

SBA clarifies rules of faith-based organizations for Paycheck Protection and Economic Injury Disaster Loan Programs

Press Release
SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza announced earlier this month that SBA issued guidance clarifying that all faith-based organizations impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19) are eligible to participate in the Paycheck Protection Program and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program, without

restrictions based on their religious identity or activities, to the extent they meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the CARES Act that was passed by Congress, signed into law by President Trump, and implemented by the Paycheck Protection Act Interim Final Rule.

*Gov. Reeves

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cancer or any other condition requiring such therapy.
-When outside of their homes, people must follow social distancing guidelines by maintaining a 6-foot distance from others and avoid groups of 10 or more.
-Social and other non-essential gatherings in groups of more than 10 people must be cancelled or rescheduled.
-Evictions are suspended, though people are still required to pay any rent or make any mortgage payments.
-Certain businesses previously closed under the shelter-in-place are allowed to reopen, while following health and safety mandates recommended by the Mississippi State Department of

Health (MSDH).
-Places of amusement or entertainment, like movie theaters and museums, and businesses that cannot avoid sustained person-to-person contact, like salons or gyms, will remain closed, other than curbside pick-up, drive-thru, or delivery for retails sale of their products but not services.
-All businesses and non-profit organizations are encouraged to continue allowing their employees to work from home or telework to all extent possible.
-Restaurants and bars may only remain open for drive-thru, curbside pick-up, and/or delivery service.
-Retail businesses are to implement reasonable measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including limiting the number of customers in their stores at one time to no greater than 50% of their store capacity and making hand sanitizer available to customers upon entry.
-Healthcare professionals and facilities may resume performing elective medical and dental procedures and surgeries as allowed and approved by MSDH. Such non-emergent procedures and surgeries should limit their use of disposable PPE and not request PPE from any public source.

relief assistance, the Administration and Congress acted to ensure that small businesses and non-profits alike have access to critical funds to keep their workers paid and employed," said Carranza. "Faith-based organizations have always provided critical social services for people in need, and SBA will make clear that these organizations may access this emergency capital."

The Paycheck Protection Program is designed to keep small business workers employed and provide small businesses with capital through the nation's banks and other lending institutions, with support from the SBA. The Paycheck Protection Program's maximum loan amount is \$10 million with a fixed 1% interest rate and maturity of two years. SBA will forgive the portion of loan proceeds used for payroll costs and other designated operating expenses for up to eight weeks provided at least 75% of loan proceeds are used for payroll costs.

The Economic Injury Disaster Loan program pro-

2020 legislative session to reconvene May 18

Legislative leadership working on protocols upon return

Press Release
By agreement of Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann and Speaker of the House Philip Gunn, the

Mississippi Legislature will reconvene the 2020 Legislative Session on Monday, May 18.

provides qualifying small businesses and non-profits with working capital up to \$2 million with low interest rates and terms extending up to 30 years.

"While every American is being affected by COVID-19, the impact of this pandemic is particularly hurting our schools and places of worship, and disproportionately impacting the underrepresented communities, the sick, the elderly and the lower income," added Carranza. "It's vitally important that organizations focused on delivering critical social services and meeting community needs remain viable, particularly during this economically challenging time."

The Legislature recessed its 125-day Session temporarily on March 18, following the Governor's issuance of a State of Emergency related to COVID-19.

Hosemann, Gunn, and members of the Legislature continue to analyze the impact of the pandemic and federal funds from the CARES Act relief package on the State's emergency response efforts, healthcare facilities, and wider state budget. Budget analysts and agencies have said all agencies currently have the funds required to meet their immediate financial needs. Hosemann and Gunn have specifically reserved the right to reconvene earlier than May 18 if necessary.

Legislative leadership is also working on estab-

lishing protocol for working within and visiting the Capitol as shelter-in-place restrictions begin to be lifted. Their goal is to allow as much access as possible while prioritizing the health and safety of those in the building.

*Food Pantry

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Wilburn Hooker, Janace Goree, Jannie Lewis, Veronica Rand, Paige Lawrence, Sandra Ragland and Kathleen Hooker Waldrop.

For more information on pantry developments or on how to get involved, please visit "Lexington MS Food Pantry" on Facebook or contact Sandra Ragland, assistant treasurer at lexingtonmsfoodpantry@gmail.com

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- 1) Applications
- 5) Like some meat
- 9) Diaper cream ingredient
- 13) "Naked Maja" painter
- 14) Baby grand, e.g.
- 15) Health-store offerings
- 16) "Family Ties" role
- 17) Not plan A or B, or even X or Y
- 19) "Immediately!"
- 20) Walking aid
- 21) Words of agreement
- 22) Slants
- 25) Disfigures
- 27) Catalog
- 28) Carry on, as a trade
- 30) "The Matrix" hero
- 31) Word with "greater" or "rather"
- 32) Egyptian fertility goddess
- 34) Superman alter ego Clark
- 35) Not leave on the line?
- 38) Dog bowl bits
- 41) Ottoman governors
- 42) "Clumsy me!"
- 45) Beluga yield
- 46) Call to Bo Peep
- 47) "Christ Before Pilate" artist
- 49) Young chap
- 51) Club delivery
- 54) Halloween persona
- 56) Feathery accessories
- 57) Diamonds, in slang
- 58) Times 3, then 10
- 60) Beginning for "ible" or "itor"
- 61) Sheltered from the wind, nautically
- 62) Cambodian cash
- 63) Game ender, sometimes
- 64) "___ Breckinridge"
- 65) European language
- 66) Acad.

DOWN

- 1) Land on Lake Victoria
- 2) Featured musician
- 3) Optical solution
- 4) Bleeding Gums Murphy's instrument
- 5) Jungle climber
- 6) Chart holder
- 7) Pantry crasher
- 8) Ibsen heroine
- 9) Baffled
- 10) Kingly, in the jungle
- 11) Crew members
- 12) "C"___ la vie!"
- 14) Assembly-line setting
- 18) Oscar kin
- 20) Horn-shaped structure
- 23) Some farm animals
- 24) Catches sight of
- 26) One who can't pass the bar?
- 29) Trip producer
- 32) Construction girder
- 33) Cunning
- 34) Former capital of Japan
- 36) Second degree, sometimes
- 37) Makes muddy
- 38) Sun or moon, poetically
- 39) More or less
- 40) Crankier
- 43) Blast-furnace output
- 44) Small shallow dishes
- 46) Ring event
- 47) Kermit's cousins
- 48) "You ___ bother!"
- 50) "M*A*S*H" setting
- 52) Orchestra group
- 53) ___ prosequi (court-record entry)
- 55) Harp's cousin
- 58) Flat cap
- 59) Douglas, for one
- 60) Ho ___ Minh City

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By Janet Wise

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-Holmes County Herald Staff