

We have received a great amount of information in the last 12 hours that will/may prove helpful to you. One, is an attached message from the IL Chamber President update on SBA and DCEO.

Please read through and we will continue to send you emails in a timely fashion.

Paula Schmidt
President, Geneva Chamber of Commerce.

It appears the SBA Disaster Loan Assistance website is finally allowing Kane County businesses to apply. <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Information/Index>. Although the list of approved areas continues to list only Cook and a few other counties, if you actually proceed through the application process, you will no longer be excluded when you select Kane County.

Overview of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act for Employers

Hinshaw & Culbertson has provided an overview of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act that was signed into law by President Trump last night. The law expands FMLA along with separate paid sick leave benefits to American workers. The law becomes effective April 2, 2020, and it also contains a sunset provision.

The summary contains key facts for (1) paid sick leave benefits and (2) the expansion of the family medical leave provision. As a threshold matter, employers will want to understand if they are subject to the new law, and which of their employees are entitled to the benefits. The summary also identifies the qualifying reasons for either sick pay benefits or expanded paid FMLA leave. Finally, among the important components are the compensation requirements and applicable caps.

[Click here](https://www.hinshawlaw.com/newsroom-updates-families-first-coronavirus-response-act.html) (<https://www.hinshawlaw.com/newsroom-updates-families-first-coronavirus-response-act.html>) to read more.

SBA Loans Now Available; Sales Tax Deferrals for Small Restaurants and Bars

Two days after submitting documentation demonstrating the impact of COVID-19 on more than 3,000 businesses across the state, Governor Pritzker announced today that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved the state's eligibility for disaster assistance loans for small businesses facing financial hardship in all 102 counties due to COVID-19. Eligible businesses can apply for up to \$2 million in low-interest loans at: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov>.

Governor Pritzker has also directed the Department of Revenue to defer sales tax payments for more than 24,000 small- and medium-sized bars and restaurants. Under the directive, eating and

drinking establishments that incurred less than \$75,000 in sales tax liabilities last year will not be charged penalties or interest on payments due in March, April or May made late.

[Click here](https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/news-item.aspx?ReleaseID=21284) (https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/news-item.aspx?ReleaseID=21284) to read more.

ILCC Announces Guidance on Delinquency, Product Returns, On-Premise, Renewal Extensions

The Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) has announced new guidance related to the dispute process for retailer delinquencies and product returns.

[Click here](https://www2.illinois.gov/ilcc/News/SiteAssets/Pages/COVID%20delinquency%20letter2.pdf) (https://www2.illinois.gov/ilcc/News/SiteAssets/Pages/COVID%20delinquency%20letter2.pdf) to read the guidance on the dispute process for retailer delinquencies.

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[Click here](https://www2.illinois.gov/ilcc/News/SiteAssets/Pages/COVID%20On%20Premise.pdf) (https://www2.illinois.gov/ilcc/News/SiteAssets/Pages/COVID%20On%20Premise.pdf) to read the guidance for on-premise retailers regarding to-go alcohol sale privileges.

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