



# Greater Northside Management District COVID-19 Resource Guide

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We are closely monitoring recommendations and updates from government officials regarding COVID-19 and will be updating our post and website as needed. This guide is to help our businesses, stakeholders and community with available resources. Please reach out if you need assistance, stay safe, join us in taking appropriate steps to limit the spread of COVID-19 and help keep our Northside healthy and safe.

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## Business, Employer & Employee Resources

### BBB Business Tips: How to Navigate the Coronavirus Crisis

#### Better Business Bureau (BBB)

Tips for businesses in handling customer, employee and business relations in light of coronavirus concerns. [BBB Business Tips: How to Navigate the Coronavirus Crisis](#)

### Combating the Coronavirus

#### U.S. Chamber of Commerce

The U.S. Chamber is working closely with the White House, U.S. government agencies and foreign government officials to inform and equip businesses with the most important and up-to-date information to prevent the spread of the virus and prepare businesses for the near- and long-term impact. The site includes a live blog, resources for businesses, help for small businesses, a communications toolkit and more. [Combating the Coronavirus](#)

### Coronavirus Tax Relief

#### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Steps to help taxpayers, businesses and others affected by the coronavirus. On March 21, the Treasury Department and IRS extended the federal income tax filing due date from April 15 to July 15, 2020. Information will be updated as available. [Coronavirus Tax Relief](#)

### Emergency Preparedness and Response: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

#### U.S. Travel Association

Share your story with Congress about the impact that a decline in travel is having on local workers and businesses. This website includes traveler information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; healthy travel information; and coronavirus information, facts and media talking points. [Emergency Preparedness and Response: Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

### Guidance for Businesses and Employers

#### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Plan, Prepare and Respond to the Coronavirus Disease

Guidance is based on what is currently known about the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The CDC will update as needed and as additional information becomes available. This may help non-healthcare settings to prevent workplace exposures. [Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers | CDC](#)

### Houston COVID-19 Resources

#### City of Houston

A detailed listing of regulations for the workplace and businesses and the impact of Orders on specific businesses. [COVID-19: Information for Businesses, Events, and Venues](#)

## **Greater Houston Partnership**

Provides resources and information about the virus to businesses and individuals in the Houston region. Includes safety guidelines for the workplace and employers, public health resources and business assistance resources. Site will be updated as new information becomes available. [Houston Coronavirus Resources](#)

## **Houston Emergency Response Program**

gener8tor is hosting virtual programs from March 30 to April 3, 2020, for small businesses affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. These programs will feature daily lunch-time webinars to identify, understand and help small businesses secure resources to withstand the current crisis. One-on-one office hours will also be available. To participate, sign up by 11:59 p.m. on March 27. [Houston Emergency Response Program](#)

## **Small Business Services, Loan Assistance, Finance Review, Grants and Webinars for COVID-19**

- **America's Small Business Development Center Network (SBDC)**  
America's SBDC is the association that represents America's nationwide network of SBDCs. This site contains information and resources to help small businesses plan for and respond to COVID-19: [Corona Virus Information for Small Business](#)
- **BakerRipley Small Business Team**  
Providing small business services, loan application assistance, review of finances and more. Call 346.570.4458 or email [opportunity@bakerripley.org](mailto:opportunity@bakerripley.org). Bilingual coaches will be available soon; sign up online at [BakerRipley Form](#)
- **Facebook for Business**  
Facebook is offering \$100M in cash grants and ad credits to help during this challenging time. [Facebook Small Business Grants Program | Boost with Facebook](#)
- **Hello Alice**  
Allows small businesses to access financial support, navigate government programs, find enterprise discounts and virtual events and support employees. Connect with peers and experts to get help and share best practices. [https://www.covid19businesscenter.com/?mc\\_cid=48ff49030d&mc\\_eid=dccdcf5b47](https://www.covid19businesscenter.com/?mc_cid=48ff49030d&mc_eid=dccdcf5b47)
- **Houston Arts Alliance**  
Resources to help artists and nonprofits navigate the coronavirus. Includes information on government assistance, digitizing the cultural experience for audiences, economic strategies for businesses, emergency grants for artists and resources for arts educators. [COVID-19](#)
- **Houston-Galveston Area Local Development Corporation**  
Supports economic development by making available low-cost, fixed-rate commercial/industrial real estate financing to expanding small businesses under the 504 Loan Program. [Houston-Galveston Area Local Development Corporation](#)
- **Houston LiftFund Disaster Relief Program**  
Services and loans to support small businesses during the coronavirus. Includes online seminars. [COVID-19 Disaster Relief Program](#)
- **PeopleFund**  
Provides free business coaching and disaster preparedness information and helps find needed resources. [Coronavirus Relief](#)

- **Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Recovery Assistance - Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program**

SBA loan applications are available for Texas businesses. All small businesses eligible for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan can apply directly through the SBA online. [Disaster assistance](#); [SBA Disaster Loan Assistance](#)

- **University of Houston Texas Gulf Coast - Small Business Development Center Network**

SBDC Network is providing a variety of on-demand webinars delivered by industry experts and designed to provide quick bursts of solutions, tips and recommendations that you can start using immediately. Each webinar can be viewed in under an hour and is available 24/7 online. [Webinars](#)

## **Tech Against Coronavirus**

A list of products (e.g., Slack, Toggl, Zoom, Google hand outs, etc.) to use to maintain collaboration and work remotely with your team. [Tech against Coronavirus - a list to work and learn remotely | Tech against Coronavirus](#)

## **Texas Business Today Newsletter (a publication of the Texas Workforce Commission)**

- Answers to frequently asked questions regarding COVID-19, including: What other alternatives exist to avoid mass layoffs? What can an employer ask for if an employee tells us she is ready to return to work? Would the employer have to pay sick leave to that employee? See pages 5 - 7.

