



Coronavirus Updates

The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce is closely monitoring the progression of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus). As of now, our programming and events are being assessed on a regular basis to determine if events need to be cancelled, postponed, or held virtually. We will update our website and email our registered attendees if anything changes for our events. We encourage everyone to stay informed.

As we continue to learn about more confirmed cases of COVID-19 across the globe and in California, we want to ensure that we're following the recommendations set forth by the California Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The health and wellness of our members and our staff is critically important to us, so we want to provide the latest guidelines to all of you as you consider the precautions you and your team will take in the coming days.

Our goal is to minimize the impact on our community by looking to our public health experts for guidance related to COVID-19. Here are some additional resources for your reference.

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [CDC Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)
- [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health \(LACDPH, County\)](#)
Website: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>
- <https://lacounty.gov/covid19/frequently-asked-questions/>
- [Cal Chamber resource page](#)
- [Guidance for Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus](#)
- [Small Business Guidance on Responding to Coronavirus](#)
- [Traveler's Health Website](#)
- [U.S. Chamber of Commerce: Resources and Guidelines for Business](#)
- [U.S. Dept of Labor: Occupational Health and Safety Administration](#)
- [Workplace Tips for Employees](#)

The state Economic Development Department that oversees the state's unemployment insurance program has instituted a waiver of the standard 7-day waiting period for benefits for those affected by COVID-19 closures. This will require employers to document that the reduction in hours or layoff is due to changes caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The EDD has an FAQ section on their website at https://edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019/faqs.htm

We hope to maintain business as usual, but we also want to ensure we're aligning with best practices to do all we can to keep our community healthy.