

MANDAN *North Dakota*



MANDAN BUSINESS BRIEF - April 27, 2020

Local Information & Resources

Burgum to Lift Business Restrictions, New Guidelines Expected April 28

Gov. Doug Burgum announced Monday he will lift restrictions that were placed on businesses to slow the spread of the coronavirus, while implementing new guidelines and standard operating procedures for businesses as they resume or continue operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more](#)

8 CRITERIA FOR A NORTH DAKOTA SMART RESTART

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1. Widespread rapid testing
2. Robust contact tracing
3. Targeted, effective containment
4. Protections for most vulnerable
5. Sufficient health care capacity
6. Ample PPE availability
7. New standard operating procedures for businesses
8. Prepared for resurgence



SBA Resumes Paycheck Protection & Emergency Disaster Loan Programs

With additional funding provided by the new COVID-19 relief package, the U.S. Small Business Administration resumed the Paycheck Protection Program on Monday.

SBA has also resumed processing Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) and advance applications that were already in the queue on a first come, first-served basis. Consult with a local lender to apply. Find more information [here](#). Use this [link](#) to download the application.

New Bank of North Dakota Programs Approved to Support Economic Recovery



The Bank of North Dakota will start accepting applications April 29 for [two new COVID-19 relief programs](#).

The COVID-19 [PACE Recovery Program \(CPRP\)](#) will assist local financial institutions in providing low interest loans to ND businesses for six months of working capital. There's an interest buydown component with no local community match required. It results in the borrower receiving a 1% interest rate for the term of the buydown or until buydown funding is exhausted.

The [Small Employer Loan Fund \(SELF\)](#) assists local financial institutions in providing low interest loans of up to \$50,000 to small businesses with less than 10 FTEs. Loans will feature a 1% interest rate with a maximum term of 10 years.

All BND business lending programs work with local lenders as the borrower's first contact. The local lender initiates the loan application with BND on behalf of the borrower.

Commerce Assisting with ND Smart Restart, Register for April 30 Call

[Read](#) the latest updates from the N.D. Department of Commerce. Register for a special briefing to be held Thursday at 11 a.m. by clicking [here](#). The briefing will cover restart guidelines, new funding for EIDL/PPP; and new financing programs available through the Bank of North Dakota.

Workplace Guidance from N.D. Health Department

The N.D. Department of Health has compiled recommendations for essential workplace employee screening and practices to prevent COVID-19. There's also a workplace assessment. Find these documents and more helpful information [here](#).

The Custer Health District will be able to assist businesses with this guidance and the assessment. Call 701-667-3370 to request assistance. They will also reach out to businesses they license and inspect to provide assistance.

N.D. Safety Council Offers Free Training on Reopening During COVID-19

Governor Burgum is calling on businesses to approach reopening in a ND Smart fashion. To support businesses with these efforts, the NDSC

launched a free virtual training titled **Reopening During COVID-19: Safety &**



Planning Considerations. Sessions are three hours in length and are being offered April 30 in the morning and afternoon and May 4 in the morning.

During this session, attendees will learn a three-phase approach to reopening, including:

- steps to take before employees/customers return;
- processes to follow during the first few days of reopening;
- and safety protocols for ongoing mitigation.

Safety Consultants will walk through performing a COVID-specific hazard assessment and review the ND Department of Health's new assessment tool. This course is free and open to the public. **REGISTER TODAY!**

Directory Planned for Personal Protective Equipment & Sanitizing Products

Local business organizations and government entities are working together on COVID-19 recovery plans. The Downtowners Association of Bismarck is taking the lead in compiling a directory for business to business sales of personal protective equipment and sanitizing products in Mandan-Bismarck. If your business sells items such as masks, gloves, chair coverings, wipes and other items that businesses will need to safeguard employees and customers, please respond via this [online form](#).

First Business Gift Card Blitz Sells Out in 45 Minutes

The Mandan Progress Organization (MPO) hosted its first of four gift card blitzes on Monday. The event was created as a way for shoppers to support small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. A dedicated website went live at noon with gift cards from 37 businesses worth \$30 each, available for purchase at \$20. The sale was limited to 100 total cards with a maximum of five per buyer.

Three more flash sales are scheduled for April 30, May 4 and May 7, each starting at noon. The site (<http://MandanGiftCards.square.site>) won't go live until the sale begins.

Mandan businesses that missed the first sale are still welcome to participate by submitting their [Mandan Gift Card Blitz Registration](#) one day prior to the next sale.

Mandan isn't alone in its endeavors to support local businesses. The idea for the blitz came from a similar organization out of Wahpeton, N.D.





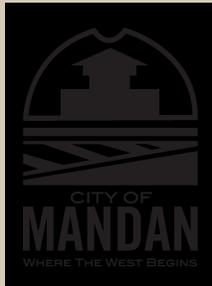
Activities & Events

- April 28: [Promoting Your Business in Times of Crisis](#), 11 a.m. webinar
- April 30: [Business Gift Card Blitz](#), noon
- May 4: [Business Gift Card Blitz](#), noon
- May 7: [Business Gift Card Blitz](#), noon
- May 16: [Community Litter Clean-Up Day](#)
- May 16: [Touch A Truck](#)
- June 1: [Last Day Early Bird Parade Registration](#)



Local Information

- [Online Business Directory](#)
- [Foodservice During COVID-19](#)
- [Memorial Highway Project Update](#)
- [Assistance & Incentive Programs](#)
- [Available Properties](#)
- [Community Profile](#)



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