

MANDAN *North Dakota*



MANDAN BUSINESS BRIEF

Local Information & Resources

This update is reaching you at a devastating time for many businesses. You and your employees are important to our community. We want every business to survive and again thrive! We encourage you to connect online and by phone to be a source of support, positivity and inspiration for one another. The Mandan Business Development and Communications Department and other resource partners want to hear your ideas and concerns. We also stand ready to provide information and assistance. #InThisTogetherND #MandanStrong

N.D. Commerce Department Provides CARES Act Guidance

 FINANCIAL	 LABOR	 INSURANCE	 TAX	 SAFETY
Financial In this section you will find information and valuable resources for businesses that have been financially affected by COVID-19.	Labor In this section you will find information pertaining laws and regulations that may affect employees and employers during a health crisis.	Insurance In this section you will find information relating to unemployment insurance, workers safety insurance and other insurance.	Tax In this section you will find valuable information about actions being taken to help taxpayers and businesses affected by COVID-19.	Safety Not every business is able to maintain daily operations remotely, so employers must take additional steps to ensuring their employees have a safe work environment.

The N.D. Department of Commerce has assembled a [COVID-19 Business and Employer page](#) at ndresponse.gov to share state and federal information to assist businesses in mitigating economic impacts from this public health crisis.

On April 3, following release of Small Business Administration guidance on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the state commerce department compiled a [comparison](#) of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL). Consult with your accountant and lender as soon as possible to see what is best for your business.

Mandan in Area of Eligibility for Loans with 0% Interest, No Payments for Six Months

Businesses in Mandan and 37 other cities that are part of the N.D. Opportunity Fund may apply for a disaster loan for working capital of up to \$50,000 with 0% interest and no payments for the first six months. After six months, the loan will be 4% amortized for up to five years. Learn more [here](#). For assistance, contact Lewis and Clark Development Group Director of Commercial Lending [Matt Burthold](#), ph. 701-667-7601.



Resource Partners Help with Evaluating Financing Needs, Completing Applications

Local sources of help with applications for disaster assistance include the CTB, formerly the Center for Technology and Business, and the Small Business Development Center.

The CTB team is offering free, virtual business advisory sessions. Staff can assist with forecasting working capital needs. Click [here](#) to see their COVID-19 survival plan. You can also [email](#) the CTB with COVID-19 related questions and schedule an appointment [online](#).

Nancy Krogen-Abel at the N.D. Small Business Development Center also provides free assistance to business owners. Request an appointment for SBDC business advising using this [link](#). Find the SBDC business continuity site [here](#).

Survey Shows Immediate Impacts to Bismarck-Mandan Businesses from COVID-19

Local business organizations and government entities shared results of a survey completed March 31 with elected officials to help illustrate the need for immediate assistance to businesses. Most respondents, 82%, have experienced a decrease in their weekly revenue as a result of COVID-19, 3% reported an increase and 16% saw no change. Operating levels and supply chains are also compromised with 16% indicating their business is closed; 75% voluntary, and 25% forced. Find full results [here](#).

State Also Surveying Businesses on COVID-19 Impacts

The N.D. Commerce Department is also asking businesses to share impacts to help their agency and partner organizations identify additional resources to leverage for support. The survey is available at this [link](#).

Mandan Progress Organization
MANDAN BUCKS
 GIVEAWAY!

IN CASE

- Stay 6 feet apart.
- Send just one person into the establishment for pickup or purchase.
- Wash hands after every transaction.

TO WIN

- Create a line with 5 boxes (diagonal or straight).
- Email a photo of this card and your proof of purchases dated April 9-19, 2020 to del@mandanprogress.org.

Ten players will receive \$50 in Mandan Bucks to spend at a participating Mandan business.

The deadline to submit your completed bingo card is Sunday, April 19. Winners will be announced Monday, April 20, 2020.

www.MandanProgress.org

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

SUPPORT MANDAN BUSINESSES AND YOU COULD WIN \$50 IN MANDAN BUCKS!
BUSINESS BINGO

Pickup/Delivery Pizza	Order Delivery	Place An Online Order with a Local Store	Pickup/Delivery Sandwiches	Shop Local For Groceries/Supplies
Wave at a First Responder	Shop Local for Groceries/Supplies	Pickup/Delivery Desserts	Purchase Gift Card to A Local Business	Order Takeout
Order Delivery	Purchase Gift Card to A Local Business	FREE SHIRT	Pickup/Delivery Breakfast	Try a New Restaurant/Food
Shop Local for Groceries/Supplies	Pickup/Delivery Brewery	Pickup/Delivery Coffee	Order Takeout	Go For a Walk
Place An Online Order With a Local Store	Try a New Restaurant/Food	Pickup/Delivery Intl. Cuisine	Wave at a City Employee	Purchase a Gift Card to a Local Business

Bingo Game Promotes Safe Shopping to Benefit Small Businesses in Mandan

The Mandan Progress Organization (MPO) is urging shoppers to play a city-wide game of bingo through April 19. Players will shop their way toward a bingo on a card that suggests activities such as delivery or takeout, gift card purchases and more. The MPO is putting up \$250 in

Mandan Bucks and the City of Mandan's Business Development Department is matching the contribution to provide a total of ten \$50 Mandan Bucks prizes. The card is available at www.mandanprogress.org. Please share this activity on your social media channels or website. Players can access an online directory at www.cityofmandan.com/business.

The Nice Center Offers Website & E-Commerce Assistance

With the recent pandemic, many businesses have been forced to reduce hours or close their physical locations and shift to online sales. The Nice Center at NDSU is an entrepreneurship center with students willing to provide digital support for businesses. Learn more [here](#).

The Nice Center and Prairie Den of Fargo are also co-hosting a [Facebook Live "Getting Your Business Online" workshop](#). Presenters will share tools and resources on setting up an online store and best practices for e-commerce.

Applications Being Accepted for Operation Intern Funding

The N.D. Department of Commerce administers an Operation Intern program with \$885,000 in funding awarded by the N.D. Legislature for the 2019-2021 biennium. Applications are now being accepted for a funding round from May 1, 2020-June 30, 2021. Targeted industries will be eligible for 60% of the funding, high wage/high demand occupations for 40%. Employers can access up to \$4,000 of matching funds for each student employed with a maximum of five interns or \$20,000 per funding round or \$40,000 per biennium. Learn more by clicking [here](#).

7th Annual Community Clean-Up Day Rescheduled

The 7th Annual Community Litter Clean-Up Day has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 16, with hopes that the COVID-19 situation will pass by then. Businesses, civic organizations and youth groups are invited to participate by signing up [online](#). If conditions allow, doorprizes will be awarded during a volunteer appreciation lunch. To contribute an item, contact [Amy Schmidt](#). If the day has to be cancelled, contributions will either not be collected or returned.



Activities & Events

April 3-19: [Business Bingo](#)
May 16: [Community Litter Clean-Up Day](#)
May 16: [Touch A Truck](#)



Local Information

[Online Business Directory](#)
[Assistance & Incentive Programs](#)
[Available Properties](#)
[Community Profile](#)

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