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Economic Development Collaborative Releases COVID-19 Business Resource Guide for Santa Barbara County

The Economic Development Collaborative (EDC) has published a list of resources now available for Santa Barbara County employees and employers who have been impacted by COVID-19

CAMARILLO, Calif. – Following the County of Santa Barbara’s emergency proclamation authorizing the City Administrator to take official direction from the [recent guidance](#) released by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the Economic Development Collaborative (EDC) has released a comprehensive Business Resource Guide now available for employees and employers who have been impacted by COVID-19. Published and housed online via the EDC’s website (edcollaborative.com/covid19), the guide encompasses a list of local, state, and federal resources available to affected members of Santa Barbara County’s business community at large.

As the spread and impact of COVID-19 still remains unknown, within the guide the EDC – a non-profit public/private partnership focused on supporting economic vitality in Ventura, Santa Barbara, and Los Angeles County – recommends five immediate steps employers can take to help mitigate financial loss. Additionally, the guide outlines no cost business consulting services, Work Share Programs, extension filing guidelines for payroll, personal, and business taxes, and a variety of Business Disruption Loans available for employers. Employees are encouraged to access the document to learn more about unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and paid family-leave options.

“The EDC serves as one of the primary business service providers within the greater Santa Barbara County Region,” states Clare Briglio, Communications and Business Disruption Resource Director of the Economic Development Collaborative. “During moments of economic disruption it is critical for business owners to keep informed of the local, state, and federal resources available. We anticipate a greater roll out of benefits from the state and federal government as the economic impact of COVID-19 continues to grow. For this reason, we encourage all business owners to visit the resource page on our website edcollaborative.com/covid19 for up-to-date and accurate information.”

The EDC’s Business Resource Guide also includes a comprehensive list of relevant websites and resources the Public can access to stay up-to-date with the latest news and information related to COVID-19.

For media inquiries or interview requests, please contact the EDC’s local media liaison, Lexie Smith, at Lexie@theprbarinc.com.

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About the Economic Development Collaborative

A private nonprofit, the [EDC](#) was founded in 1996 with funding from the County of Ventura, the 10 cities in the county and key private-sector companies to provide a pathway to business growth, economic prosperity and high quality of life for all.

Today, in partnership with the Small Business Development Center, the EDC is a regional asset for economic vitality in Ventura, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles counties, giving businesses, community partners and civic leaders the resources they need to succeed. By leveraging public and private funds, the EDC has become a key player in delivering business consulting, funding and strategic initiatives that support the regional economy. For further information visit www.edcollaborative.com.