

Small Business survey:

<https://arcg.is/1ryu5>

That is a hyperlink above is for any business in the southeast region of Pennsylvania to be heard about the issues they are facing during this COVID-19 crisis. It was developed with regional partners to confirm issues we know to exist, identify issues we may not have realized and to use in aggregate as a tool to discuss the overall needs of our greater business community through this disaster. Please share and encourage your members requesting their business constituency to respond!

Speaking of disasters, we have been working with the state on helping them getting required information so that Governor Wolf could request a statewide "disaster" declaration with the US Small Business Authority. Doing so will open the ability for Delco Businesses to apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL). EIDL is a loan to assist companies "get through" times of disaster so they can make payroll, pay vendors, pay rent.... The maximum loan is \$2M, for up to a 30 year term at 3.75%. We expect the SBA to accept the declaration before the end of the week. Businesses will be able to apply at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/> Will let you know for certain when that is active, or you can check the site for updates.

Lastly for you tonight. There has been absolute clarity too much confusion on what businesses need to close and how mandated is it. This press release is likely the most detailed account of what is absolutely shut: dine in restaurants and bars. And what recommended guidance is for everyone else.

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/wolf-administration-updates-businesses-on-guidance-for-covid-19-mitigation-efforts/>

I know, I just press released you again. Sorry.

Please know we are working quite a few different fronts, these are the most important for now. If you have business calling your municipal office we have a Resource and Guidance page established for companies. Right now it is mainly just that, but we should be adding to it in the coming days and weeks:

[delcopa.org/covid-19.php](http://delcopa.org/covid-19.php), they can always give us a call too.

Thank you,

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