During these uncertain times, MTSU’s Business and Economic Research Center stands by you!

BERC continues to monitor ongoing economic and business developments related to COVID-19 and remain available to assist you via phone at 615-898-5424 or email at berc@mtsu.edu. Visit mtsu.edu/berc for details.

NASHVILLE AREA RESOURCES

Nashville Chamber of Commerce
For the latest resources for businesses impacted by COVID-19, the Nashville Chamber of Commerce has created a coronavirus resource page, which is updated daily with new information.

Learn more

Financial Empowerment Center
The FEC is a partnership of the Mayor’s Office and United Way of Greater Nashville. The center provides free financial counseling for all Davidson County residents. It’s a great resource to share with your employees.


#BeAGoodNeighbor to Help Small Businesses
The Nashville Chamber wants to encourage the Nashville community to continue to support small businesses and hospitality industry, as they have been hit hard during these uncertain times. The link provides a list of Nashville area businesses currently still open for business either in a to-go capacity, online capacity, or through modified hours.


United Way of Greater Nashville
The United Way COVID-19 Response Fund was established to address both the health and economic challenges of this virus.

Community organizations: Support for nonprofits facing increased demand for services, lost revenue due to closures and cancellations, as well as other challenges.


Small businesses: Support for local businesses facing the immediate impact of closures and reductions due to the virus.


Economic Injury Disaster Loan Assistance
Tennessee small businesses and nonprofits that have suffered economic injury as a result of COVID-19 are now eligible to apply for up to $2 million in disaster loan assistance. See Federal Resource section on SBA loans for more details.

Entrepreneurs
Informational webinars are available from the Nashville Entrepreneur Center.

- [Click here to view those webinars](https://www.nashvilleentrepreneur.com)

Small Business Support Webinar
The Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and partner organizations co-hosted two business recovery webinars on the recent tornado and COVID-19. Click here to view those webinars.

See PAGE 2 for state and federal resources.

Note: The resources provided in this guide are focused on business needs and it is by no means an exhaustive list. BERC provides this information as a public service announcement and cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information provided by the links.
**State of Tennessee Resources**

**TN Dept. of Human Services Emergency Pandemic TANF**
Emergency cash assistance program for those impacted by COVID-19. Emergency Pandemic TANF will utilize existing Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds. TDHS encourages Tennesseans in need to apply online.  

**TN Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development**
Unemployment resources for employers and employees during the COVID-19 outbreak.  
► https://bit.ly/2WTdIKc

**TN Small Business Development Centers**
TSBDC is here to help as you gather information and work towards submitting your application for Disaster Relief Funding. Online video counseling is available in addition to help via phone at 615-736-5881 and email tn@sba.gov. View Federal Resource section for more details on SBA loans.  
► www.tsbdc.org

**TN Innovation Crowdsourcing Platform COVID-19 Response**
LaunchTN is working in partnership with Tennessee’s COVID-19 Unified Command to engage companies, including entrepreneurs and startups, to rapidly connect solutions, resources, and capabilities to major issues facing our state. Solicitations are updated as the needs evolve.  
► https://launchtn.org/innovationplatform/

**TN Dept. of Revenue**
Tennessee extends franchise and excise deadline - The filing deadline for franchise and excise taxes has been extended to July 15, 2020.  

**TN Talent Exchange**
Powered by Jobs4TN, the exchange is a new initiative to help Tennessee residents find work in the grocery, retail and logistics industries. To apply for jobs through the Tennessee Talent Exchange, please visit www.jobs4tn.gov.

**Federal Resources**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
Resources for Businesses and Employers, including guidance to plan, prepare, and respond to COVID-19.  
► https://bit.ly/3dQHtl0

**Consumer Financial Protection Bureau**
The CFPB is committed to providing consumers with up-to-date information and resources to protect and manage their finances during this difficult time as the situation evolves.  
► https://www.consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus/

**Export-Import Bank of the United States**
EXIM is committed to fully supporting the U.S. exporting community during this crisis. This page will be updated with any information about EXIM's response activities.  
► https://www.exim.gov/coronavirus-response

**Families First Coronavirus Response Act**
This federal act addresses paid sick leave, paid family and medical leave, unemployment compensation, funding for food security programs, and free diagnostic testing. Click the link for more details on the legislation.  
► https://bit.ly/33Zde6B

**Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta**
The Atlanta Fed continues to monitor the impact of COVID-19. See the list of resources for help navigating financially during this uncertain time.  
► https://bit.ly/3atxFv0

**U.S. Small Business Administration Loans**
Small business owners are eligible to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan advance of up to $10,000. The SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan program provides small businesses with working capital loans of up to $2 million.  
► Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources
To apply, click here: https://covid19relief.sba.gov/

Applicants may also call the SBA’s Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance.