interruption Loan and the EIDL Loan. Businesses may not be eligible to enroll in both.

[Learn more about the Small Business Administration loan program here.](#) Additional resources may be found by visiting the [Office of the Texas Governor](#).

Employers and Employees will find assistance for Unemployment Benefits, Shared Work Program and more at the [Texas Workforce Commission website](#) or by calling 1-800-939-6631.

As the situation continues to change rapidly, please check the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#), the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), and the [Texas Department of State Health Services](#) websites for the latest information. For a full list of recommendations to ready your workplace for COVID-19, see all of [WHO's recommendations](#). Federal legislation is anticipated in the [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#).

Victoria knows how to weather storms and is a resilient community. If you have stories to share about the ways your business is being proactive and would like to share your own resources with the community, please let us know so we can be of assistance in communicating these resources to our government leaders and our citizens. Now, it is more crucial than ever to be a good neighbor and to stay strong as business leaders for our internal staff and the audience we serve. Let us help. If you have any questions about ways businesses can be supported during this time, feel free to contact me at [dalefowler@victoriaedc.com](mailto:dalefowler@victoriaedc.com) or call me direct at 361-550-8683.

Sincerely,

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