

Good afternoon members,

Yesterday, we sent out additional information on the ILoveLocal program to help you promote on social media. The dates within the document that was given to us were listed incorrectly. April 11-18, 2020 are the dates for this program. A more concise document is attached. Sorry for the confusion.

Tomorrow's webinar Understanding the Federal CARES Act is one you don't want to miss. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce chose the Geneva Chamber to host this. Ryan Gleason will be a valuable resource. Please do register.

### **WEBINAR (free)**

#### **Understanding the Federal CARES Act**

Hosted by Geneva Chamber of Commerce

April 9 @ 11 am

Register [HERE](#)

Zoom Meeting Given by Ryan Gleason of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Once registered, the morning of the webinar, you will receive the invite to join.

### **WEBINAR (free)**

#### **Managing a Remote Workforce During COVID-19 and Beyond**

Hosted by member Gordon Flesch

April 9 @ 1 pm

Register at [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_mmFSlkrOQTeocpUWX7s5Gg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mmFSlkrOQTeocpUWX7s5Gg)

COVID-19 has radically changed how we work. The mobile tech we use every day is now the backbone of business productivity as employees log in from home. When it comes to cybersecurity, collaboration, and communication tools, your role as the business leader has never been more important to your organization. During this webinar, learn best practices for successfully managing the technology powering your remote workforce. We'll also explore the considerations IT leaders and business owners should make to ensure productivity and profitability during this time of uncertainty.

### **From our Representative Lauren Underwood**

#### **Telephone Town Hall TODAY-April 8 @ 4:30 pm**

The Coronavirus Telephone Town Hall will serve as an opportunity for you to hear directly from me on the federal response to the coronavirus pandemic, ask questions, and learn more about the resources available to Illinois families and small businesses impacted by the virus. You can join the call by signing up at [underwood.house.gov/live](http://underwood.house.gov/live).

With new information on the novel coronavirus coming out every day, I encourage you to read my [Coronavirus Community Resource Guide](#). It has information about good public health practices and guidance for where to turn for income support. It also has resources for parents navigating childcare, small business, seniors, and more. Please share it with your friends and family and reach out to my office to let us know what other information you would

like included in it. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call my office at (630) 549-2190 or (202) 225-2976.

## **From Illinois Restaurant Association (IRA)**

### **Updated U.S. Treasury Guidance on Paycheck Protection Program**

The U.S. Treasury has released 18 FAQs on the Paycheck Protection Program for borrowers and lenders that address many of the concerns lenders have grappled with during the first few days of the program. [Click here](#) to read the questions and answers.

### **Additional Funding for PPP Expected**

The IRA has learned that the federal government is expected to infuse an additional \$250 billion into the Paycheck Projection Program as soon as later this week. [Click here](#) to read more from Crain's Chicago.

### **Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Questions and Answers**

The U.S. Department of Labor continues to provide compliance assistance to employers and employees on their responsibilities and rights under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act - which includes emergency paid sick leave benefits for millions of Americans. [Click here](#) to read more.

### **IDES Unemployment Benefits Expansion Package Information**

The Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) has released new guidance on expanded unemployment benefits resulting from the passage of the CARES Act.

The CARES Act includes the following federally-funded unemployment benefits expansions: Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA).

While these new expansions will financially help unemployed Illinoisans in the months to come, not everyone will be eligible for all the benefits contained in the package, and some benefits will not begin immediately.

IDES asks that businesses and residents do not call to inquire about these new federal programs. Their employees are processing applications for current benefits. Further details about the new federal programs and how to apply will be made available once they have been finalized. [Click here](#) to read more from IDES.

Sincerely,

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President, Geneva Chamber of Commerce