

March 18, 2020

Dear Antioch Business,

As the effect of the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to evolve and disrupts our normal daily routines, it is imperative that we all follow the safety measures provided from the [Center of Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC). As you are aware, Contra Costa County and five other Bay Area counties are under a shelter in place [Order](#) that went into effect March 17, 2020. This means only businesses that are defined as an essential service can be open at this time (see Section 10 of the [Order](#)).

This Order will no doubt have an impact on your business. The Antioch Economic Development team wants you to know we are here for you and will provide you with continuous updates that are beneficial to you as a business owner. At this time, we do not know where we are heading, as you know these are “uncharted waters”, but we will work hard to provide you with as much information as possible during and after this current emergency.

As of the date of this letter, the following resources are available:

Small Business Administration - <https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>

Contra Costa Small Business Development Center - <https://www.contracostasbdc.org/>

Free Webinar events are being scheduled that are specifically tailored to the COVID – 19 Emergency

- *March 19, 2020 [Coping with COVID: Prepping to Apply for Emergency SBA Economic Injury Loans](#)*

Again, Antioch’s Economic Development Department is committed to your success during these difficult times. As the crisis unfolds, we will direct you to Federal, State, and Local resources as they become available. In the meanwhile, please comply with the County’s [Order](#) and [CDC](#) information. Together we can stop the spread of the virus and limit its expected duration and impact on our way of life.

Sincerely,

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***The Economic Development Department is scheduled to work remotely until April 7, 2020. ***

