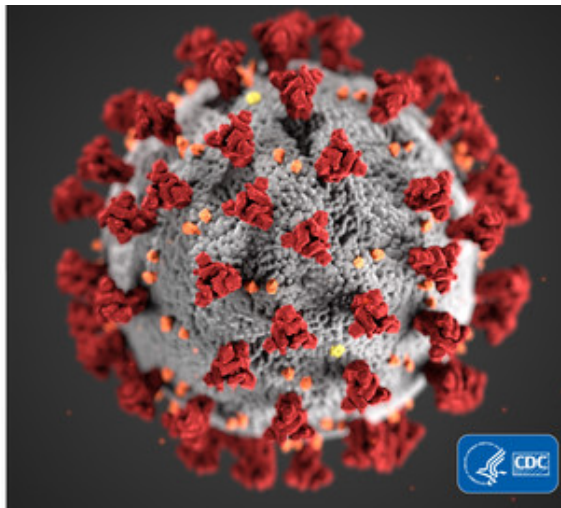


## COVID-19: Guidance for Small Businesses

[sba.gov/coronavirus](https://sba.gov/coronavirus)



## We know these are tough times. The SBA stands ready to be your partner.

Right now, Illinois small business owners are focused on keeping their employees, customers, and themselves healthy. No matter how you've been affected, the SBA can help you protect the business you've worked so hard to build.

### Update: Disaster loans

SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza has [streamlined the process](#) for states to request SBA disaster assistance, which means businesses will be able to access low-interest disaster loans faster. Learn more about [the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program](#), which provides working capital loans to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue. We'll inform you through e-mail and [Twitter](#) when you can begin to apply for a loan.

### Need help now?

SBA works with a number of local partners to counsel, mentor, and train small businesses. To talk with a small business expert about challenges you need help addressing immediately, find the resource nearest to you at [sba.gov/local-assistance](https://sba.gov/local-assistance). You can also call us at (312) 353-4528 or e-mail your questions to [illinois.do@sba.gov](mailto:illinois.do@sba.gov).

### More resources

- Visit [sba.gov/coronavirus](https://sba.gov/coronavirus).
  - For information on all federal programs, visit [usa.gov/coronavirus](https://usa.gov/coronavirus) or [usa.gov/espanol/coronavirus](https://usa.gov/espanol/coronavirus) (en Español).
  - The IRS has established a [web page](#) to help taxpayers and businesses affected by the coronavirus.
  - The U.S. Department of Labor has [resources to help workers and employers](#) prepare for the COVID-19 virus, including use of the [Family and Medical Leave Act](#).
  - New guidance outlines how states can administer their [unemployment insurance programs](#) to help Americans affected by coronavirus.
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## SBA Surety Bond Program



# Tomorrow: Surety Bond Guarantee Program webinar

The SBA's Surety Bond Guarantee Program can help your small business obtain contract bid, performance and payment bonds. Join this free online event if your small business has:

- Limited financial resources
- No prior bonded work experience
- Been in business less than three years
- Been previously denied bonding
- A desire to increase its current contract bonding capacity.

**Wednesday, March 18, 1:30 p.m. CT**

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