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Steele County COVID-19 Income (Financial Stability) Resources April 8, 2021 (3:45 pm)



Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism:

- Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism wants to be supportive and helpful in getting information to our member businesses about how to best be prepared and proactive in regard to COVID-19; resources can be found here: <https://owatonna.org/covid-19-resources/>

Resources (UPDATED 3/30/2021)

- Executive Order (EO) [21-11](#) will go into effect Monday, March 15, 2021 at 12 p.m. unless otherwise noted in the Executive Order.
 - Gatherings:
 - Social gatherings: Up to 50 people outdoors or 15 people for indoor gatherings, both without household limits.
 - Wedding ceremonies and religious services: No percentage or capacity limits. Social distancing and masks required.
 - Businesses:
 - Bars and restaurants: Increasing allowable occupancy to 75%, up from 50%, with a limit of 250 people. The limit apply separately indoors and outdoors. Bar seating increases to parties of 4.
 - Salons/barbers: No percentage or capacity limits, but social distancing and masks required.
 - Gyms/fitness centers/pools: Increasing allowable occupancy to 50%, up from 25%.
 - Venues: ([Large Venue Presentation – 3.22.201](#))
 - All venues can open at 50% capacity up to 250 people as of March 15.
 - Venues with capacity over 500 can add additional guests, effective April 1:
 - Seated outdoor venues can add an additional 25% of their capacity over 500, with a limit of 10,000 people.
 - Non-seated outdoor venues can add an additional 15% of their capacity over 500, with a limit of 10,000 people.



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- Seated indoor venues can add an additional 15% of their capacity over 500, with a limit of 3,000 people.
- Non-seated indoor venues can add an additional 10% of their capacity over 500, with a limit of 1,500 people.
- How to find out what my capacity is?
 - [Capacity Calculator](#)

What is not changing:

- Minnesotans should keep wearing masks.
- Continue to socially distance. All of the guidance today requires venues to maintain 6 feet of distance between guests or groups to reduce the spread of the virus.
- Executive Order (EO)[21-07](#) will go into effect Saturday, Feb. 13 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) and is an amendment to [Executive Order 21-01](#) which does not have an end date. Restaurants and bars must continue to comply with the requirements set forth in EO [21-01](#), as amended by EO [21-07](#), along with the requirements provided in this document, to mitigate the risk of transmission of COVID-19.
- Newest [federal resources for business](#)
- Details on the [COVID-19 relief package bill](#).
 - \$216 Million Small Business Relief Package
 - The bill includes \$88 million in direct payments to restaurants, bars, and gyms
 - \$14 million for convention centers and movie theaters
 - \$114.8 million for local economically significant businesses and organizations, including non-profits, that will be distributed by counties.
 - [What the COVID-19 Relief Bill Means to Restaurants](#)

[Resources for Small Businesses](#)

Free disposable masks for businesses (1 box/business) at Chamber office 8a-5p, M-F

Disaster Loan Assistance

- [Paycheck Protection Program EZ Forgiveness Form](#)
 - [Loan Forgiveness Instructions](#)

How to [Safely] Open for Business

- [COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for Critical Sector businesses](#) – REQUIRED BY JUNE 29, 2020
- [COVID-19 Business Plan Template – Preparedness Plan](#) – 5/13/2020
- [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Resource List](#) – 6/8/2020
- [Stay Safe MN, Phase 3: What this means for businesses and Minnesotans](#) – 6/8/2020
- [Owatonna Safe Shop Zone Criteria](#) – 5/13/2020



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Collaborating for Regional Vitality

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation: <https://smifoundation.org/>

AmeriCorps LEAP Initiative

- AmeriCorps LEAP (Learning Early Achieves Potential) Initiative members serve in preschool classrooms and nonprofit organizations focused on the social and emotional development



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of young children in our 20-county region. We recruit, connect, and match members to site service partner positions to help work one-on-one with children who are at-risk of falling behind. Members begin the LEAP service term in August and serve through the following July. Individuals interested in this program may contact Barbara Gunderson, AmeriCorps Director, at 507-455-3215 or barbarag@smifoundation.org.

- **We're accepting member applications for 2021 – 2022 – [apply today!](#) Rolling enrollment until filled.**
- [SMIF seeking applications for Early Literacy Grants](#) - The Early Literacy Grant is designed to support early literacy efforts that enhance school readiness for children birth to age five by providing children with books.
- [COVID-19 Resources](#)

Owatonna Now: <https://owatonna.com/>

- Local COVID-19 Resources: <https://owatonna.com/dealing-with-covid-19>

While You're Busy

- Karen Hale with While You're Busy is offering Small Businesses assistance with their COVID Recovery Plan documentation required to open back up. Karen@whileyourebusy.com, 507-353-0300. <https://whileyourebusy.com/>



[Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services:](#)

- SMRLS is monitoring government issued COVID-19 safety recommendations. Out of concern for the health and safety of our clients and staff, SMRLS is asking that clients contact us by email or telephone rather than visiting our offices. Click [here](#) for helpful COVID-19 resources.
 - To get help call 1-888-575-2954; or
 - Apply for help online: <https://www.justice4mn.org/a2j/>
- SMRLS is still taking intake calls, but also recommends looking at <https://www.lawhelpmn.org/>
- Courts are only conducting hearings if they are an emergency matter currently, all other matters are being conducted via phone or put on hold: <http://mncourts.gov/emergency>
- Additional information is available here: https://www.lawhelpmn.org/self-help-library/covid-19-other-planning-ahead-topics/coronavirus-covid-19?fbclid=IwAR3w_yaJZcV10CxXv-f0yUHR00pZ_1y2v6DfCuFKjjZ_D15LPsuWz1nj0o



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MN Department of Employment & Economic Development (DEED):

<https://mn.gov/deed/>

Safely Returning to Work

<https://mn.gov/deed/newscenter/covid/safework/>

Unemployment Benefits

- Apply online at <https://www.uimn.org/>. Our award-winning system is designed to be self-service. Just answer the questions as best you can and hit submit.

DEED Developments Blog

<https://mn.gov/deed/newscenter/social-media/deed-developments/?id=430824>

Career Force MN

<https://www.careerforcemn.com/>

Health Insurance Resources: <https://www.mnsure.org/shop-compare/about-plans/covid-19/index.jsp>