

COVID-19 Update: March 22 4 pm

We continue to assemble resources and information for the business community regarding COVID-19. Please visit www.gpcovid.com for a complete list of business resources and send any questions to bizinfo@greaterpeoriaedc.org.

Essential Business Checklist

Illinois DCEO has put together a helpful FAQ for businesses to use to help with the “essential business” designation [here](#).

Bradley SBDC Ready to Work on SBA Loan Applications

The Illinois Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Bradley University and the Turner Center for Entrepreneurship are ready to assist small businesses affected by COVID-19. Specifically, the staff has been trained on the SBA emergency loans available to area small businesses affected by the economic slowdown. More [here](#).

Filing for Unemployment

With IDES physical offices being closed, unemployed workers have two options for filing for unemployment: call 1-800-244-5631 or visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/ides>.

Social Distancing Guidance

The Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford County Health Departments issued guidance on social distancing requirements for essential businesses and operations. Read it [here](#).

Illinois Manufacturers Association FAQ

IMA has put together an FAQ on COVID related business issues that is being constantly updated. You can find it [here](#). While geared towards manufacturing, it is relevant for all types of business operations.