

Good Afternoon Members,

I have received quite a bit of information that may be helpful to each of you. Below is a compilation of emails and phone calls in the last few days.

Naperville Magazine reached out to us to write a small piece for their online newsletter letting everyone know Geneva is open, read the full article here <https://napervillemagazine.com/2020/03/carry-on-carry-out/>

Bipartisan Deal Reached on Phase 3 Relief Package

Around 1:00 a.m. (today), Senate leaders and the Trump administration clinched a bipartisan deal on a nearly \$2 trillion emergency relief package in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The IRA and other stakeholders are still fighting to ensure that the definition of business (500 or less employees per legal entity) is included in this Phase 3 relief package. Final text of the legislation is expected to be released later this morning.

What is expected in the bipartisan deal:

- \$150 billion for a state and local fund
- \$130 billion for hospitals, and beefed up unemployment insurance that will give Americans four months-worth of their income if they are furloughed or lose their job due to the coronavirus crisis, according to Sen. Schumer.
- direct payments to qualified individuals and families with checks of up to \$1,200 and \$2,400, based on income. \$500 per child
- \$367 billion in federally guaranteed loans for small businesses.
- \$500 billion for loans to larger industries

Information from our Representative Lauren Underwood's office

Review of two critical pieces of bipartisan legislation to respond to the coronavirus pandemic. (see above for third one passed)

The first was a \$8.3 billion emergency funding package, signed into law on March 6, that delivers much-needed resources to state and local health agencies. This package also commits resources towards developing treatments and a vaccine, as well as prevents price gouging for medicines. Impacted small businesses will also be able to apply for additional low-interest loans from the Small Business Administration.

The second, H.R. 6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, signed into law March 18:

- Provides free coronavirus testing for all individuals who need it, including the uninsured.
- Expands paid emergency leave and enhance unemployment insurance to extend protections to furloughed workers.

- Strengthens nutrition security initiatives, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), student meals, seniors' nutrition, and food banks.
- Increases federal funds for Medicaid to support state and local governments and health systems.

A 50 page one-stop shop for local, state, and federal resources. This will be updated regularly
[NEW: CORONAVIRUS \(COVID-19\) RESOURCE GUIDE](#).

Information from phone call with our Representative Dan Ugaste

- Pertinent info from the State of IL at <https://ilcovid19info.com/>
- There are two types of loans:
 - SBA loans (low interest rates – federal loan)
 - \$250 million of loans from the State of IL (with near zero loan amounts)
https://illinoistreasurer.gov/Invest_in_Illinois/Small_Business_COVID-19_Relief_Program
- PLEASE fill out your census report. If people don't fill it out, State of IL could lose millions of dollars of funding.
- **IF** (and it's still a big if) the Federal Government decides to have any type of program where they were to pay businesses for Covid 19 losses, businesses must realize that they MUST have detailed records/documentation of their losses or they will not be paid. Start keeping records NOW just in case programs might be implemented.
- He would like his constituents to talk to him about different ideas on how to help our small businesses. Address is 2325 Dean St., Ste. 800, St. Charles 60175 (630-797-5530)

Information from ReadyNation (regarding childcare)

The state has now added an online search function for essential workers seeking child care during the COVID-19 crisis: <https://emergencycare.inccrra.org/> This is in addition to the **888-228-1146** hotline.

Much, much further info is available online - not only for parents seeking care, but for providers wishing to reopen as part of that network of care and for qualified volunteers looking to help. Visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/OECD/Pages/For-Communities.aspx>.

Information from the U.S. Chamber

- President Trump said yesterday he would like to have the economy up and running by Easter. U.S. Chamber Executive Vice President and Chief Policy Officer Neil Bradley joined Stuart Varney on Fox Business Network and Bloomberg Radio earlier today to discuss just how soon we can restart commerce.
 “Ultimately, we need to be guided by the public health officials,” Bradley said in the interview with Bloomberg Radio. “It may mean some staggered openings or being able to

re-open in some places before others, but wherever the health officials tell us it's prudent, we can get back to work.”

- ICYMI: The U.S. Chamber sent a [Key Vote letter to Senators](#) on Monday urging them to pass the “Phase 3” coronavirus relief package, known as the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Following [two days of negotiations](#) between Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, the two sides are reportedly closing in on a deal.
- State and local chambers of commerce and trade associations play a vital role in their communities during good times and hard times like these. That’s why the U.S. Chamber today [joined more than 1,400 local and state chambers](#) on a letter urging Congress to include all nonprofit organizations — including chambers of commerce and trade associations — on any emergency assistance legislation responding to the coronavirus pandemic.

GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES

- [Coronavirus Digital Toolkit](#)
- [Coronavirus Guidance for Employers](#)
- [Coronavirus Workplace Tips for Employees](#)
- [Coronavirus Resource Hub for Small Businesses](#)
- [Coronavirus Local/State Policy Tracker](#)
- [Coronavirus Workplace Flyer](#)

For more info, please visit [the CDC’s Guidance for Businesses page](#).