



2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

NCCBG Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: 05.07.20



Executive Director Update - May 7, 2020
Coronavirus Information

Good afternoon,

Our positive trends are continuing. 6,800 tests were administered yesterday, with an increase of 639 confirmed cases, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 13,397. Hospitalizations rose by 9 to 525, and the death toll broke 500.

The next two weeks will be critical. We need to continue this stability in order to reopen after May 22nd. In the meantime, continue to work on your reopening protocols. We've provided numerous articles to assist you, and as we learn more from NCDHHS we will be publishing that as well.

In other headlines....

NCDOR Eases Restriction on Destroying Unsaleable Malt Beverages:

NCDOR is providing alternative means for you to qualify for the major disaster exemption on malt beverages rendered unsaleable. The [notice posted by NCDOR](#) provides the new procedures and links to the appropriate forms. *Caveat: Document everything and keep good records.*

The Ever Changing Face of PPP and EIDL:

Yesterday the SBA revised their [Paycheck Protection Program FAQs](#) again. Two key changes: One extends by a week to May 14th the ability to return unneeded PPP loan funds to avoid government interference. The second relates to loan forgiveness. Specifically, question 40 of the FAQs:

40. Will a borrower's PPP loan forgiveness amount (pursuant to section 1106 of the CARES Act and SBA's implementing rules and guidance) be reduced if the borrower laid off an employee, offered to rehire the same employee, but the employee declined the offer?

Answer: No. As an exercise of the Administrator's and the Secretary's authority under Section 1106(d)(6) of the CARES Act to prescribe regulations granting de minimis exemptions from the Act's limits on loan forgiveness, SBA and Treasury intend to issue an interim final rule excluding laid-off employees whom the borrower offered to rehire (for the same salary/wages and same number of hours) from the CARES Act's loan forgiveness reduction calculation. **The interim final rule will specify that, to qualify for this exception, the borrower must have made a good faith, written offer of rehire, and the employee's rejection of that offer must be documented by the borrower. Employees and employers should be aware that employees who reject offers of re-employment may forfeit eligibility for continued unemployment compensation.**

Separately... The Washington Post is reporting that EIDL loans are now being limited to \$150,000 (versus the original \$2 million limit.) SBA has not publicized this yet.

Other news and information:

- *From CDC: Well sort of from the CDC.* Associated Press broke a [story today](#) about the White House Administration shelving a CDC site-specific guide for a phased reopening of schools, restaurants & bars, camps, churches, day care centers and other institutions. You can read the leaked document in its entirety from the article's embedded link. For your convenience here is the citation for [Restaurants and Bars](#). This is an excellent guide as you look to develop processes and protocols for reopening.

Stay healthy and look after each other!

Remember...

- You are on the front lines to help keep your patrons and employees safe and healthy. Follow the Guidance and Executive Orders!
- Use common sense in planning and finding ways to market and sell your products.
- Keep perspective, as we are in the midst of a global crisis.
- The faster we stop the spread of the virus the faster we can get back to business.
- Stay focused on what you can control and be ready to adapt.
- And, as always, take care of each other, your employees, your customers, and yourselves, as this will be a long and challenging road

Please keep us posted on what is going on either by reaching out to me with your questions, richard@ncbeer.org, or sending consumer related information to promotions@ncbeer.org

UPDATES AND RESOURCES

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/es/divisions/public-health/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-response-north-carolina/nc-updates>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

<https://www.brewersassociation.org/brewing-industry-updates/coronavirus-resource-center/>

<https://ncbeer.org/covid-19.php>