<https://www.twc.texas.gov/files/businesses/texas-business-today-1st-quarter-2020-twc.pdf#page=5>

- Best practices for retaining, supporting and advancing employees with disabilities. See pages 13 - 15.

<https://www.twc.texas.gov/files/businesses/texas-business-today-4th-quarter-2019-twc.pdf#page=13>

- Guidance to employers from Texas Workforce Commission Commissioner Aaron S. Demerson. See page 2.

<https://www.twc.texas.gov/files/businesses/texas-business-today-1st-quarter-2020-twc.pdf#page=2>

## **Texas Small Business Updates**

### **Economic Development Office**

Texas Economic Development Office updates for additional news and small business resources regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19). [Coronavirus](#)

### **Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)**

TWC is working with federal, state and local government officials and agencies to help manage the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. To locate information and resources for employers seeking workers or as a jobseeker seeking employment or other support services, [sign-up for TWC COVID-19 updates](#). To view the TWC website, go to [COVID-19 Resources Employers](#)

## **The Small Business Owner's Guide to the CARES Act**

### **U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship**

Provides information about the major programs and initiatives of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act that will be available from the SBA and tax provisions outside the scope of the SBA. [The Small Business Owner's Guide to the CARES Act Table of Contents](#)

## **Coronavirus Information & Other Resources**

### **2019 Novel Coronavirus Information and COVID-19 Requirements**

#### **Harris County Public Health**

Harris County Public Health is working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Texas Department of State and Health Services and other health partners to monitor the developing coronavirus outbreak and will promptly report any confirmed cases in their jurisdiction. The site includes updates on Harris County COVID-19 confirmed cases. <http://www.hcphtx.org/Resources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus>

## **CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act)**

The federal CARES Act expands unemployment benefits, provides immediate help for health care providers and other businesses and includes a one-time payment to the majority of Americans.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/3b35260d001/1de2660f-80fc-4393-a8db-16c2d6c2a451.pdf>

## **Coping with Sheltering at Home during COVID-19**

### **American Red Cross**

Sheltering at home can disrupt your routines and make everyday activities, such as work and caring for loved ones, challenging. These changes, on top of the general uncertainty around this pandemic, can create feelings of stress, fear and nervousness. These feelings are normal, and people typically bounce back after difficult times. This guide can help you cope with stress and support others during this emergency. [Coping with Sheltering at Home during COVID-19](#)

## **Covid-19 Houston Resource Pack**

### **Covid-19 Recursos de Houston**

#### **Community Resource Design Center at the University of Houston**

A list of resources for anyone who might be facing COVID-19 issues in the coming days and weeks.

English version: [Houston\\_ResourceBook\\_04.09\\_KP.pdf](#)

Spanish version: [Houston\\_ResourceBook\\_Spanish\\_04.07.pdf](#)

## **Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union**

If you are a member, contact the Call Center at (281) 571-5000 for debit card replacement, a cashier's check and safe deposit box entry. Drive-thru lanes remain staffed at all locations and online and mobile banking services offer ways to manage financial needs remotely. [Relief Options for Members Impacted by COVID-19 — Cy-Fair FCU](#)

## **Low-Cost Computers and Affordable Internet Service**

### **Internet Essentials from Comcast**

Affordable high-speed internet at home with the option to purchase a laptop or desktop computer at a discounted price. [How to Apply](#)

## **Ready Harris – Harris County, Texas**

- COVID-19 self-assessment tool to determine whether you may need further assessment or testing for COVID-19. <https://checkforcorona.com/harris-county#/welcome>
- Harris County Public Health 2019 Novel Coronavirus Information and COVID-19 Requirements. [2019 Novel Coronavirus](#)
- History of COVID-19 from the Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management. [History of COVID-19](#)
- List of Harris County facilities, services and public meetings that are closed or have restricted access. <http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/County-Services-Closures>

## **Social Discussions While Social Distancing**

### **Crime Stoppers of Houston**

Virtual safety video presentations for parents, students, teachers and administrators while school is out. Topics include animal cruelty, bullying, COVID-19 safety tips and social distancing, cyber safety, domestic violence, human trafficking prevention, social isolation awareness, teen dating violence and social misconduct and more.

[https://crime-stoppers.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/CS-Virtual-Safety-Presentation-Calendar\\_aprilmayadditions.pdf](https://crime-stoppers.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/CS-Virtual-Safety-Presentation-Calendar_aprilmayadditions.pdf)

## **Visit Houston**

### **Houston First Corporation (HFC)**

HFC is the official destination management/marketing organization for the city of Houston. This site includes resources to stay connected to the city of Houston during the coronavirus, including updates on events, restaurants, virtual experiences, ways to give back and more. [Coronavirus Information and Resources for Travelers](#)

### **World Health Organization (WHO)**

The WHO website includes the latest updates on the coronavirus, including the number and locations of outbreaks, what you need to know, data and research activities. [Coronavirus disease 2019](#)