

COVID-19 Update: July 6

Reminders: All previous bulletins and other resources listed at www.gpcovid.com. Send any questions to bizinfo@greaterpeoriaedc.org.

DEADLINE APPROACHING: Illinois Business Interruption Grant First Round Applications Due July 7

The state of Illinois is now accepting applications for the first round of its Business Interruption Grant (BIG) program. The program will allocate \$60 million in grants in this first round to bars and restaurants; barbershops, salons and other licensed personal service businesses; gyms and fitness centers; and other businesses types located in the “disproportionately impacted area” zip codes of 61603, 61604, 61605, 61606 and 61610. A map of all DIAs in the state can be found [here](#) (bottom of page). For full details, click [here](#).

BIG Program Webinar

DCEO is hosting a webinar on Tuesday, July 7 at 9:30 am to provide additional information and answer questions regarding the BIG program. Registration is free but required [here](#).

DEADLINE APPROACHING: Illinois Rebuild Distressed Communities Program - Applications Due July 7

The \$25 million Rebuild Distressed Communities program will reimburse the costs to repair structural damages, including repairs to storefronts and entrances, improving electrical systems, and restoring exterior work for businesses damaged in recent civil unrest. Organizations interested in applying to administer Distressed Capital Program grants must apply by July 7th. More information about eligibility and documentation required to apply can be found in the NOFO posted [here](#).

City of Peoria Restaurant Survey

The City of Peoria is reaching out to Restaurant/Bar Owners and Managers to ask about concerns now that dine in service is returning. They have developed a brief survey to express concerns about reopening. Access the survey [here](#).

Small Business Workshop

The Illinois Small Business Development Center at Bradley is offering a workshop, “Starting Your Business in Illinois,” that helps attendees learn important steps and tips related to starting a business. The workshop will be held on-line on Wednesday, July 8 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. There is no cost for this workshop that is co-sponsored by the Morton Community Bank. Registration is required. Register [online](#), email sybil@bradley.edu.