



June 5, 2020

Important Updates For All Skokie Businesses And Supporters Of The Skokie Business Community

Dear Skokie Business Owners and Employers:



***Your Input is Needed!***

If you are a Skokie based business and have not participated in our brief and anonymous online business survey we ask that you please do so by June 12, 2020. [PLEASE CLICK HERE TO PARTICIPATE](#). We have received a wide array of responses via the survey as well as personal conversations with businesses throughout the Village.

Your input is extremely valuable as we move forward with our Economic Recovery Plan which will be shared once completed by the end of June to hopefully coincide with our move to Phase 4 in the Recover Illinois Plan. If you would like to discuss your thoughts through a conversation instead of providing comments online, please contact Leslie Murphy at (847) 933-8472 or [leslie.murphy@skokie.org](mailto:leslie.murphy@skokie.org). We thank you in advance for your participation.



***Paycheck Protection Flexibility Act Passed***

If you have received or are planning on receiving a loan via the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), you are highly encouraged to review legislation passed by Congress on Wednesday which is awaiting signature by the President that is expected very soon. The Act will extend PPP deadlines and relax restrictions on how loans are used. This will be a tremendous help to many businesses, especially pertaining to loan forgiveness.

The legislation includes the following changes to the PPP program:

- Loans that can be used for a 24-week covered period (instead of 8 weeks)
- Eligibility for loan forgiveness – if at least 60% of the loan is used on payroll (instead of 75%.)
- Loan forgiveness will still be possible if full-time employees (FTEs) won't return to work

- Five year loan-repayment terms for future PPP loans
- Payroll tax deferment restored

For a summary of the Act, [PLEASE CLICK HERE.](#)

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## ***ICYMI: Phase 3 Reopening Guidelines For Businesses and Activities***



Comprehensive guidelines and toolkits have been released by the state as a result of today's transition to Phase 3 of Restore Illinois. The Guidelines are Toolkits developed to correlate to major business activities and categories defined in Phase 3. Please be advised that in addition to the state's requirements, the Village has also developed outdoor dining guidelines for Restaurants and Bars please [CLICK HERE.](#)

To review a high-level summary for each business and activity which includes guidelines and toolkits for Retail, Personal Care Services, Restaurants and Bars, Services Counters, Health & Fitness, Offices, Manufacturing, Outdoor Recreation, Youth Sports, and Day Camps, please [CLICK HERE.](#)

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We ask that you please remember to patronize our Skokie Businesses! Every day, more and more businesses and services are opening - check out our updated list [HERE](#) and [ZoomBusiness Mapping Portal HERE](#). Starting Sunday June 7, the Skokie Farmers Market is Back ([CLICK HERE](#))! Take advantage of the beautiful weather while dining al fresco at over **20 local restaurants!**

We thank you for being part of and supportive of the Skokie community and we sincerely appreciate your commitment to your businesses and the concern for the welfare of your employees. We encourage you to contact us directly at (847) 933-8472 or (847) 933-8471 if you have any questions or if we may be of further assistance. Please stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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